

Ashram's Gold Day

Mainstreaming Community Cohesion

Thursday 5th March 2009
Bordesley Centre, Birmingham

Please join us as we profile our work in building cohesive communities. Using a range of mediums we will highlight the ways our approach has been delivered through sport, community design, mental health promotion and domestic violence support services.

Aims of the Day

Ashram's Open Day aims to profile our intercultural approach to building community cohesion based on the principles of engaging people; partnership; service innovation; and influencing policy.

Audience

The conference is open to all interested parties, but will be of particular interest to housing and community regeneration professionals wanting to explore dynamic and creative approaches to engaging with local communities in intercultural neighbourhoods.

- 09:30** Registration and refreshments
- 10:00** Opening: From Practice to Policy – Ashram’s Intercultural Approach (Jas Bains - Chief Executive, Ashram)
Sharing Good Practice & the Gold Award (Faye Magellan – Gold Award Manager, TSA)

10:30 Breakout Sessions

Group 1: Bordesley Centre

Community Design Workshops

Building Cohesion through Partnerships:

- Ashram Exhibition
- Ashram Information Stalls
- Partner Information Stalls

Group 2: Bus Tour

Neighbourhoods and Communities:
(Staff & resident voices on bus)

Bend it Like Birmingham Sport Inclusion Project
(Site visit)

Housing & Sport Network (Introduction on bus)

12:00 Lunch

12:45 Nandini (stage performance) followed by discussion

13:30 Breakout sessions

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15:00 Mainstreaming community cohesion in practice & the transferability of the Ashram model (Discussion facilitated by Dr Adrian Passmore – Chief Executive, RegenWM)

15:15 Close, tea and coffee

The Gold Day will run from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm on Thursday 5th March 2009.
It will be held at The Bordesley Centre, Stratford Road, Camp Hill, Birmingham, B11 1AR.

There is no cost for attending the Gold Day; however places are limited so if you are interested in coming please book now.

You can book your place on the conference by emailing Samina Akhtar at saminaa@ashramha.org.uk or by calling 0121 764 3835. Alternatively, you can send your full name, organisation details, email address and telephone number to Samina Akhtar at the address below.

Ashram is an intercultural agency for social inclusion and social impact. Ashram recently won the Housing Association's prestigious Gold Award 2008 for Building Cohesive Communities. This event has been funded by the Gold Award to share best practice and raise standards in service provision.



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