

**Trustee Profile:
Yaseen Ahmedabadi**



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Trustee, Equality and Inclusion Partnership

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Yaseen became a Trustee of EQUiP (formerly WREP) in 2011. He was passionate about ensuring Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities receive a fair and equitable service in Warwickshire, and found EQUiP to be a perfect organisation to work with in achieving this.

Whilst serving as a volunteer within an organisation called LEMAC in Nuneaton (the Local Ethnic Minority Advisory Council) and Nuneaton Muslim Society’s Executive Committee, he felt that there was a gap in genuine working with front line services and public sector bodies. Through the support of friends and colleagues he was encouraged to step forward and utilise his energy and passion for achieving greater things within a countywide organisation.

His duties involve being an advocate for the members of the wider community, attending regular board meetings, supporting the EQUiP staff with their projects, challenging behaviours and policies to ensure Warwickshire remains a fair place for all.

He feels that in reality being a trustee isn’t always enjoyable, it can be stressful, tiring and time consuming, time which he ultimately loses out on with his nearest and dearest. However, his energy for this, and his other volunteering commitments, comes from his passion to help create safer and more harmonious communities across our diverse county.

Ever the positive though, Yaseen said “The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don’t wait for good things to happen to you. You need to go out and make good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope.”

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