



Masjid Noor

A place in Huddersfield where we feel at home

An Exploring and Belonging Reading Resource
created by



In collaboration with refugees and asylum seekers
living in Huddersfield

Entry 1





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The Exploring & Belonging project encourages refugees and asylum seekers to think about what is of value as local heritage in the place they live in Yorkshire & Humber.

Participants visited, researched and wrote about places. They discussed what it was about these places that gave them a sense of belonging.

This reading resource has been created by MESH in collaboration with these participants.

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Masjid Noor is in Thornton Lodge.

It is near Huddersfield centre.



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This old building is near the masjid.

It is called Thornton Lodge. The building gives its name to the area.

The building is very old. It is 200 years old.



This map shows Thornton Lodge in 1890.



Look at this map from 1900. You can see that there are more houses.

There are also many mills in this area.

Here is a mill. A mill is a place for making fabric.



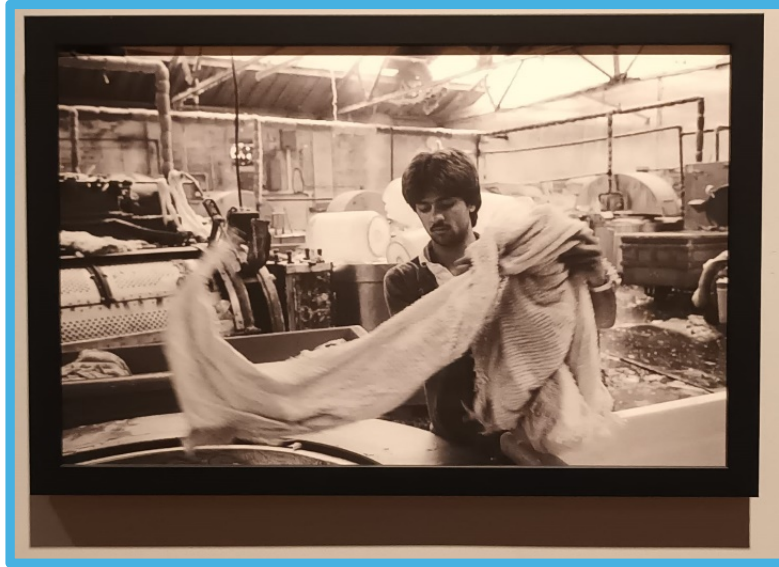
In the 1950s some people come to Huddersfield from Pakistan and India to work in mills.



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Roubina
says...

My husband's father comes to
Huddersfield in the 1950s.



Men live together in one house.
They are cold and homesick.



Images taken by the MESH team on a visit to Manchester Museum.



In 1933 this building is a church.



In 1972 some Muslims buy the church.

Now it is a masjid.

People feel happy in the masjid.

We walk to the masjid together.



I live in this area. My friends live here too.



We go to Kashmir Stores for food shopping.



The masjid is part of the
Huddersfield community.

We feel welcome here.

I come to the masjid to pray every day.



I can use the prayer beads.



I read the Qur'an and listen to the Imam talking.





People need places that make them feel welcome.



Masjid Noor helps us feel like we belong in Huddersfield.





Friends and
community can
gather at
Masjid Noor!

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