

Feltham Community Chaplaincy Trust Newsletter Summer 2006



VIP Visit to Feltham

David Lammy MP for Tottenham will be visiting Feltham Community Chaplaincy on Friday 21st July. This will be an opportunity to discuss local and central government support for the project, its clients and volunteers. Mr Lammy has been a keen supporter of Community Chaplaincy at Feltham since the project's beginnings.

Lucia's visit to Canada – The Home of Community Chaplaincy

In April Lucia had the opportunity to visit Canada and the home of Community Chaplaincy. She visited various teams and was able to witness and learn from projects that have been running for 25 years. The hard work and commitment of the Community Chaplaincy teams in places such as Vancouver and Monkton (where it all started) was evident. It was also clear that results were slow, but are worth the wait!

Appointment of Muslim Community Chaplain

Abdullah Rawat has joined the team as Community Chaplain. Although Abdullah is Muslim in faith he will work alongside Lucia with all volunteers and ex-prisoners and is another point of contact for you should you need any help.

Chaplain Training & Matching update

After three successful training programmes in September, March and May we now have a total of 37 faith mentors trained. We are

currently busy security clearing boys ready to match so new trainees can join our team of mentors already working with boys in their local community. Trainees worked very hard on the equivalent of a four day course and we would like to thank them for their time, energy and enthusiasm.

Current Volunteer get together

Feltham Community Chaplaincy Project would like to invite all current volunteers who have completed training, even if you are yet to be matched, to a volunteer get-together. It will be a chance to meet, discuss the project and your on-going input and also learn from those who have been matched and are working with boys. We would like to meet in August and are asking people to come forward with the dates they can and cannot do, so we can start arranging a date.

Durham Community Chaplaincy Launch

Durham Community Chaplaincy is now up and running and joins an ever increasing number of Community Chaplaincy projects in England and Wales, including Manchester, Preston, Stoke, Gloucester and Swansea to name a few.



Can you help?

There are many ways you can continue to support Feltham Community Chaplaincy Trust. If you are interested in becoming a faith mentor please contact the team (contact details are below). The need for faith mentors of all faiths is always great; there are many boys at Feltham soon to be returning to their communities, who can benefit from your commitment, assistance and encouragement. If you cannot commit your time, but are involved in a church, mosque or temple where members can, then please pass on our contact details.

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