

community cohesion

in Stoke-on-Trent



creating stronger ties with communities

what is **community cohesion?**

Community cohesion is when different groups of people who live and work in the same place get along.



Everyone feels at home and **sticks together** regardless of faith, ethnic, social, political, economic or other differences.



community **ties**

Cohesion isn't just about race relations and social fairness.

Barriers have to be broken down and relationships built within and between communities:

- young and old;
- rich and poor;
- people of different races;
- people of different faiths;
- new and long-established residents; and
- temporary and permanent residents.

how you can **get involved**

The success of our work relies on residents playing their part in helping to bring the local community together.

You can make a difference to your community in a number of ways:

- by running events and activities that bring different communities together;
- by telling people about us and what community cohesion is; and
- by telling us about any community tensions that you are aware of.





meet the **team**

The Community Cohesion Team develops activities and helps residents to build strong, sustainable relationships in their community.

Their objectives are to:

prevent and manage community tensions

develop effective partnership working

develop a shared sense of belonging for people living and working in a particular place

address disadvantage and tackle inequalities

involve children and young people in promoting cohesion

engage communities in the local media

roles and responsibilities



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managing the
Cohesion Team

providing
strategic
direction

ensuring
service
quality

setting and
monitoring
standards,
performance
targets and
objectives

working with
partners

overseeing
budgets

roles and responsibilities



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developing the
Staffordshire
Muslim Scholars
Association

facilitating
events

mentoring
school pupils

assisting
social care
services

linking with
mosques

project
management

roles and responsibilities



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monitoring
community
tensions

working with
specific
communities

servicing
Community
Cohesion Local
Strategic
Partnership
meetings

working with
faith leaders

developing
effective
communications

project
management

roles and responsibilities



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**working with
schools**

**working with
the UK Border
Agency**

**helping the
Hate Crime
Network**

**working with
Housing
Services**

**working with
Building Schools
for the Future**

**project
management**

contacts

You can either contact a member of the team individually, or for general enquiries please use the addresses below:

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a white rectangular card. The card contains contact information for the Community Cohesion Team. The background is a blurred image of a person's face and shoulder.

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