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Our vision for Derby is a city where people live together and respect each other and have a shared vision for their neighbourhood.

The 'Building bridges for our shared future' programme is just one of the ways Derby Community Safety Partnership (CSP) has worked to achieve this vision during 2008/09.

Through the programme of events and projects, we aimed to give Derby people from different backgrounds, cultures and ages the opportunity to meet and mix, perhaps for the first time, and to help build relations between different communities.

The CSP's Community Cohesion Unit played a key role in delivering and co-ordinating this programme and we would like to thank the many partners and people who have taken part in it so far.

For 2009/10, our programme will link with established city-wide and neighbourhood events that promote our vision and will be based around communities of interest, place and faith. To find out more, please get in touch.

Dawn Robinson-Ruane
Strategic Lead, Community Cohesion Unit



Dawn Robinson-Ruane, left, and members of the Community Cohesion Unit

Sinfin communities

Subway project

More than 300 Sinfin residents of all ages came together in August 2008 to transform four subways that had been blighted by graffiti and criminal damage with a series of colourful and imaginative murals. Young people from local schools, youth clubs and on youth offending programmes all worked alongside older people and people with learning disabilities to create the murals at four pedestrian subways. The project was supported by the CSP, the Council, Anchor Housing, the Police, Derby Homes, the Probation Service, the local Asda, and by Celanese Acetate.

It's a knock out

Local organisations and residents got together to take part in a special It's a Knockout in April 2009 at Sinfin Primary School. This event was organised by the Neighbourhood Team and Friends of Shearwater group and funded by the Community Cohesion Unit, Police, Derby Homes, Fire and Rescue Service, the Council, and the Community Development Foundation Grassroots Grant fund.

"I've worked in the area for 10 years and feel that this was the best community event Sinfin has ever had. It was a credit to all those who took part."

PC Letti Ramwell, Safer Neighbourhood Team

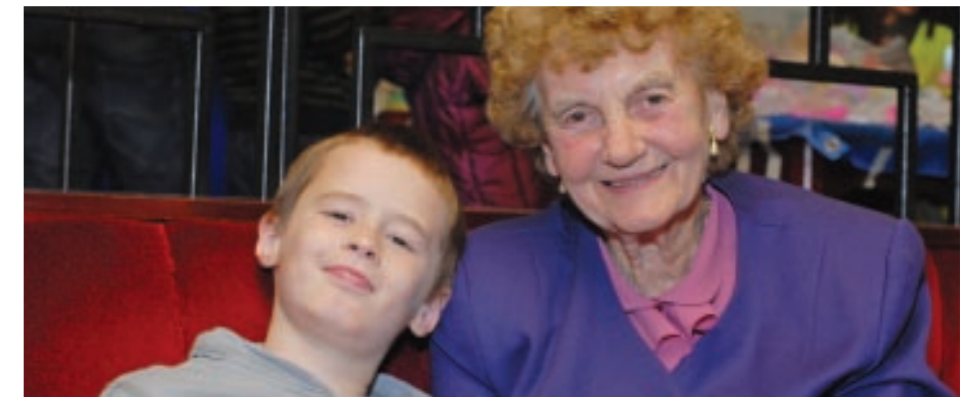
Street party

A street party at the end of October 2008 encouraged residents to get to know their neighbours and become more involved in their local community. The party, held in the Grampian Pub car park, included a children's Halloween fancy dress competition, dance workshops, body art, bouncy castle, disco and party games.

Family fun day

The Sinfin Neighbourhood Team, with local residents and the Community Cohesion Unit, organised a family fun day at the Sinfin Moor Social Club. The event in November 2008 saw 350 residents celebrating the area's diversity with a wide range of activities for all to enjoy, including African drumming, balloon modelling and a local art exhibition.

"Sinfin is a very mixed community but there haven't been many events in the past to bring people together – this is great."



Refugee, asylum-seeking and new communities

Refugee Week

Derby City Council's Library Services and the Community Cohesion Unit held a series of events at the Central Library in June 2009 to highlight the public services available to support refugee and asylum-seeking communities. This coincided with Refugee Week, a nationwide programme of arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK.



The Library provided ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) and citizenship course taster sessions to the 300 people who attended and the Unit organised activities to bring people of different cultures and faiths together. People enjoyed face painting, henna, and workshops in calligraphy, African drumming and block painting.

"This citizenship event gave us the opportunity to create awareness of the information, advice and support that's available to refugees, asylum seekers and anyone new to the UK."

Rizvan Bhatti, Lifelong Learning Manager, Derby City Council

Street meet and new communities club

The Community Cohesion Unit organised a 'street meet' in November 2008 to give residents in the Normanton area the chance to get to know new communities that had recently settled there. Providers of public services also had the opportunity to promote their services and reach residents who had just moved to the area.

