

## **BIRMINGHAM FACTS 2008**

### **City statistics**

- Population c1m residents
- Youngest profile of any major city in Europe with 37% of residents under 25 years of age
- Divided into 10 administrative Constituencies, each with a population of c100,000
- Total BCC budget c£2.9bn
- 40% of residents live in the 10% most deprived wards in the country
- BME residents currently 30% of total population and rising
- Most diverse population outside London, 70% of the population is white compared with 92% nationally
- 70% of the BME population live in ten most deprived wards
- Projected to be UK's first city non-majority city (ie no ethnic group to make up more than 50% of population)
- Largest ethnic group is Pakistani heritage (18%) with African Caribbean people making up the second largest (9%)
- Additional 100,000 Asian people projected by 2026
- More Muslim residents than any other local authority area (140,000)
- 250,000 young people 0-19, school population is 180,000
- 30% of under 15s living in one parent families
- 30% of under 15s live in households where no adult is in work
- 22% of under 15s live in houses with no central heating
- 2000 young people in local authority care of which more than 100 are unaccompanied asylum seekers

### **Arts statistics**

- £10.3m budget
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- 70% of arts organisations are based in three of the most deprived wards in the City
- 54% of arts organisations have been in existence for less than 15 years
- £3m paid to freelance artists per annum
- 1000 people employed in the arts sector
- 2700 freelance artists
- 1500 volunteers supporting the professional sector donating 100,000 hours
- 26,500 arts events in the City each year
- More than 2000 free arts events in the City, attended by 2.7m people
- 260,000 education events and workshops, attended by 283,000 people
- More than 1200 new works created
- 43% of arts organisations tour their work, taking the City's name to 24 different countries
- 2.4m attendances at paid arts events
- £60m turnover in the sector
- 73% of people working in the arts in the City also live here, returning investment in fees and wages to the local economy