

# Our year in Nottingham

# 2020

For an organisation that's all about relationships and the power of bringing people together for shared action, the pandemic threw up an interesting challenge to our method for social change! With you, our amazing members, we've adapted, grown, and even thrived. Here's a snapshot of our year...

## In the past 12 months...



- ❖ We supported the city-wide coordination of Nottingham's COVID relief effort led by our member organisation Muslim Hands
- ❖ Hundreds gathered at our online listening events to share their experiences of racism in the wake of the murder of George Floyd. Our *Structural Racism* campaigns were launched at a socially-distanced action in St Ann's in August
- ❖ We launched a new listening campaign in November, with hundreds of conversations across Notts identifying 3 areas of ongoing priority 1. Mental Health 2. Racism 3. Poverty

- ❖ 120+ staff at Capital One were uplifted to a real Living Wage following our successful campaign
- ❖ We co-produced a new mental health awareness session with Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust, converting it into an online training and delivered it to 30 leaders in November. More to come in 2021...
- ❖ Our *Better Policing* team supported the launch of a new, independent, BAME-led organisation to tackle racial inequality. The [Race Equality Justice Council Nottingham](#) will benefit minority communities in Nottingham for years to come
- ❖ Nottingham leaders joined a national [Living Wage for Key Workers](#) campaign, winning pay-rises for over 20'000 workers including 5'000 in social care

**A LIVING WAGE  
FOR KEY WORKERS**

*"I feel like a Roman Gladiator going into the ring on a night shift. Everyone is clapping for you, but you're pitting yourself against a deadly disease without the proper pay and protection."*

TABITHA, CARE WORKER



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*I've often told my students if you don't see it,  
you cannot be it*

- ❖ Our *Better Learning* team co-hosted two Curriculum Roundtables with Nadia Whittome MP to tackle racism in the education system
- ❖ Our [#NCBetterBooks](#) campaign launched with a powerful campaign video and seeks to put diverse book stock into every Nottingham city primary school in 2021



*"Welcome to our new member organisations! The importance of relationships, unity, and working together for the common good is greater than ever. In a year filled with so much loss and change, I commend you all for your courage, resilience and tenacity to keep working for social justice in Nottingham"*

**Rosie Kona, God's Vineyard Ministries & Chair of Nottingham Citizens**

**National WIN!!!**



In 2016, spearheaded by member organisation [Nottingham Women's Centre](#), our hate crime campaign led to Nottinghamshire Police becoming the first force in the country to recognise misogyny as a hate crime. After 5 years of campaigning across our Citizens UK chapters, **in March 2021 Parliament announced all forces would now be required to record misogyny hate crime!** Click [HERE](#) for more.

**New members**



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CONNECTING | EMPOWERING | INSPIRING  
**SINGLE MOTHERS**



**SYRIAN SOCIETY IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**  
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**St Peter's and All Saints**

**Citizens UK: One charity, many chapters**



The Citizens UK network now spans across 18 locations and includes over 450 dues-paying member organisations.

Read more about the amazing achievements of community leaders around the UK, including members of our chapter in our [Citizens UK Annual Report](#)

**Leadership Development**

This year we trained hundreds of people through locally and nationally delivered online workshops and we developed a weekly community organising training delivered by our 50+ professionally trained community organisers. Register for training updates by clicking the blue banner below



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EVERY THURSDAY AT 16:00 - 17:15

Our Nottingham leadership group evolved again as we welcomed several new, younger leaders including our new chair Rosie Kona. We say a goodbye and a huge thank you to our departing chair, Sheila Marriott, who will soon begin a well-earned retirement from her role as Regional Director of the Royal College of Nursing.

