



Empowering Communities against Addiction

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NATIONAL TACKLING DRUGS DAY
TUESDAY 23RD MAY 2006

Linford Christie OBE will Officially open the Drug and Alcohol Action Programme's (DAAP) new premises on Bridge Road, Southall, Middx on 23rd May 2006 at 7.00pm. This follows a day of activities organised by DAAP to educate local communities about Khat, illegal drugs and alcohol misuse as part of its contribution to the National Tackling Drugs Day.

The National Tackling Drugs Day forms part of Government's campaign to highlight the impact of the national drugs strategy on communities across the country.

Events organised during the day will include drug education sessions in English, Punjabi and Urdu, Khat education session and information about accessing support and compliment therapies. Linford Christie OBE will officially open the DAAP premises at 7.00pm.

“DAAP’s Ealing Drug Education project continues to empower local communities in building their capacity to deal with drug and alcohol issues. We also work on other addiction issues like chewing Khat. This is a great opportunity to bring together diverse communities to learn more about how addiction issues affect our communities”

says Perminder Dhillon, CEO, DAAP

Dr. Raj Rajarayan OBE, DAAP Chair, said, ‘We are delighted that Linford Christie continues to support our work and will officially open our new premises. It is an opportunity for the local communities to find out about the services that we offer.

We are also delighted that on this day **our CEO, Perminder Dhillon will be receiving her award as the Drug Worker of the Year for London as part of the TACKLING DRUGS CHANGING LIVES AWARDS.** This is a well deserved award for Perminder who has dedicated herself to building DAAP.”

THE NATIONAL TACKLING DRUGS events will take place at DAAP, KAS House, Unit K, Middlesex Business Centre, Bridge Road, Southall, Middx UB2 4AB

For more information see www.daap.org.uk or please contact DAAP on Tel: 0208 843 0945

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Notes to Editors:

- DAAP delivers the Ealing Drug Education project and works in a focussed way with Black and minority ethnic communities. For more information about DAAP's work visit: www.daap.org.uk
- The Tackling Drugs Changing Lives Awards will be held in London on 23 May and will be presented by Home Office Drugs Minister, Vernon Coaker MP and Broadcaster Dermot Murnaghan.

For more information about what the Government is doing to tackle drugs visit: www.drugs.gov.uk