EMIC
Ethnic Minorities
In Canterbury

NEWSLETTER

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EMIC at a Glance

Ethnic Minorities in Canterbury (EMIC) exists to support connection, practical opportunity and stronger participation across Canterbury's minority communities.

From its Longmarket space, EMIC continues to provide a welcoming point of contact through weekly community support, while developing its wider role as a community resource, shared platform and constructive civic presence.

Community Space

Fortnightly (every two weeks) on Thursdays
2:00pm – 6:00pm

Next sessions:
12 June & 26 June

Location

6–8 Longmarket
Canterbury CT1 2JS

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EMIC Begins a New Phase of Development

Strengthening communication, community connection and shared opportunity in Canterbury

This first issue of the EMIC Bulletin introduces a new communication platform intended to share useful information, community developments and opportunities while supporting EMIC's growing role as a community resource and point of connection in Canterbury.

Chairman's welcome note

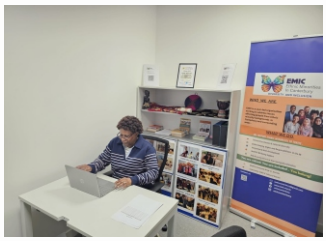
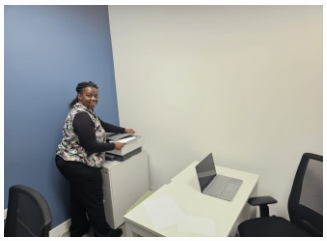
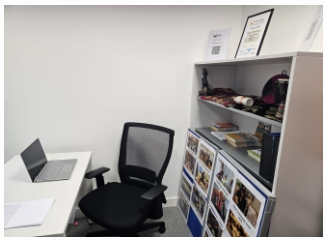
As EMIC enters a new phase of development, one of our aims is to strengthen the ways in which useful information, opportunities and community developments are shared across Canterbury's minority communities.

This bulletin is intended as a simple and practical means of communication — a way of keeping members, friends and partner communities informed, while also helping EMIC grow more steadily as a resource, meeting point and trusted community presence.

Alongside the work already taking place in our space at Longmarket, trustees are now considering how EMIC can gradually strengthen its role over time: as a community resource centre, a point of connection across different ethnic minority groups, and a constructive civic voice within Canterbury.

Chairman
Oliver Enwonwu

A WEEKLY SPACE FOR SUPPORT, SKILLS AND COMMUNITY

Fortnightly (every two weeks) on Thursdays
2:00pm – 6:00pm | Next sessions: 12 June & 26 June

No appointment needed

EMIC's Community Space offers a welcoming fortnightly drop-in session designed to support members of Canterbury's diverse communities through practical advice, shared learning, and social connection. The programme includes signposting, English classes, volunteering opportunities, food bank referrals, CV writing support, employability skills, access to computers, and guidance with job searches. It also creates space for networking, cultural connection, and social interaction within a supportive environment.

Venue: 6-8 Longmarket. Canterbury. CT1 2JS | **Contact:** 07309 704041 | emic.commspace@gmail.com

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Why Membership Matters

Who can join EMIC?

Individuals, families, community groups and associations are all welcome to connect with EMIC's developing work.



EMIC welcomes both individuals and community groups who wish to remain connected to its developing work.

Membership of EMIC offers an opportunity to remain connected to a growing shared platform for ethnic minority communities in Canterbury.

Benefits of EMIC Membership

- access to useful information and selected opportunities
- regular updates through the EMIC Bulletin
- visibility for community groups, activities and achievements
- invitations to EMIC forums and future public events
- connection with other minority communities and local networks
- access to practical notices, local information and relevant community resources
- participation in a wider shared platform that strengthens community connection in Canterbury

EMIC Receives Community Recognition



Phương Dang and Lilian Ndawula receiving the award on behalf of EMIC

EMIC Recognised at the Revival Community Awards 2026

Ethnic Minorities in Canterbury (EMIC) was among the organisations recognised at the 2026 Revival Community Awards, held at Canterbury Christ Church University on 29 March.

Organised by East Kent Mind and Revival Food & Mood, the awards celebrated individuals and organisations whose work contributes to wellbeing, inclusion and community life across Canterbury, Whitstable and Herne Bay. More than 40 awards were presented during the evening to groups and individuals working in different areas of community support and engagement.

For EMIC, the recognition is a welcome affirmation of the quiet but important work that continues through its community space at 6–8 Longmarket, which serves as a point of welcome, support and connection for many within Canterbury's minority communities.

The award also comes at a timely moment, as trustees have recently approved a new three-year strategic direction aimed at strengthening EMIC's role as a community resource, umbrella body and constructive civic presence within the city.

Member Spotlight

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KARIBU COMMUNITY ACTION KENT
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Karibu Community Action Kent is a community organisation founded in 2015 by African individuals living in Kent to give voice to Africans and people of African origin, promote cultural diversity, and create opportunities for connection, mutual support and wellbeing. The word Karibu, meaning welcome in Swahili, reflects its emphasis on inclusion and community.

Its work includes culturally sensitive community outreach, health and wellbeing awareness, signposting to services, workshops, and cultural activities that help reduce isolation and strengthen participation across African and Black communities in East Kent.

As part of EMIC's growing membership network, Karibu Community Action Kent represents an important example of how community-led organisations contribute to visibility, support and shared participation within Canterbury and the wider region.

Looking Ahead

Future issues will continue to highlight opportunities, partnerships and community developments across Canterbury.





Supporting Members Through Shared Facilities

As EMIC develops its role as a shared community platform, one important part of its work is making practical facilities available in ways that support connection, activity and community growth.

This includes access to meeting space, opportunities for small gatherings, shared conversations, and a welcoming environment where members and community groups may engage, exchange ideas and remain connected.

Over time, EMIC aims to ensure that its facilities continue to serve as a practical resource that strengthens participation and supports the wider needs of minority communities in Canterbury.

EMIC continues to build bridges across communities through dialogue, support and shared opportunity.

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