

## **IAG Update – January 2009**

The IAG's first annual report was published at the end of October. Two thousand copies were printed and distributed to police officers and staff with the *Catalyst* Force newspaper - circulation of the document has raised the profile of the group and the Diversity Unit has received numerous emails/ requests for IAG assistance with various incidents.

The IAG is currently reviewing its membership to ensure as many minority groups as possible are represented. It is hoped to schedule interviews for potential new members by the end of February 2009.

Two IAG members and the IAG Co-ordinator attended the National IAG conference in Middlesbrough on 24 and 25 November 2008. The conference was extremely well attended by IAG Members and police officers/ staff from across England and Wales. The event included guest speakers and workshops. Guest Speakers included Sir Ronnie Flanagan, Nazir Afzal (CPS Prosecutor, leading on honour crimes), Chief Constable Stephen Otter, ACPO Lead for Race and Diversity, Chief Inspector Nick Hunter for ACC David Collins, ACPO Lead for IAGs. The 2009 conference will be hosted by Greater Manchester Police.

Members continue to attend the Force Champion meetings at the request of the Constabulary to provide advice on how their relevant business areas may impact on minority communities.