

Charity Begins At Home



UKeff

Helping Hands & Touching Hearts

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Foreword



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Ukeff started in 2008 following inspiration from a community cohesion exhibition in Birmingham, which gave us the support and encouragement to build bridges within our local community.

We started our own coffee mornings and exhibitions in Oldham, Rochdale and Manchester. The aim of this was to unite people from various backgrounds by sharing a coffee and a chat. This proved to be a means of expressing, integrating and seeking assistance.

Many referrals were made through our outreach work. This enabled us to progress onto serving the needs of the less fortunate, be they individuals or families. Ukeff joined in with the work of Oldham Unity. Our services included providing hot meals and fresh meat weekly for the destitute asylum seekers they served. We also catered for varying individual caseloads by providing clothing, nappies, household items and furniture.

Ukeff had its first Christmas dinner for the homeless in 2010 in partnership with the Oldham Unitarian Chapel. This highlighted the plight of the homeless and their need for assistance all year round not just at Christmas. This awareness awoke the desire within us, to look at a long term project to address the needs of the homeless and other needy within our community.

The increased poverty from changes in the Welfare system, as well as cuts in legal aid identified the burden on other services. Ukeff saw a sharp increase in referrals from agencies unable to meet these needs. This led us to set up the Oldham Food Aid Hub in partnership with the Oldham Unitarian Chapel, in April 2015.

The Food Aid Hub started with five service users mainly homeless. This rapidly increased to twenty service users within four weeks. Currently, we are seeing on average sixty to seventy service users taking a weekly food parcel and over a 100 service users access a hot meal.

Ukeff's aims are not just to provide food handouts but to alleviate poverty and create social balance. We want our service users to become self sufficient. The Hub provides a safe environment for users to socialise with people from various backgrounds without being judged, enabling them to boost their confidence and morale.

Our social events have given users a feeling of belonging and a desire to be part of the community. It has also provided a home environment for those families fleeing persecution and those fleeing domestic violence.

Our aims are to increase services by providing a hub throughout the week. We need your support in providing temporary housing and a safe haven. We would also like to establish a charity shop, and a cafe serving daily hot meals. As the most deprived town in the UK, we ask you to join us and help improve the lives of all those affected right here on your doorstep, as charity does begin at home.

Founders of UK Education & Faith Foundation

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Our Vision

UK Education & Faith Foundation, was founded in 2008, to rebuild communities around the UK. Our aim is to restore social harmony and balance back into a community, which has had many unstable times.

We have various initiatives focusing on community cohesion and improved understanding between different sectors of society, be they of a religious, cultural, ethnic or socio-economic nature.

We also aim to engage the young and the old by facilitating social engagement and dialogue, which will in turn promote better understanding and respect within our communities. We at Ukeff believe that education is the key to any form of harmony.

We are dedicated to achieving a cohesive British society, locally and nationally, who come together to serve humanity.

Our Projects



**Supporting the vulnerable, homeless & needy every Monday
from 12 till 2pm at The Oldham Unitarian Chapel**

In the last 12 months we have supplied 3216 Food Parcels to:

1824 Single People and
1152 Families which included
3768 Children



OMBC Welfare Reform Report April 2015 estimates that 24,500 people in Oldham (10.7% of the population) should be classified as in Food Poverty.

Food Parcels





In the last 12 months UKeff have served 4776 Hot Meals Including 2396 takeaway meals

Hot Meals



Advice & Guidance



Ukeff provides support , advice & signposting services for all its users, covering issues from housing, immigration & benefits.

In the last year we have advised & signposted 744 service users.



Nasim Ashraf

Everyone said I was mad to claim that we had poor people in the UK, now I guess there are a few more mad people who have joined me on my quest.

Hafizan Zaman LLB

Compassion for humanity, derived from my faith has been my driving force in qualifying as a solicitor solely to help others. This passion for charitable work is what led to the birth of Ukeff.



Rev Bob Pounder

Everyone said Nas was mad so I joined him to prove he is not alone in his madness. In that madness there is a great sense of joy & of purpose proving that ultimately it is better to give than to receive.

June Wilde

I am a retired customer service and admin manager and have always been involved in charity work. What could be better than helping people less fortunate to have a better life.



Shugufta Altaf

I am part of UKeff because its values and ethos are close to my heart. Giving back to the community is a large part of my faith and helping the vulnerable and destitute on our doorstep gives one the opportunity to see the difference we are making with our own eyes. I admire the fact that it's never too early or too late in the day for UKeff when help is required.



Mohammed Altaf

I am an accountant by profession and it didn't account correctly to me to send money abroad. Helping those locally in need and supporting my community is where my passion lies.



