

# Annual Report 2016 - 2017

## Chairperson's Report

I have pleasure in introducing our 2015 – 2016 Annual Report.

We have now leased the Nursery area to Magic Angels and they are headed by Mariam and Rachel, they have just signed for a second year.

Funding is becoming more difficult to get and therefore cutbacks to some provisions have been necessary.

A special thanks goes to our Centre Co-ordinator, Surji Cair who works tirelessly for the Centre and also to the Administration Team, Freeda and Aisha whose job gets more involved as we have to search for funding.

Thanks to Zubeda the Elderly Group are enjoying their Wednesday meeting. Thanks also to all our staff that make the Millan Centre the welcoming place that it is.

For me it is a pleasure over the last year to again work with you all and enjoy the company of the ladies who use and benefit from the work of the Centre.



*Elizabeth Hellmich*

**Centre Co-ordinator's Report:** In April 2015 Millan Centre lost the funding for the Community Development Work. From May 2015 we managed to secure further funding from the Tudor Trust. However, the Management Committee decided to offer reduced service from April 2015 therefore the staff's hours were reduced and the Millan Centre has been offering a 4 day service. We continued to run some classes such IT, ESOL and Sewing classes for women to improve their confidence and improve their life chances. The partnership and development work with many organisations has also continued and provided many opportunities to work together. For instance we successfully completed phase 2 of Talk English project in a partnership with Shipley College and other partners which enabled us to run ESOL classes in various venues. We are currently working with other organisations to apply for joint funding to develop further partnership work. Some of the partners we are currently working with are: Bradford Hate Crime Alliance, Mind the Gap, CNET and St Paul's Church.

The Childcare area was also rented out in August 2015 and it's now operating as a private business. This year Millan Centre has not secured any significant funding as yet and the Management Committee are considering further changes.

I would like to thank all the Staff, Management Committee Members, Volunteers and the Users for their continuous support and hard work in running this Centre.

## Acknowledgements

- Awards For All
- Bradford Community Payroll & Accounts
- Bradford Council For Voluntary Services
- Bradford Metropolitan District Council
- CNet
- Community Foundation
- Management Committee
- Mind the Gap
- Safer Communities Fund – Police & Crime Commissioner
- Shipley College
- Sovereign Health Care
- Staff of the Millan Centre
- St Paul's Church
- The Users of the Millan Centre
- Tudor Trust
- West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service

## Management Committee Members

(2015 - 2016)

- ❖ Elizabeth Hellmich MBE (Chair)
- ❖ Joanna Allan (Treasurer)
- ❖ Mollie Somerville (Company Secretary)
- ❖ Rehana Mirza
- ❖ Isabel Arnold
- ❖ Shagufta Sharif
- ❖ Tayba Sharif

## Current Staff Team

- ❖ Surji Cair – Centre Co-ordinator
- ❖ Freeda Bi - Administrative Worker
- ❖ Aisha Esmail - Administrative Worker
- ❖ Zubeda Mirza– Over 50's Worker
- ❖ Yunus Esmail - Caretaker
- ❖ Rehana Koser – Cook
- ❖ Shakil Ahmed - Cleaner



## English Class:

**“We like the beginner class even though our English is good as it prepares us for college classes.”**  
**“I like practising English as you need English wherever you go”**

## Over 50's Group:

**“The Centre is very good. We enjoy coming to the Centre and getting out of the house & I look forward to meeting my friends!”**



## Wise Women:

**“Millan Centre has a very relaxing atmosphere. Coming to the Centre has helped us to make new friends, socialise with others & helps with depression.”**