

## Holocaust Memorial Day

**Anthony Gimpel**

Holocaust Memorial Day has become a regular event in the Borough's calendar. The event is centred on the **27<sup>th</sup> January**, anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camp at Auschwitz in 1945.

Commemorating tragedies like the Holocaust and other genocides could be taken as a cause for grief. But our aim is to learn from the past so that we might prevent anything like it happening again. Of course, world history doesn't appear to learn, the genocides continue. Nevertheless, we cannot sit back and do nothing.

This year on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm, there will be a commemoration in Queen's Park by the bandstand when participants will be invited to place a pebble in remembrance on the memorial stone. There is a month-long exhibition in the Museum showing graphically what it might be like for a family to survive for years in hiding in a six-foot by six-foot hole underground. There will be a concert of classical music at Emmanuel Church on Thursday evening. And on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January there will be an amazing gig of Jewish and Palestinian music at the Town Hall. Not to be missed.

Details can be seen on posters and fliers around the borough or from Leesa Smith at 01509 634603.

## Bangladeshi Ekota Project Pathfinder

**Hiron Miah**

The Pathfinder funding received by the Bangladeshi Ekota Project provided a fantastic opportunity to employ a Co-ordinator to carry out a thorough investigation to identify the needs of the Bangladeshi Community in Charnwood.

The Project first looked at the make-up of the community, and formed a core group with members representing different sections of this community. With the support of this core group, the Project engaged local

service-providers to address the barriers that were identified. This also provided members of the community with an opportunity to meet with people, like the Chief Executive of Charnwood Borough Council and the Chief Superintendent of the Police, who they would otherwise never meet. The strategies used by the Ekota Project have helped to build the confidence of community members, and have started to contribute towards a more cohesive and understanding community.

The report published on the findings and recommendations from this research has received an excellent review, and is available to download from: [www.charnwoodrec.org](http://www.charnwoodrec.org)

Although the Co-ordinator's post finishes shortly, meetings have already taken place to implement the recommendations.

If you want to find out more about the recommendations, or want to take part in their implementation, please call Hiron Miah on 01509 261651.

## Well-Being Group - Rawlins Community College Quorn

supports people who  
experience emotional difficulties  
feel stressed  
Isolated

and would like support in improving their basic skills

We meet Mondays 10.00am-1pm at the Bungalow, situated in Rawlins College, Quorn. And in the new term the Group will be running various taster sessions in

Relaxation Skills  
Massage  
Positive Thinking

The Group is supported by tutors to meet our needs and goals.

If you are interested, please call Liz Coates on 01509 622816/622827

## **Certificate in Community Volunteering**

**Anne Williams**

Loughborough College would like to hear from anyone who might be interested in studying the ASDAN Certificate in Community Volunteering

The qualification recognises the general skills and good practice that volunteers need to show to work effectively in the community.

It consists of 5 units:

- Preparing to volunteer
- Skills for management
- Dealing with meetings
- Working to good practice standards
- Understanding needs, issues and responses.

Volunteers will need to complete four of the five units to gain the full award. It will be possible to gain certification for the achievement of individual units.

Each unit will be 30 hours of learning. Course times will be determined according to demand but it is anticipated that this is likely to be three hours per week over 10 weeks.

For those with a suitable horticultural qualification this certificate could lead to the BBC Neighbourhood Gardener Award.

We do not currently run this course but we would be happy to investigate providing it, if there was a clear demand for us to do so.

If you are interested, please contact Anne Williams at Loughborough College: Tel. 01509 618208 email: [williamsa@loucoll.ac.uk](mailto:williamsa@loucoll.ac.uk)

## **Loughborough Students Union's Community Action Group**

**Katy Osborn**

Loughborough Students Union's Community Action Group are looking for A-Team projects.

Action's A-Team projects occur as and when Action is needed within the local community; the projects are specifically tailored to meet the needs of the community and are principally designed to be completed in a short space of time. In the past the A-Team has been called upon to do a wide variety of things from painting murals to creating wildlife gardens. However, the Action Chair, Katy Osborn, is looking for new A-Team projects that can be carried out in late February and early March, and is very keen to hear from anyone who has a project they feel may be suitable. Action volunteers are enthusiastic and will try their hand at pretty much anything - from laying paths and painting fences to building play equipment and planting trees.

If you have a project that you feel may be suitable, or you know of a group that may benefit from the A-Team's help, please email [action@lborosu.org.uk](mailto:action@lborosu.org.uk) or telephone 01509 635003.

## **Resolution - NHS Stop Smoking Service**

The main emphasis of Resolution is to give free, confidential support, encouragement and advice to people who really want to quit but find it difficult. All it takes is a quick telephone call to 01509 567766 and we will give you details of the venue nearest to you.

One of the main concerns when giving up smoking is the weight gain; we are now able to offer the services of an NHS dietician.

Resolution holds regular one-to-one sessions and groups in various locations around Charnwood and North West Leicestershire.

The one-to-one sessions in Loughborough are held in John Storer House – during the day on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and the Group is also held at John Storer House on Tuesday evening 6.30 – 7.30 pm.