Following on from the street meet, the Unit set up a new communities club in the area to meet every Tuesday evening for the next 16 weeks with the help of the Dale Community Champions. The Unit invited different public services to take part each week and, with the aid of translators, gave out information about the services they provided to help these communities settle in Derby. To enable people to attend regularly, activities were put on for children.

"We enjoyed helping out with this project. It was good to meet people from new communities and to be able to help them settle here."

Dave and Jill Lamb, Dale Community Champions



One Arboretum

The One Arboretum festival on 30 August 2008 aimed to bring together the many communities that live in and around the Normanton area to celebrate the strong community spirit that exists there.

The festival in Arboretum Park offered something for everyone: children enjoyed lots of different activities including inflatables, face painting, and a challenge Rammie five-a-side penalty shoot out. Families could take part in workshops ranging from African drumming, Asian Dhol drumming, Bhangra/Bollywood and Cuban salsa dancing and could try out Cycle Derby's unusual bikes.



The festival also showcased music and dance from Asian, African, Caribbean, Eastern European and Middle Eastern artists and attracted over 19,500 people – the largest event the CSP has ever organised.

The event was a real partnership effort with NHS Derby City, Job Centre Plus, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service and Derby City Council all supporting, funding and taking part in the event.

"This was a great event! We met over 500 people during the festival, offering diabetes checks and advice on how to stop smoking and eat healthily. We learnt a lot about engaging with communities for the future."
Adrian Piggott, Head of Social Inclusion, NHS Derby City

A key part of the festival was asking people to tell us what it meant to belong to Derby...

"Derby is real! People are people – no borders to cross!"

"Good city, friendly people. I am born and bred Derby. It's a diverse city with many different cultures. We are proud of Derby."

"Derby is a great place to live – it's my home!"



Photography project

This photography project aimed to bring together children and family members from three Derby schools to show that, regardless of our age, where we live or our cultural background, we share a lot in common with each other.

In all, 30 children from Village Primary School in Normanton, Gayton Community Junior School in Littleover, and St George's Catholic Primary School, Littleover took part in the project with a family member/carer. QUAD, which provides facilities and services that connect people and businesses to art and film, managed and delivered the project.

After attending a series of workshops from January to March 2009 with professional photographer Richard Richards, the children and their family members learned how to compose and take digital shots. They were then given a disposable camera to take photographs on three themes:

- A view from a window
- A favourite place
- What makes me happy



The project culminated in a private view of photographs at Derby City General Hospital for everyone who took part, followed by a month-long exhibition.

"The project's something my children and I worked on together. It's been great spending time with the children. I've been finding out about things they're interested in and never knew they liked! It's been a very different experience for me and the children."
Shakila Khaliq, a parent who took part in the project

"We were delighted to take part in the photography project, which the children really enjoyed. It was a great way of getting children and parents working together as well as bringing different families together. It showed us that, although we are all different, we are also all quite similar and we have lots of things in common with each other."
Jane Green, Headteacher, Village Primary School



Essence of Islam

The Community Cohesion Unit, working with Derby Jamia Mosque, the Forum of Faiths for Derby, Radio Ikhlas and Lil Muslimah, a Muslim women's organisation, organised a series of events in March 2009 to raise awareness of Islam and dispel myths and misconceptions.

An essential element of the project was the opening of Derby Jamia Mosque for three days to schools and members of the public. Over 400 people from all communities in Derby attended and were able to tour the mosque, put questions to faith leaders and take part in workshops covering calligraphy and what connects Islam with other faiths.

The Mosque played host to a free exhibition of Islamic history and art in Europe, provided by Exhibition Islam. This presented religious artefacts and holy manuscripts, scientific artefacts as well as information about contemporary Islam in Europe.

Representatives from a wide variety of public services were also invited to attend a 'Question Time' session at the QUAD to discuss issues affecting the Muslim community and to explore how services could be improved.

"I really enjoyed the open day. It was not what I was expecting. Really interesting and found that there is a real sense of community. Very educational. Thank you."

"A really interesting morning and lots of visual artefacts and posters to stimulate the children's learning and dissipate any myths that they might have had about Islam."

Open Centre

The Open Centre in Pear Tree Road was set up to promote understanding through contact between different communities in the Normanton area. In April 2009, the first of three 'twilight events' funded through the programme took place to encourage children and adults of all faiths and backgrounds to get together. The events programme will include visits to Sikh and Hindu temples, a cultural food workshop, and an exploration of parenting in different cultures.



Holocaust Memorial Day

The nationwide Holocaust Memorial Day 2009 took 'Stand up to hatred' as its theme and focused on how individuals, groups and communities have challenged hatred.

