

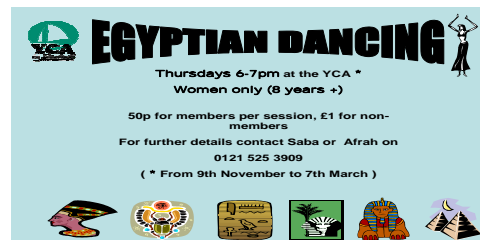
Update

for Members and Partners



Free courses
Mendhi
Beauty
Textiles

The YCA will be closed on **Monday 23rd October 2006**



EGYPTIAN DANCING
Thursdays 6-7pm at the YCA *
Women only (8 years +)
50p for members per session, £1 for non-members
For further details contact Saba or Afrah on
0121 525 3909
(* From 9th November to 7th March)

Centre Manager
Congratulations to the 5 new members of the management committee. We hope they will enjoy their roles and aid us in the continuous development of the organisation. For information on their positions and roles please contact Ragih at the YCA.

Health Development Officer
A Healthy Eid festival has been planned at the George Salter High School on the 29th October from 10.30-3pm. Features include: free food, Quaranic recitation, health information, free raffle, free flu vaccinations, drama, face painting, mendhi, beauty therapy, kids activities and much more. It's a great day out for all the family to celebrate the accomplishment of religious duties during Ramadhan.
Money has been secured from the Greets Green Healthy Minds Community Fund for the provision of a once a week Egyptian dance class for women at the YCA which will run every Thursday between 6-7pm
Further funding has been secured for fitness classes in the Smethwick area. For further details on these projects please contact Saba or Afrah on 0121 525 3909

Youth Development Officer
The youth summer scheme at the YCA ran for 4 weeks during August. 14 girls and 18 boys took part in the full and exciting programme ranging from basketball, netball and football to Egyptian dancing; an arts competition and flower arranging, with members able to take home their creations. The scheme included trips to London, Thorpe Park, bowling, laser quest and Quad biking!
In partnership with the YMCA, health questionnaires and assessments were also undertaken providing us with invaluable information on the health of our youth.
Feedback was encouragingly positive and we look forward to delivering a fun and full programme next summer. Sadly we had to say goodbye to Ahmed AlKash, our youth development worker but we wish him every success for the future.

Women's Development Worker
We have seen quite an eventful summer this year with many outdoor activities for our women, men and children. The events were followed by a very positive response through having engaged all members of the community.
We are currently seeking volunteers to work in YCAS crèche. We can offer you practical experience of working with children under the guidance of qualified supervisors.
For the residents of the Greets Green area I am currently working on forming a mother and toddler group. The group will hold many benefits for those of you wishing to have more interaction with their child through fun learning as well as the opportunity to socialise with other parents. For further information please contact Saira at the YCA.

Advice Officer
CITIZEN ADVICE BUREAU outreach advice sessions are held on a fortnightly basis every Wednesday between 10.00 and 12.30 pm. Could members please try to use this service as much as possible for it to continue to be provided by Y.C.A).
CONSULTATION MEETINGS were held with E.L.C members regarding Sandwell community cohesion plan, were their views and opinions were taken into consideration. These views and opinions are to be used within a report that will be presented to Sandwell Council regarding improvements to services provided.
Members of the ELC visit Buckingham Palace A trip was organised for the E.L.C members to Buckingham palace and the London museum on the 19th September 2006 which they found very interesting and also was a unique experience for them whilst at the same time they clearly stated that they thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Education Officer
Hello Everyone!!!
A lot has happened at the YCA since the last update. The YCA have successfully secured £72,000 from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund for the provision of Adult Education. The funding has made it possible for the centre to run ESOL, ICT, Beauty, Mendhi, Sewing and Numeracy courses for the communities within the Sandwell area. Taster sessions will be held on Thursday 23rd and 30th November
YCA have also been involved in engaging 11 to 16 year old students into in to GCSE Arabic courses delivered at the Shireland Language College.
Arabic School has commenced in September and the parent governors are also in place.
Anyone wanting more information or wishing to access any of the above services please contact me via Email: samina@yca-sandwell.org.uk or Tel: 0121 525 3909.

Announcements
The YCA would like to wish all our members **EID MUBARAK!!!**
We hope you will join us on the 29th October at George Salter High for a family fun day out.