

PRESS RELEASE

UNITY IS A CHOICE

A Day for young people

**Wednesday 22nd August 2007 at the Dominion Centre,
The Green, Southall, Middx
9.30am to 9.30pm**

Drug and Alcohol Action Programme is organising a **Unity Day for young people** as part of their contribution to empowering young people to enhance their life choices.

"Young people today are concerned about multiple issues - opportunities to enhance their talent, personal safety and the safety of their communities as well as tackling conflict amongst different groups. Drug, alcohol and Khat addiction as well as gun and knife crime are also a primary concern. This event is for young people led by young people to discuss these issues and to focus on uniting communities." says **Perminder Dhillon, CEO, DAAP**

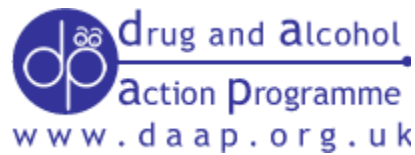
The day is packed with different activities including speakers, DVDs and workshops. The evening entertainment is provided by young people.

Local speakers will address the importance of self belief in getting on in life by sharing their personal experiences.

"I grew up in the west London area. As young people we were always in Southall. I have reached my current position in life through sheer hard work and determination and I want to share with young people that they too can do this" says **Naresh Puri, BBC Producer and a key note speaker**

Speakers who include **Imam Asjad Patel** from Abubakr Mosque, **Sharon Kaur Jassal**, Sargent A846 Squadron, **Monica Dua** and **Iffat Rizvi** from STAR will talk about personal choices, life in prison, enhancing careers and the impact of gun crime.

"Gun crime affects people from all backgrounds. It is not only a Black on Black crime," says **Iffat Rizvi, Founder of STAR** (Sabina's Trust against Revolvers and Racism) who is also involved in Mothers against Guns and in the current **Don't Trigger Campaign**.



Empowering Communities against Addiction

Participants will be able to listen to speakers, ask questions, share their views and experiences, attend workshops as well as access a wide pool of information.

The evening entertainment is by young local artistes including Mona Singh, Singer dubbed Princess of Bhangra, The Collective and Honey's Dance Academy. Himal & Parv and Avni will also enchant the audience with their talents.

Entrance for the day and the evening entertainment is **free to all young people from Ealing. Food and Drink will be provided on the day.**

The event will take place on
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**For more information
please contact DAAP on**

**Tel: 0208 843 0945
www.daap.org.uk**

Notes for editors

****All speakers and workshop facilitators will be available for an interview on the day**

**** Event leaflet enclosed**

Background information

1. The School Health Survey of over 7,000 pupils and students found that over 70% of high school pupils want to have a say on issues that affect them. The five most important areas were identified as bullying, health, crime, drugs and education
2. There are nearly 74,000 young people between the age of 0-19 year in the Borough of Ealing which has a high level of ethnic diversity with 72% of school pupils classified as from a minority ethnic background (www.ealing.gov.uk/services/council/strategies)
3. 8% of high school pupils reported that they had been victims of crime in the last year
4. There are pockets of high level of deprivation in some areas of Ealing
5. **Drug and Alcohol Action Programme's** Ealing Drug Education Project supports young people on the following issues:
 - Alcohol, Drug and Khat Education
 - Crime prevention and diversion
 - Mediation between families
 - One to one help for those with addiction and related problems

For further information please see www.daap.org.uk

6. For background information on STAR see http://www.newsshopper.co.uk/news/features/display.var.1022643.0.family_grieves_for_sabina_as_police_hunt_for_killers.php

7. For information about Don't Trigger Campaign see <http://www.dont-trigger.com/>

Empowering Young People to Unite

UNITY IS A CHOICE

Day by young people for young people

Enhancing life choices

Come and share your views and listen to others

on WEDNESDAY

22nd August 2007

9.30am to 9.30pm

At the Dominion Centre, The Green, Southall, Middx

SPEAKERS

Naresh Puri, producer, BBC News

Imam Asjad Patel, Abubakr Mosque

Sharon Kaur Jassal, Sargent A846 Squadron

Monica Dua

FILMS

WORKSHOPS

Unity / Community safety / Khat / Drugs and alcohol

MUSIC, SINGING & DANCING

7.30pm to 9.30pm

***MONA SINGH, Singer dubbed Princess of Bhangra
(daughter of the legendary Channi Singh)***

THE COLLECTIVE

Honey's Dance Academy

HIMAL & PARTY

AVNI, dancer

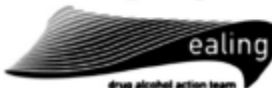
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