

To whom it may concern,

Reference Request

I am pleased to provide a reference for Mr Rauf Bashir, who has led a local charity called Building Bridges which focuses on promoting community cohesion and positive relationships across our communities.

Building Bridges plays an important role in Nelson by bringing people together, encouraging dialogue and supporting initiatives that strengthen trust, respect and understanding across the town's diverse communities. Its work helps create spaces where residents, groups and organisations can collaborate positively, address shared challenges and promote a more cohesive and inclusive local community.

During his time in the role, Rauf has demonstrated a strong commitment to community engagement, partnership working and promoting understanding between different groups. He has built positive relationships with a wide range of stakeholders and has approached this work with professionalism, sensitivity and integrity.

I would have no hesitation in recommending Rauf and wish him every success in his future career.

Yours faithfully



Dean Langton
Chief Executive