



Languages & Social Cohesion In Sheffield

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Community /Home Languages

- **122 languages spoken**
 - **‘Big five’: Arabic, Bangla, Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese), Somali, Urdu**
 - **‘New Accession’ European languages: e.g. Polish, Roma (Slovakia, Poland)**
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Community /Home Languages Support

- **20+ Complementary schools**
 - **Languages Sheffield**
 - **SAP (Somali Achievement Project)**
3 schools working together to raise achievement of Somali pupils
1100+ Somali pupils in city schools
Developing a link with Rotterdam
 - **HoLA project - Home Language Accreditation**
Consortium: Languages Sheffield and King Edward V11
Language College & CYPS
Working together to further & broaden mainstream & complementary school links
Encouraging parents and children to gain accreditation in home language
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English as an Additional Language

- **Sheffield & Sheffield Hallam Universities**
 - **The Sheffield College**
 - **EMTAS**
 - **Adult & Community Learning Service – CYPS**
 - **Volcom Sector: SAVTE, WEA and ASSIST**
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Sheffield Language Communities
Research

- **Somalis (Sporton and Valentine 2007)**
 - **Yemenis (Ferguson 2008)**
 - **African-Caribbean youth (Willis 2002)**
 - **Panjabi / Urdu (Reynolds 2001, 2002)**
 - **AND...**
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Languages Policies

- City Languages Strategy (2004)
 - Council of Europe:
‘Language Education Policy Profile’
1st city in Europe to be so profiled
 - Revised City Languages Strategy
(2009-2011)
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- **City of Sanctuary**

“ We are working to make Sheffield a city that takes pride in the welcome it offers to people in need of safety, and that enables asylum seekers and refugees to contribute fully to the life of our communities.”

- **Community Cohesion Strategy**

Need to recognise contribution of community languages to community cohesion

- **International Strategy**

Need to place languages - learning and use – in this developing strategy
