

**G M E N G A G E***Monthly Newsletter*

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## July is Ethnic Minority Cancer Awareness Month!

Throughout July Answer Cancer will be joining other cancer charities and health organisations in marking Ethnic Minority Cancer Awareness Month.

Research by Macmillan shows that Black men are twice as likely to get Prostate Cancer compared to White men. Meanwhile, Asian people are between 1.5 and 3 times more likely to get Liver Cancer than the White population. We know that early diagnosis saves lives, however there is a lower awareness of cancer signs & symptoms within BME communities, added to a reluctance to access health services and cancer screening.

Here at Answer Cancer we want to ensure that everyone has access to information about cancer and screening regardless of ethnicity or background. We are doing this by working with community and faith groups, producing information in different community languages, and tackling existing barriers to accessing services, such as cultural or religious concerns, language issues, taboos and myths, and socio-economic barriers.

### THE LATEST SCOOP IN THIS ISSUE:

*Ethnic Minority Cancer Awareness Month!*  
*LGBT! Health Awareness Event!*  
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*Eid Celebrations!*  
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# Stakeholder Collaborative Event: LGBT+ Health Awareness

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Our next Answer Cancer Get Together (Stakeholder Collaborative) is taking place on Tues 20th July at 10.00am – 12.00pm (with an optional 30 mins Q&A at the end). This time round, we'll be focusing our online event around LGBT+ Health Awareness (ahead of Pride in August). We'll also cover 'planning' engagement activities as lockdown restrictions ease.



Come along and:

- Hear the latest news and updates
- Hear about LGBT+ health inequalities and ways to raise awareness
- Learn how to promote LGBT+ best practice within your group or workplace
- Get new ideas to help you engage with LGBT+ community members
- Take a sneak peek at Answer Cancer's new training resources for use when planning events/activities
- Find out how Answer Cancer staff can help and support your work
- Network! We'll make time for people to meet, catch-up and share news

We particularly want to invite Answer Cancer Champions and Voluntary Sector organisations, but anyone with an interest in cancer screening, cancer prevention and early detection is welcome.

**Register in advance for this meeting [here](#).**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

If you want any further information, please email [elizabeth.oconnor2@uni.uk.net](mailto:elizabeth.oconnor2@uni.uk.net)

**We look forward to seeing you online in July!**

# Drop In and Induction Sessions

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**Induction sessions** are designed for new Answer Cancer Champions to introduce you to the programme and give you all of the information you need to get started. Each session lasts for around an hour. Upcoming dates for July are:

- Monday 5th July at 12pm **[Book here](#)**
- Saturday 31st July at 11am **[Book here](#)**

**Drop-In Sessions** are an informal get-together and networking session, where Answer Cancer Champions can hear programme updates and get to meet each other. There is no booking required for these, just click the link below to join the Zoom session:

- Wednesday 21st July at 5.30pm: **[Join here](#)**
- Friday 6th August at 10am: **[Join here](#)**

If you'd like to book onto the champion drop-in or induction session and to find out about future training and events, please register via this link:

**<https://www.cancerchampionsgm.org.uk/events/>**

# Eid Celebrations

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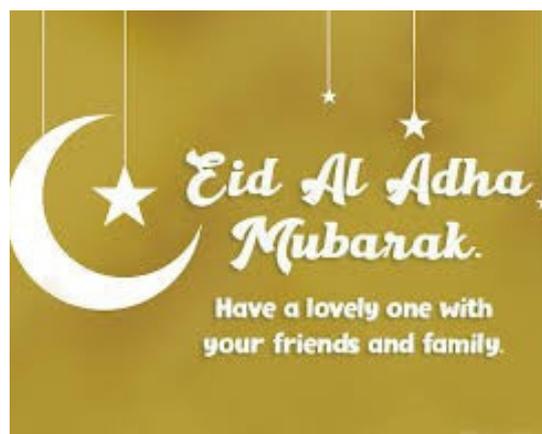
July will see the celebration of Eid-ul-Adha, one of the major events in the Muslim Calendar. However, for non-Muslims you may not now know much about this event and why it is so important. Here is Shaz from the Answer Cancer team to explain a bit more:

"The day of Eid-ul-Adha is celebrated by the Muslims across the world. The day that celebrations fall on is dependent on a legitimate sighting of the moon, following the completion of the annual Holy Pilgrimage of Hajj - which is an obligation for all Muslim's who fit specific criteria, one of the important Five Pillars of Islam.

