



Kuumba Imani Millennium Centre



Kuumba Imani (KIMC) is a black-led organisation which was established in 2004 from a vision by Liverpool Black Sisters as a multi-cultural, multi-purpose community centre serving a range of ethnically diverse groups in Liverpool. Situated on a Victorian boulevard in Toxteth on the edge of the city centre, our beautiful light-filled building, featuring a huge mural of Nelson Mandela outside, has spaces for both organisations and community use. KIMC's award-winning work on community and business development programmes: *L8 A Better Place* and *Nia Business Support Project*, enables us to work with our communities and city to reduce inequality and to support them to thrive. We have rooms available to hire for meetings and events and there are community and social businesses based in the building. These tenants meet important community needs through offering services such as counselling, legal advice, community cycling and the local MP's office and are also a source of income for KIMC.

L8 A Better Place



L8ABP has brought a progressive collaboration-based model of community development to the Liverpool 8 area, which historically has housed the highest number of ethnically diverse communities in Liverpool. It has brought people together through activism, thus increasing confidence, creativity, connections and understanding of others.

The work is impactful as people are empowered widen their horizons, make change, and in so doing to transform the local neighbourhood. We aim to create a legacy for the future and pass the baton on to future generations.



Projects continue to develop, building on our progress, and we have received excellent feedback and recognition over the last five years:

"The benefits to the community are really endless".

"Their passion for change, and the fact they actually enact change and build relationships".

Nia Business Support

The Nia Black Business Hub (NBBH) supports black and global majority-led businesses in the heart of the Liverpool City Region. The Kuumba's Business Connector brings a cultural perspective to the table, breaking down barriers and increasing access to the right business support. We connect aspiring, new and established businesses with the opportunities, networks and assistance needed to thrive. Building relationships with those currently leading in the business sector is important to us to advocate the benefits and financial prosperity of investing in the region's black and global majority businesses.

With a boost from the Nia Black Business Hub, enterprises are encouraged to not only flourish but emerge as powerful contributors to societies economic tapestry. Here, dreams are cultivated, and aspirations are scaled up, echoing the belief that with the right support, there are no limits to what these businesses can achieve.



KIMC stakeholders and partners are from community members to local government, and a wide range of organisations, businesses and institutions across the city.

KIMC is a charity and company limited by guarantee. The CEO is managed by the Chair of the Board and is responsible for developing the vision and strategic planning as well as the day to day running of the organisation and ensuring that KIMC as an organisation remains accountable, responsive and relevant in its service and project delivery. The CEO manages a diverse team of operational staff (five people) and two project managers. KIMC offers training and development to ensure employees have the relevant skills and experience to progress within their roles and to achieve personal and professional goals, which contribute productively to KIMC's overall objectives.