

Portuguese Speakers Association

As Children's Services representative on the West Norfolk Diverse Communities Partnership, I have contact with a number of organisations which support local minority communities. One of these is the Portuguese Speakers Association based in King's Lynn. The association operates from the King's Lynn Evangelical Church and is run by Reverend Chris Collict, supported by volunteers.

The association will support teachers and staff in schools that have pupils whose first language is Portuguese or who have Portuguese-speaking parents. Informal meetings with parents can be arranged, where inter alia they can explore concerns and receive information and advice. Chris also contributes to high schools in the King's Lynn area by inputting to Sixth Form General Studies (immigrant workers topics) and Year 9 Geography (Brazil topic).

The association is also on hand to help members of the local Portuguese community with interpretation, translation and completion of application forms and advice on visa and immigration matters. Portuguese and English classes are also on offer. Services are free.

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