The celebration of Eid-ul-Adha is to commemorate Prophet Ibrahim's devotion to God (Allah SWT) and his readiness to sacrifice his son, Ismail. At the very point of sacrifice, God (Allah SWT) replaced Ismail with a ram, which was to be slaughtered in place of his son. This command from God (Allah SWT) was a test of Prophet Ibrahim's willingness and commitment to obey his Lord's command, without question. Therefore, Eid-ul-Adha means the festival of sacrifice.

Depending on the country, the celebrations of Eid-ul-Adha can last anywhere between two and four days. The act of Qurbani (sacrifice of a sheep, lamb, goat, cow, bull or a camel) is carried out following the Eid Salaah (Eid Prayers), which are performed in congregation at the nearest Mosque on the morning of Eid.

Traditionally, the day is spent celebrating with family, friends and loved ones, often wearing new or best attire and the giving of gifts."



# Community Engagement Events

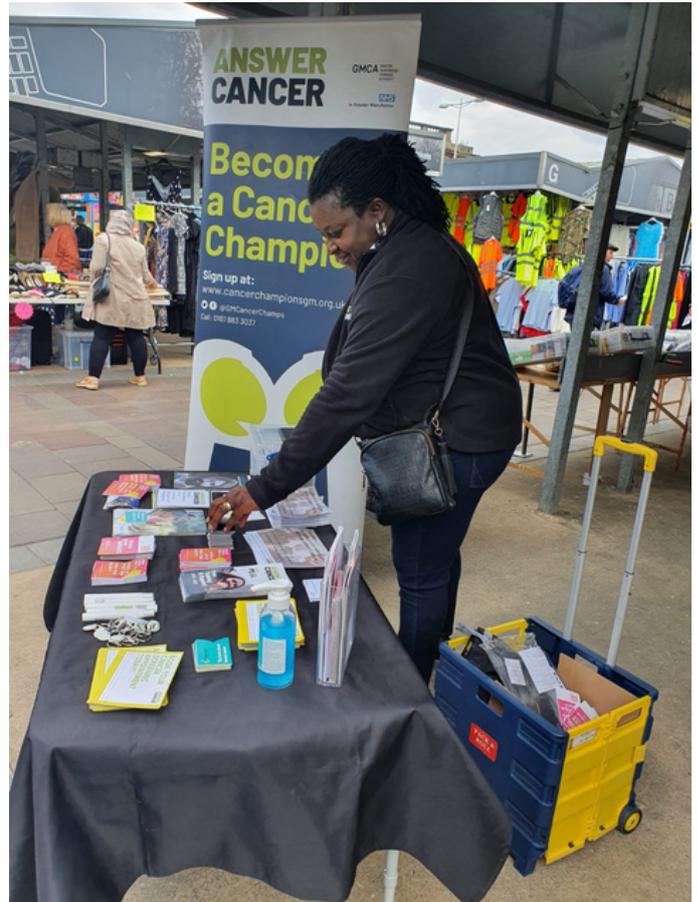
We're pleased to say that, following relaxations on outdoor gatherings, we have now started to get out and about into our communities, sharing information on cancer and the importance of early detection and screening.

So far we have been to community venues including Salford Loaves and Fishes, The Naz Community Hall and Salford City College. Meanwhile, we recently hosted a stall at Harpurhey Market on a busy Saturday.

Through these events we have given leaflets or information to over 100 people and spoken to nearly 50 about cancer screening.

We are looking forward to attending more community events and venues over the coming months, including some of the summer Pride and cultural festivals.

**If you have a venue or event which could host a stall, please get in touch at: [engagement@answercancergm.org.uk](mailto:engagement@answercancergm.org.uk)**



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