To mark the day, the Community Cohesion Unit invited 50 people of all ages and backgrounds from across Derby to go to the 'Taking Liberties' exhibition held at the British Library in London. This looked at the struggle for Britain's freedoms and rights and uncovered the roots of British democracy over a period of more than 900 years.

"I found the exhibition really interesting – it covered everything from the Magna Carta to the Suffragettes and the Human Rights Act – and it was great to see it with people from other Derby communities."

Nadia

Arabesque

Arabesque is a self-help group that caters for more than 60 Arabic-speaking families with children. The group started with two Arabic-speaking women who were isolated and wanted to explore their own community and identify the services available to meet their needs.

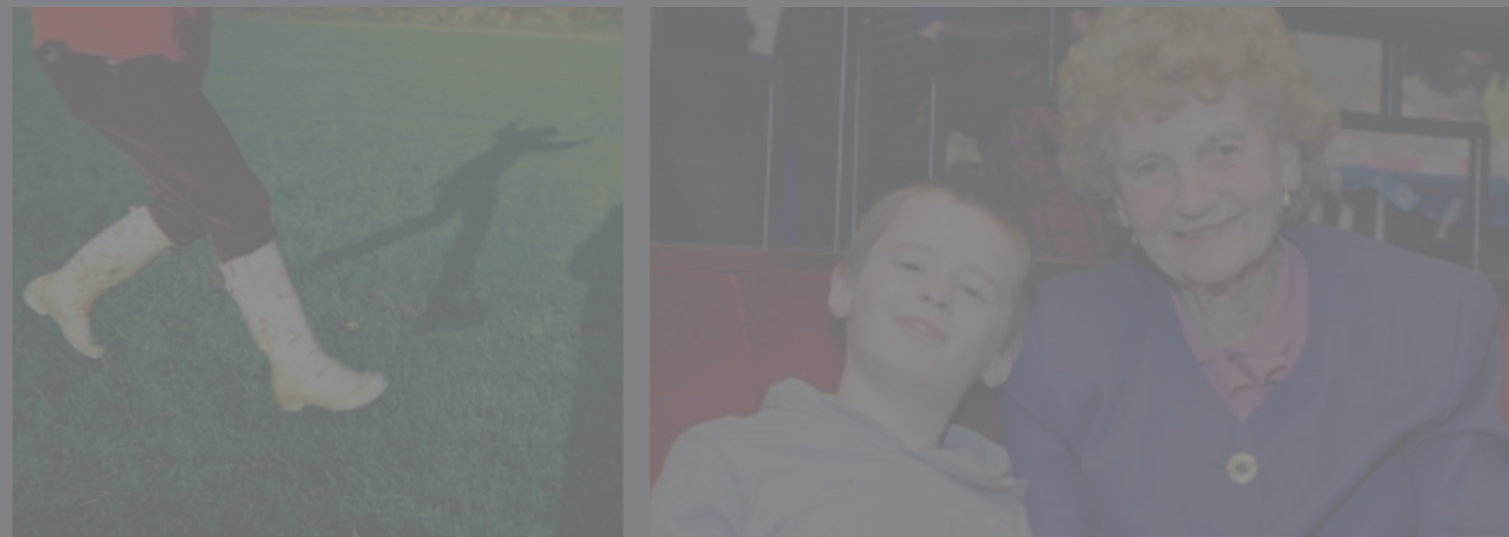
The group was commissioned by the Community Cohesion Unit to host an event at the St James Centre in December 2008 that would encourage Arabic-speaking women to interact with women from other backgrounds. The 130 women from a variety of communities who took part in the event enjoyed traditional/modern music and dance as well as art, henna, craft and children's activities.

"This event gave us the opportunity to connect with the wider community, and planning it has helped boost our confidence and self-esteem, which is one of the group's aims."

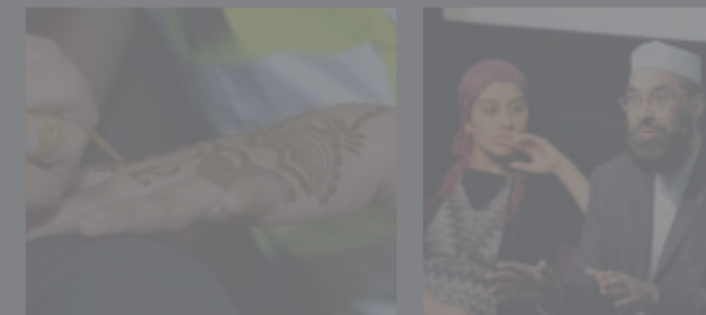
Hedia Aslam, Arabesque

"I enjoyed meeting other women from different backgrounds."

Sharon



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