

## **BME Support Group**

A Black Minority Ethnic (BME) support group has been set up to advise Community Empowerment Network (CEN) on BME issues in Newcastle.

The BME support group brings together representatives from various BME organisations and groups in Newcastle to discuss issues of common good and share ideas and good practice on BME representation.

The BME support group is trying to work closely with the Newcastle Partnership in order to address BME difficulties and barriers on their participation and involvement. Up to now we have had a positive response from the Partnership team.

## **BME Support Group Achievements**

### **Let's Talk event**

BME Support Group organised the Let's Talk event in October 2006. The aim was to bring BME communities and the organisations that provide Housing, Community Safety, Health and Children and Young People to communicate face to face.

### **Commission for Racial Equality**

The BME Support group has been selected by the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE) for the BME Support Group's work as an example of good practice in Summer 2007.

### **Meeting Harriet Harman**

As part of marking the occasion of black history month in July, NCEN nominated three women from the BME support group for all their hard work and persistence towards BME communities around the city of Newcastle. All three nominees were selected and received an invitation from the House of Commons to attend an afternoon meeting with the Right Honourable inclusivity Harriet Harman.