Some of
Our Team



Unity

We are one mankind, and our focus is on celebrating similarities rather than differences, this resulted in launching the

“I AM HUMAN CAMPAIGN”



Mayoral Visit with Local MP Debbie Abrahams



Christmas Dinner for homeless & needy 2015



Unity exhibition bringing together diverse communities



Promoting the work of Ukeff in the Oldham Library & Art Gallery

Oldham: Uniting across racial divides to fight poverty
Fifteen years after riots pitted communities against each other, poverty is uniting residents of this English town.

Natures Health Remedies
An inspiring Exhibition, first of it's kind offering an insight into alternative Health Remedies & the immense benefits of Natures Foods

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- Himalayan Salt Lamps
- Organic Raw Honey
- Black Seed Oil
- Pure Zam Zam Water

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Gift Pack (Complimentary Samples)
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Free Henna Painting & Refreshments

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Sharing Ramadhaan with our friends



Two men chat and eat the free food provided by the One World Cafe, part of the Chapel's and UKEFF's joint operation [David Shaw/Al Jazeera]

Health Exhibition Oldham Library



Christmas Dinner for homeless & needy 2010



Different religions come together to discuss commonalities on fasting

Community Cohesion

Oldham Unitarian Chapel & One World Cafe

Its a great privilege to work with & be associated with UKeff, and to know how much support is given to local people in Oldham and surrounding areas.

Our partnership proves that people can come together to provide help & support to the needy in our community.

All our members are proud to work with UKeff and derive a great deal of satisfaction from the food aid hub project.



UKeff are one of a kind that provide, Valuable Community Support. We feel by working with Ukeff we have been able to improve our knowledge on areas outside of our expertise. Most importantly it is a chance to give back, by helping an organisation that is clearly dedicated in strengthening the community



We support Ukeff because its a home charity and charity starts at home. We don't realise the many people around us are really struggling sometimes just to put food on the table.

UKeff not only helps the homeless but families who have no one here, they help not just with food, but other essential needs.

UKeff give their users a better life, with the help of local people who are generous and understand what community solidarity is all about. If we don't help each other at home no one else will.



Working alongside Ukeff, we have seen over the years the breadth of support they have provided for vulnerable individuals, families and children in desperate situations across Oldham. We believe like Ukeff, that nobody's neighbour should go hungry & stand with Ukeff for the homeless, destitute & needy right here on our doorstep.

BHATTI HALAL MEAT

Lees Road Oldham

We have been supporting UKeff for some years now. This soul satisfying action on a weekly basis has many a time brought tears to our eyes. We feel that if only 10% of people took up this work, the world we live in would be a better place.

We encourage people to join this humbling work and feel the satisfaction and spirituality.



We fully support Ukeff's food hub and ethos of helping vulnerable and needy people. We share our benefits knowledge an experience of working with vulnerable people to help those attending the Food Hub. We aim not just to provide food support, but help users become self sufficient.

We are proud to be part of Ukeff and to support them wherever we can.

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I AM HUMAN



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"I AM Azmeh. I came to the UK from Syria, my wife and two children joined me after 6, after help from Red Cross. We were given a property which was empty, the only thing I owned was a single bed and bedding. Ukeff supported us and provided beds, bedding, carpets, sofas as well as other household items cutlery and crockery. They helped me find school places for my children and introduced us to other syrian families so we could make friends. Keep your zakat local so ukeff can support other families like ours to make Oldham their new home".

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"I AM Johnny. I am Homeless. I sleep on friends sofas or in the local park. I get £74 job seekers allowance a week but as I am not able to buy food and cook it, I have to rely on takeaways. When money runs out I have to beg for food or search bins for leftovers. Thankfully since the Food Hub started they give me milk, cereal, tins, pot noodles, hot meals and clothing. I no longer go hungry. Support Ukeff Food Hub".

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"I AM Safina. I am a single mother with 4 children. I was suicidal when my husband left me in debt. Ukeff have supported me emotionally and financially. I am suffering from a brain tumour and have to travel by bus 3 times a week out of town for treatment. I cannot survive without this support. Keep Your Zakat Local so families like mine can be supported".
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"I AM Christina. I am a single mum with 3 boys. I moved here from Italy. I found a cleaning job straight away but had little or no money once I had paid my rent & bills for food. Ukeff helped me for over 6 months with food as I could not see my children go hungry. I now have a better job and benefits for the children thanks to their team. God bless them. Support Oldham Food Hub".

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We were moved to Oldham having lived in a refuge for months.

Ukeff helped us in so many ways, to find our way around, meet people and make friends.

Thank you for listening to us, being there when we needed a shoulder to cry on and helping us to see that there is light at the end of the tunnel.

We may still be down but you give us a reason to get up and smile everyday, the phone call is we need to know someone somewhere closeby cares.



Success Stories



**£5 Per week
can change a
child's life**

**End Child Poverty
Coalition report in
November 2016
called 'Child Poverty
Map' shows 8280
children, that's one
third are living in
poverty in Oldham
East and Saddle
worth. So does this
child, help us pro-
vide him and others
like him with food
and heating**

Your Support



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