Resolution are also holding one-to-one sessions at Loughborough Hospital, Epinal Way and at other venues.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND  
CONFIDENTIAL ADVICE BY OUR TRAINED  
ADVISORS CONTACT 01509 567766**

## Funding

### Big Lottery Fund Young People's Fund

The Big Lottery Fund wants to give young people the money to carry out projects that will make a lasting difference to communities. The BLF Young People's Fund wants young people aged 11 to 18 (or up to 25 if you come from a disadvantaged sector of society) to come up with their own ideas and be involved from start to finish. They will be giving out three types of grant:

- for voluntary and community organisations to run local projects with and for young people
- for voluntary organisations to fund projects of national significance
- for individual young people (or small groups of young people) to help them make a difference in their communities.

#### **Big Lottery Fund**

**Tel 0845 410 2030**

**Email [general.enquiries@](mailto:general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk)**

**[biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://biglotteryfund.org.uk)**

**[www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk)**

### BT Community Website Builder

The BT Community Website Builder allows registered UK charities, non-profit making organisations and volunteer-led groups or organisations to build and maintain their own website free of charge. All you need is a computer, an internet connection and a web browser. This scheme is operated by BT Volunteering and IK Software Limited.

To qualify for use of the free service your organisation must be from the UK, providing a clear benefit to the local community, and be one of the following: registered charity, non-profit making organisation, volunteer-led group /organisation.

**Email: [support@ik.com](mailto:support@ik.com) Website:**

### Powergen GreenPlan Fund

The GreenPlan Fund supports renewable energy generation projects in the community. Local community groups and not-for-profit organisations can apply. Joint proposals (e.g. with local authorities) will be considered, although the community organisation or group must lead the applications.

Projects must:

- result in the creation of renewable energy
- show new (or an expansion of) capacity in renewable energy
- have a positive impact on the local community
- have a measurable positive impact on the environment.

Funding must be used for the purchase and implementation of capital equipment and associated costs. Funding will not be granted for promotions, education or general awareness-raising, nor will it be granted solely for feasibility studies. Applications are invited for funding up to £25,000.

**The GreenPlan Fund Committee**

**Tel 0870 4191521**

**Email [Rose.heaven@pgen.com](mailto:Rose.heaven@pgen.com)**

**[www.powergen.co.uk](http://www.powergen.co.uk)**

### YHA Diversion Partnership Fund

YHA's Diversion Partnership Fund operates to promote social inclusion by enabling groups of youngsters considered at risk of offending to participate in residential trips organised by agencies involved in youth crime reduction. It pays for part of the cost of the YHA accommodation and meals for such a trip.

**YHA**

**Tel 0870 770 6117**

**Email [groupreservations@yha.org.uk](mailto:groupreservations@yha.org.uk)**

**[www.yha.org.uk](http://www.yha.org.uk)**

## Free admission

## Further Learning

A new Year's Resolution  
Information Morning and  
Workshops  
for Stepping Stones  
Forest Room  
John Storer House  
Wards End  
Loughborough

Thursday 27 January 2005  
10am - 12 noon

Did you make any New Year  
resolution?

Well, if not it's not too late  
to do so...

Why not consider...

Learning a new skill

Doing a course

Learning how to use a  
computer

Getting involved with  
volunteering

improving your confidence  
and self-esteem.

There will be displays,  
workshops and free  
information regarding  
further learning and  
volunteering opportunities

Also free workshops

Motivation into Learning

Volunteering is Good for  
You

For further information  
or RSVP ring 01509



### **Leicestershire Community Pregnancy Testing Project celebrates!**

**Alison Reeve**

Leicestershire Community Pregnancy Testing Project was one of two projects in the County to be recognised at a regional event in Nottingham for its outstanding contribution to the Teenage Pregnancy agenda back in June. The event brought together young people, practitioners and senior management to celebrate the innovative approaches to teenage pregnancy and sexual health work, which have been successful locally. In October, a function at County Hall enabled us to meet on a more local level to celebrate our achievements and Alison Reeve and Gerry Jacobs from the CVS were delighted to attend on behalf of the Project.

The Pregnancy Testing Project is now in its fourth year and is the only project of its kind funded by teenage pregnancy implementation monies, the four primary care trusts and Connexions. Alison has trained local practitioners to offer safe sex information, referral and practical services

The event at County Hall was introduced by Anne Mitchell, Leicestershire Teenage Pregnancy Strategy Co-ordinator, and we were delighted to welcome Peter Winkless, Chairman of the County Council, who, with Anne Mitchell, recognised the commitment of the Leicestershire and young people present to the project and enthusiastically gave us an opportunity to meet up with some of the practitioners who have been supported by the project and attended by the youth service, schools and young people themselves.

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Non-members £75

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Charnwood CVS welcomes articles, letters and news, but reserves the right to edit. Please send your articles to Cath Walker on **01509 631784** or [cath.walker@charnwoodcvs.org.uk](mailto:cath.walker@charnwoodcvs.org.uk)

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## Network Meeting Dates

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It is advisable to confirm these dates.

January 2005

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Gasupell 11.30-2.30pm

at 1813

### 17 Volunteer Co-ordinators Forum.

Morning. Contact

Maggie Cherry

01509 631770 for

details.