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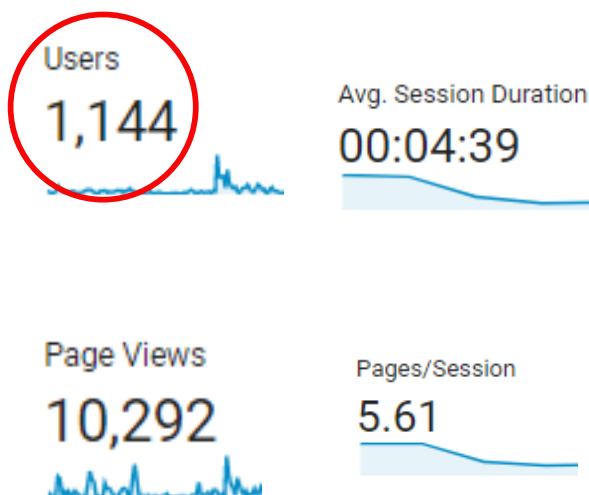
Welcome Note

Welcome again to the Building Bridges newsletter. It has been a fantastic few months for the Building Bridges project, and I am so excited to bring in the new decade managing this partnership.

*Mandy Sanghera,
Manager of Building Bridges Project*

Welcome to Coventry App

'Welcome to Coventry', created as part of the Building Bridges project, has reached over 1000 users! This number is double what was expected, showing a clear need for one comprehensive information resource in multiple languages.



Looking Forward



Thank you for continued support in promoting Welcome to Coventry.

Building Bridges will be circulating 'how to download' flyers, translated into the most common client languages. Please print these to be placed on notice boards, and as handouts etc.

To make updates more manageable, the app will now be reviewed on the following dates

- 1st April
- 1st July
- 1st October

Meet The Ignite Integration Programme

January 2020 saw the launch of the 'Ignite Integration Programme', a partnership between Coventry City Council, the Job Shop and ACH. Funded through the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, this new programme aims to support migrant-facing service providers across Coventry to provide their clients with tailored integration plans.



By service providers using its Integrass Toolkit to assess clients, the programme will gather data that will create a bespoke framework to inform future funding in Coventry.

Over 60 people attended to network and to try out the new toolkit. Elaine Shirley, Programme Officer, has said "It was great to see so many stakeholders from across the city engaging with the programme. In a truly One Coventry spirit, they will be essential in creating a city that works for all".

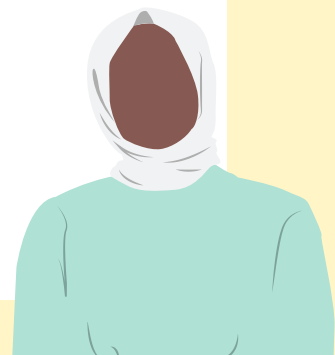
The Ignite Integration Programme will be running further workshops to show stakeholders how to use the Integrass Assessment Toolkit.

If you have any questions or want to get involved, please email segal.abdi@ach.org.uk.



LAASLOs' Newsflash

- Supporting 505 Asylum Seekers and refugees
- Supported over 50 vulnerable clients & victims of modern-day slavery
 - Over 100 people are volunteering on a regular basis
 - 363 clients have and are accessing ESOL in Coventry
 - 112 Children have gone into education
 - 27 People have gone into paid employment
 - 29 People have gone into private rented accommodation





hygiene courses that are held at St Francis. These courses use innovative methods such as plastic rats and fake germs to teach participants in a fun way.

St Francis has also taking engaged clients on a visit to Coventry's Amazon site, showing them a real working environment in the UK.

Messi, a Building Bridges client, described the visit as useful to see and talk about some of the job roles available in the UK. Whilst he is restricted and unable to work, he showed determination, using the visit as an opportunity to ask about training programmes that he may be able to join.



Ideas Factory

At the end of 2019, 30 Building Bridges Youth Club attendees were invited to put forward business ideas to a panel of judges.

3 ideas were given £500 to kick start their very own social enterprise. Over 7 weeks, with support from the UK Youth and Grassroots Programme, the young people created a brand, which involved logo design, business cards and uniforms. They were taught about topics such as marketing and budgeting.

The Positive Youth Foundation Christmas Party provided the perfect opportunity for the 3 groups present their work and talk about their learning and achievements.

One of the business ideas, CYC (Coventry Youth Connect), has won the competition regionally.





Grow Baby Coventry Coverage

The work Coventry Refugee and Migrant centre have been doing with Grow Baby Coventry - a local scheme to recycle baby equipment, clothes and toys for families in needs - received [press coverage](#) in January 2020.

The article will help increase awareness of the Building Bridges project.

"We know the need is out there and we want to reach those in need"
- Zia Lee, Grow Baby organiser

StreetDoctors Visit

Positive Youth Foundation were recently visited by 'StreetDoctors' - a charity that aims to change lives by giving young people the skills and confidence needed to deliver lifesaving first aid.

In line with Building Bridges principles of giving back to communities and empowering people, such sessions not only educate young people to the dangers of carrying weapons, but also give them the confidence to respond effectively in emergency situations.

With knife crime a problem across the country, the work of StreetDoctors will help to raise awareness of the issue, and potentially save lives.



*Keep sending positive stories
to
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Get Involved

If you have anymore questions or want to get involved, please email buildingbridgesproject@coventry.gov.uk, tweet us at @Bridges_Cov or contact @BuildingBridgesCoventry on Facebook.

Thank you for your continued support in the project, and for taking the time to read our newsletter.



WHAT'S ON

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ESOL Employability 9:30-12:30 Information, Advice & Guidance 10:00-12:00 Information, Advice & Guidance 12:30-14:00	Driving Theory Session 9:00-10:30 Information, Advice & Guidance 14:00-17:00 Youth Club 18:00-20:00	ESOL Employability 9:30-12:30 Girls Group / Dance 17:00-18:30 Football Session 17:00-19:00	Citizenship Prep 9:00-10:30 Steps for Change 11:00-14:00	Steps for Change 9:00-12:00 Information, Advice & Guidance 12:30-14:30 Broad Heath School Aid Hub 13:00-14:00	INVOLVED Hub 13:00-15:00

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