

## REGIONAL ROUND-UP

### West Midlands Ethnicity Network (WMEN)

The Network was relaunched in Birmingham in July 2007, and its members have agreed to meet four times a year. It hopes to have good attendance as the West Midlands has the second largest ethnic minority population after London.

During its meetings it has got to learn about the Government's plans to update the Carers Strategy, and the work of the 'We Care Too' group which is doing a national survey of ethnic minority carers. The findings of the survey should inform the new Carers Strategy. The Network will look at a work plan in 2008.

Ali Mohammed, who chairs the Network on behalf of the Valuing People Support Team says: "We want the Network to involve people with learning disabilities and family carers from minority communities as they are often overlooked. It was moving to see a young person who came to the meeting feeling comfortable to express his views."

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