

## **Annual Report 2024/2025**

This year has been particularly significant for RANE, marked by a series of achievements in political advocacy, coalition-building, and innovative initiatives aimed at raising awareness of the Rohingya cause.

**Political Campaigning and Advocacy** RANE has been at the forefront of political campaigning, working tirelessly to influence policy and garner support for the Rohingya community. Our efforts included engaging with key stakeholders, lobbying for stronger international intervention, and raising awareness about the plight of the Rohingya people. These campaigns have not only amplified the voice of the Rohingya community but also strengthened our relationships with policymakers and influencers across the UK and beyond.

**Strengthening Partnerships** This year, we have continued to build on our longstanding partnerships with the British Rohingya Community (BRC) and the Burmese Rohingya Organisation UK (BROUK). These collaborations have been instrumental in our collective efforts to support the Rohingya community in the UK and abroad. Together, we have organized events, coordinated advocacy efforts, and provided crucial support to Rohingya refugees and diaspora communities.

**Groundbreaking Initiative: Rohingya Memorial in Bradford** One of the most significant milestones this year has been our leadership in the discussion and planning of establishing a Rohingya Memorial in Bradford. This initiative is set to make Bradford not only the first city in the UK but also the first in the world to unveil a memorial dedicated to the Rohingya. This memorial will serve as a powerful symbol of remembrance and resilience, honouring the victims of the Rohingya genocide and raising global awareness of their ongoing struggles.

In conclusion, the 2024/2025 period has been a year of growth, collaboration, and pioneering initiatives for RANE. We are proud of the strides we have made and remain committed to our mission of advocating for the Rohingya people and fostering a greater understanding of their plight in the UK and beyond.

Some of our highlights of the years:

### **Refugee Week 2024**

**RANE supported the North of England Refugee Service held on the Thursday, 22nd June taking the photo exhibition at the event which was well attended.**

**Also coordinated Jasmin Akhter participated and speaking at an event held in October 2024**

**We said goodbye to one of our trustee Ann Schofield who left RANE. We wish Ann all the best, moving to be with her children in south.**

### **Rohingya Memorial Stone**

In a groundbreaking meeting held in August 2023, the RANE (Rohingya Action Network Europe) Chair met with Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe, the Leader of Bradford City Council, to discuss a significant proposal: the establishment of a "Rohingya Memorial" at the peace garden of the Town Hall in Bradford. This meeting marked a pivotal moment in the ongoing efforts to honour the Rohingya community and highlight the city's role in supporting refugees.

Bradford holds a distinctive place in the UK as the only city that participated in the UNHCR Gateway Protection Programme during 2008/09, through which it welcomed around 100 Rohingya families. This programme was designed to provide a safe haven for refugees in need of protection, and Bradford's involvement highlights the city's commitment to humanitarian efforts and supporting vulnerable communities.

The proposed Rohingya Memorial would not only serve as a symbol of remembrance for the atrocities faced by the Rohingya people but also as a testament to Bradford's dedication to diversity, inclusion, and peace. It would be a place for reflection and education, ensuring that the history and experiences of the Rohingya are not forgotten. The memorial could also strengthen the connection between the city and its Rohingya community, fostering greater understanding and solidarity among all residents. We hope to unveil this memorial stone soon.

Rohingya Action North East  
Projected Income & Expenditures  
For The Period 01 Apr 2024 To 31 Mar 2025

Balance carried forward	<b>£1,262.53</b>
Public Donation	£0.00
Total	<b>£1,262.53</b>

Less Expenses

Wages & Salary	£0.00	
Web & donation platform management	£170.00	
Printing/Resources/Photo Exhibition	£0.00	
Rent, Rate, Power	£0.00	
Phone & Stationery	£0.00	
Relief Work	£00.00	
		£170.00
<b>Excess income over Expenditure</b>		<b>£ 1,092.53</b>