

YCA Annual General Meeting 2005

The YCA held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and elections on the 16th of July 2005. This was an opportunity for members to take part in the annual review of the organisation and to vote for members onto the management committee. The work and achievements of the YCA over the past year were presented by the Development Manager as well as the presentation of the accounts for the year by the YCA Treasurer. The elections for the management committee took place successfully and were overseen by independent observers. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Katherine Hewitt from Greets Green Partnership, Noel Donnelly and Anam Choudhury from CBO and Mohamed Loan who took part in monitoring the election process. The members who were voted onto the management committee of the YCA are the following.

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| Ragih Muflihi | Chair |
| Nasr Muflahi | Vice-Chair |
| Yhaia Haffidh | Treasurer |
| Arrwa Yafai | Secretary |
| Ahmed Salem | Member |
| Alya Muflihi | Member |
| Omar Bin Aqeel | Member |
| Jamal Al-Muflahi | Member |
| Yasser Muflahi | Member |

We wish them all the success in this role as management committee members for the Yemeni Community Association in Sandwell.

Residential

As part of the youth summer programme a residential trip was organised to The Ranch in Wales from 26/08/05 -28/08/05. This unforgettable experience challenged the leadership capabilities and team spirit of all young participants. Over 15 people attended, who thoroughly enjoyed this memorable occasion.



Ramadhan Mubarak

The Yemeni Community Association would like to wish everyone a '**Ramadhan Mubarak**'. We would like to inform you that the Taraweeh Prayers will be held at the YCA every night commencing at 8:00pm.

There is also a Break Fast event held every Friday night where families bring their own food and get together to break the Fast and pray Taraweeh afterwards.



Youth Summer Programme

This year the programme ran from 1st August 2005 – 31st August 2005 and was well attended. The young people participated in activities such as henna art, hair braiding quizzes, games, and much more! Visits were also undertaken to Showcase Movies, Drayton Manor Theme Park, Telford Ice Rink and a residential trip to The Ranch in Wales.

Saira Rashid (female youth worker) said: "Everyone really enjoyed themselves and showed their creative side with the henna art".

Homework & Revision Club

The Homework and Revision Clubs continue to run at the YCA and are there to support School Children with School work.

Thank You

The YCA would like to thank **Khalid Abdulrab Alsalahi** for all the hard work he has contributed to the organisation on a voluntary basis. We wish him well in his future career.

Women's Sports Development

The project is now well into its final year with most activities set up at the start of the project still running. *Swimming, aerobics, boxercise, extend classes, palates and taster sessions.*

An evaluation is being carried out on the project involving health assessments and surveys carried out on the participants. A total of 73 women and 35 elderly men have participated in at least 1 activity since the project began. Because of its success the project has been chosen by Sport England as a case study in an evaluation carried out by TNS consultants.

The holy month of Ramadan is approaching us in which activities will stop but will resume in November inshaallah. For more information please contact **Roqaya or Saira at the YCA on 0121 525 3909.**

Men's Elderly Luncheon Club and Advice Centre

Citizen Advice Bureau (C.A.B) will be holding advice sessions at the YCA every two weeks on Monday Mornings from 9:30am – 12:00pm starting from 7th November 2005. The Men's Elderly Luncheon Club (E.L.C) has an average of 30 elderly members using the services on a weekly basis. The service provides ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), health and exercise classes with traditional meals.

Elderly people who are disabled and/or living on a low income might be able to get help to repair, improve, or adapt unfit or unsuitable homes from Care and Repair (Home Improvement Agency). Families with children under 16 years old and suffer from asthma and have only gas fire heaters in the home may be able to get help with installation of new central heating system under the Repairs on Prescription. For more information please contact **Abdulhakim Alkash** on 0121 525 3909.



Above: Men's ELC Trip to Weston Supermare

Interpreting Service at GP Practices

Did you know that if you are unable to communicate with your GP you have a right to an interpreter? When booking your appointment ask the receptionist to book an interpreter for you or alternatively come and collect a card from the YCA informing the receptionist to do just that on your behalf. Any one experiencing difficulties with their GP's in respect to this can either contact the **Health Development Officer at the YCA** or alternatively **PALS on 0121 607 3369.**

Arabic for Beginners Women Only Classes

The course, which was run by Adult Education started in January this year with 12 women enrolling on the course. Classes were run at the YCA every Thursday evening. The course was enjoyed by all and students and 11 women completed the course.

There has been an interest by the women to continue to do the next level in September.

"I enjoy the course, its both and interesting and fun and a great opportunity to meet other women." (One of the students commenting on the course).



Congratulations

The Yemeni Community Association would like to say many congratulations to all students on such outstanding achievements. It is encouraging to know that performance in the GCSE examinations is also improving. Raising standards at this level is important to provide a secure stepping stone for our young people to continue their learning and improve their life chances.

Volunteers Wanted

The YCA has a wide range of activities that it delivers to the community, ranging from activities for young people to the elderly. We are always looking for volunteers to help us to deliver these services. If you want to volunteer please contact the relevant member of staff or Salem Ahmed the Development Manager.

Comments and Suggestions

If you have any comments, concerns or suggestions on any of the services delivered by the YCA, please feel free to contact the member of staff involved or the Development Manager who will be more than happy to hear from you.

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