



asian resource centre  
croydon

## IIP (Investors In People)

ARCC is delighted to have been awarded IIP (Investors In People) accreditation for a further three years.

Following an extensive review of the charity by an external consultant the review highlighted the amount of work done by the organisation as well as the huge impact by a small team of staff, trustees and volunteers on the organisation.



Mr. Kanagasundaram (ARCC Acting Chair) & Dilly Surelia (ARCC Secretary) with the IIP Plaque.

## Some of the key highlights from the report include: -

*“Excellent Communication both within the organisation and with stakeholders”*

*“An approachable, supportive workplace where people work as a team to ensure the on-going success of the organisation”*

*“A very strong commitment to corporate social responsibility through all the work that it does and the initiative it supports”*

## Office Move



Mamun Khan (ARCC Capacity Building Officer), Ghazala Mirza (ARCC Director) and Joseph Jeffers (ARCC Director of Operations) at the new ARCC office.

In 2012/2013 ARCC took part in the Transforming Local Infrastructure Project (TLI). This was a joint project with three Croydon based infrastructure agencies. The project gave ARCC board the opportunity to review all aspects of our delivery, to consult with member groups and to look ahead to the next three years. As a result a decision was made to move to ground floor offices with disability access at 30 Union Road with access to training room/conferencing facilities to better meet the needs of the communities we serve. This is a brave move during uncertain economic times however following a risk assessment and the growing needs of the Asian Communities in Croydon the board felt it was the right move. Infrastructure work will continue with local groups however, the opportunity to provide a range of income generation based delivery services as part of the charities new strategy was paramount in this move.

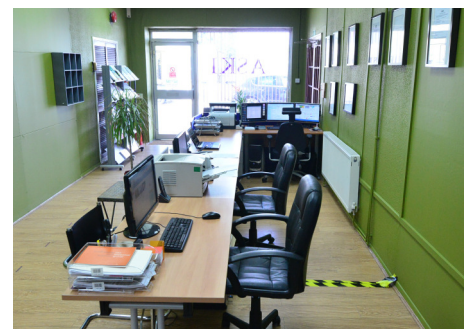
The Borough of Croydon is home to a rich and diverse range of communities and ARCC is providing a much needed service without duplicating services. Each year ARCC brings in new funds into the Borough of Croydon for benefit of the local community.

A review of internal services over the last month has seen a saving of 30% by negotiating with all our suppliers. Our commitment to ecology has seen a reduction in waste and our new location allows us to encourage people to use public transport when visiting our offices.

From September 2014 to meet the needs of our groups ARCC will be open one Sunday per month, and like GP surgeries will offer “SKYPE Capacity Building Consultations” to groups who are unable to attend the office.



Ground floor entrance at Union Road and the new look ARCC office space.



**Croydon Commitment  
Grassroots Trust Award**



Joseph Jeffers receiving the award from Jon Hill, Chairman of Croydon Commitment.

ARCC was delighted to be one of the seven groups to be awarded a grant from Croydon Commitment. Our Project "Start Something Different" will target Asian Men & Women aged 50+ who need help overcoming barriers to job-seeking. We will offer OCN accredited qualifications in Confidence Building level 1. ARCC recognises that people over 50 often require some additional support when looking for work. This small project will build on the successful Social Enterprise delivery last year as part of the TLI Project Delivery will start in August 2014, for more information contact [joseph.jeffers@arccltd.com](mailto:joseph.jeffers@arccltd.com)



**IT Classes**

ARCC is offering UK Online IT classes for groups & individuals free of charge starting from August 2014. For more information and registration please contact us.

**Capacity Building**



ARCC continues to work with small established groups as well as individuals wishing to set up new charities, community groups and social enterprises.

Work will concentrate over the next three months on Health Checks for groups, reviewing quality systems as well as supporting groups to be better able to evidence their delivery as well as identify 'need'.

We will be carrying out a survey of all our groups in September 2014 to identify any new and emerging needs from groups in the Borough.

Health and health inequalities remains a focus of many groups delivery and with our new premises we will be able to offer training and workshop space to groups.

The majority of the groups we work with have no paid staff and all the delivery is undertaken by volunteers and parents, as a result we intend to tailor make sessions on Saturdays and Sundays to meet this need in the community.

**Hot-Desking/Meeting Space**



ARCC is offering low cost Hot-Desking facilities Monday to Thursday at our new premises at 30 Union Road, Croydon, CR0 2XU. This is available to registered member groups of ARCC.

We also have an IT suite available for groups to hire, with access to projector and projector screen. Space is also available for groups wishing to have their AGM, Conferences & Seminars accommodating up to approximately 100 people seated.



Community Meeting Space

If you are interested in any of these opportunities we can arrange a viewing to show you around. For more information please email us on [info@arccltd.com](mailto:info@arccltd.com) or call us on 020 8684 3784.

Asian Resource Centre of Croydon will be running the following training courses in the coming months. If you are interested in participating in any of these courses please call us on 020 8684 3784 or email [info@arccltd.com](mailto:info@arccltd.com) to register your interest.

- Confidence Building

- First Aid

- Child Protection

- Community Leadership



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