

## Stockport Women and Girls Network

### Christmas Event 2022

Heaton Norris Community Centre – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 : 11am-2pm

**SWAGN** held its first Christmas networking event and it was attended by a minimum of 40 people from diverse heritages and backgrounds.

Soraya Agaoglu, the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Lead of Sector 3, introduced herself and her new role to the network. Soraya supports several networks throughout Stockport. If you want to find out more about the various networks in Stockport, then contact her at [soraya.agaoglu@sector3sk.org](mailto:soraya.agaoglu@sector3sk.org)

Many took part in African/Brazilian dancing and drumming. We had a great spread of food from shepherds pie to vegetarian biriyani.

Members of SWAGN gave us feedback on future resources to drive the network forward, for example, having bi-monthly meetings and fortnightly bulletins. Many shared their stories of the connections they made through the network. This has enabled more grassroots groups to work with and reach out to, bigger charities. So many people gave positive feedback about the SWAGN events and of how they contributed to their own services' capacity building.

The smiling, the dancing, the compliments and the networking raised the energy in the room.

Looking ahead to 2023, these are our goals that we are aspiring to: inspiring women and girls to achieve their potential, developing further collaboration, the IWD award ceremony, identifying further funding to sustain the network for a further 5 years, meeting emerging needs, increasing Stockport's national presence and strengthening existing women's resources and identifying new ones,

We had a lot of nominations for the different awards for the IWD 2023 event. Nominations are now closed.

Here are the details of the next networking meeting.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 9:30am- 1pm

Venue Heaton Norris Community Centre

Click on the link below to confirm your place.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stockport-women-and-girls-network-meeting-tickets-516766120377>

**We wish you a prosperous, positive and achievements-filled 2023**