Who are we?

Perth Minorities Association is a dedicated charity supporting diverse ethnic minority groups in and around Perth. Our core mission is to combat financial struggles and poverty through targeted initiatives. Our flagship projects include *Warm Space* (Autumn/Winter) and *Safe Space* (Spring/Summer), providing essential support, meals, and community engagement. Additionally, our *Cost of Living Initiative* and *Emergency Help Club* offer vital assistance to those facing financial hardship. Through these projects, we strive to foster inclusivity, resilience, and a stronger, more supportive community.

Our Project

Poverty significantly impacts the mental and physical well-being of individuals and families. Many ethnic minority groups in our community face barriers such as unemployment, language difficulties, and a lack of support networks. Rising living costs further exacerbate financial struggles, leaving many in vulnerable situations.

Through our existing projects, we provide essential services, including:

* Warm meals and a safe, inclusive space for engagement (*Warm Space & Safe Space*).
* Emergency financial and practical support (*Emergency Help Club*).
* Grocery and essential packs to ease financial burdens (*Cost of Living Initiative*).

However, to create long-term solutions, we aim to introduce new workshops that equip individuals with the skills needed to break free from poverty.

**Project Objectives**

1. **Expand Warm Space & Safe Space Workshops**

Shift focus towards financial independence by offering:

* + Small business startup support work in partnership with Business Gateway.
  + Skills development for freelance and self-employment opportunities.

1. **Enhance Emergency and Cost of Living Support**

Increase access to grocery and essential packs to help individuals and families struggling with rising living costs.

1. **Strengthen Community Engagement & Trust**

Foster a safe and welcoming environment where ethnic minorities feel valued, supported, and empowered to build better futures.

**4. Project Implementation**

* **Duration:** 12 months (with seasonal Warm Space & Safe Space sessions).
* **Activities:**
  + Weekly workshops on employability, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship.
  + Distribution of grocery and essential packs.
  + Networking events and peer support sessions to encourage self-sufficiency.
* **Target Beneficiaries:** Ethnic minorities and financially vulnerable individuals in Perth.

**5. Expected Outcomes**

* Increased financial stability for participants through small business opportunities and self-employment opportunities.
* Improved mental and physical well-being by reducing financial stress.
* Stronger community bonds through engagement and shared learning experiences.

**Budget**

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| **Item** | **Description** | **Amount** |
| Cost of Venue | £50 per week x 52 weeks | £2600.00 |
| Cost of grocery/ food parcels | £120 per weeks x 52 weeks | £6240.00 |
| Cost of Healthy meals | £130 per weeks x 52 weeks | £6760.00 |
| Admin and supervisor costs | £150 per week x 52 weeks | £7800.00 |
| Other costs | One off | £500.00 |
|  |  | £23,900.00 |
| Total |  |  |

**Conclusion**

This project will provide essential support while empowering ethnic minorities in Perth to overcome financial struggles and build sustainable futures. Your support will enable us to create lasting change by equipping individuals with the skills and resources they need.

We would love the opportunity to discuss this further and explore ways we can work together to support our community.