

# **Leeds local charity wins International 'NGO Leadership Award'**

## **Leeds UK**

### **Association of Blind Asians (ABA) won 'NGO Leadership Award' at the 7th Edition World CSR Conference in Mumbai, India**

At the recently concluded World CSR Congress in Mumbai, ABA was recognised with this award for its dedicated service to the South Asian Communities with visual impairment outside India. The conference lasted two days and focused on strategies for the success of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and provided a global platform for charities and businesses to work together.

Dr Leena Inamdar, Chairperson at ABA, said:

"I am delighted that ABA has been awarded and recognized globally. Despite being a small local charity in Leeds, ABA has served the South Asian community with visual impairment to lead independent lives and improve their quality of life. The award acknowledges the high-quality work by our staff and supporters who truly deserve this award for their service to this community over the years."

ABA has supported visually impaired South Asian people in Leeds to improve their lives and make them independent. Blind and partially sighted South Asian community have various cultural and religious needs which acts as barriers to inclusion in society. ABA does advocacy, home visits, and run weekly social groups to cater to specific needs of the community.

Mrs Debbani Ghosh, Manager at ABA, said:

"The South Asian community is more likely to develop sight loss than any other community in the UK. As demographics are changing we are continuously trying to increase our service reach and CSR is one major avenue to sustain the funding."

Notes to Editor:

ABA is a registered charity in Leeds, running since 1989. We work towards prevention of sight loss in BAME Community. We give support and advocacy on benefits and entitlements to service users. Also, liaising with other charity organizations to get the help they need to live independently. We run weekly groups and conduct social events & outdoor trips as part of our service delivery.

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About ABA:

The Association of Blind Asians is a voluntary organization (Reg Charity 1042621) catering for the needs of blind and partially sighted BAME community of Leeds, their carers, families and wider community.