



SCOREscotland

NEWSLETTER

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Strengthening Communities for Race Equality Scotland – SCOREscotland – is a voluntary organisation serving the minority ethnic communities of West Edinburgh. The organisation strives to eliminate racism in our society by working for and with those who are affected by racial discrimination.

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Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2011.

Once again we have been busy over the last three months with a number of developments taking place. However, one of our main achievements has been the recruitment of our new Youth and Children's Development Officer, Nicola Milne, who started work on the 7th of March 2011. This means that our Youth and Children's work is alive and well in her capable hands. Nicola will be communicating with all KCYC Members shortly to introduce herself and to tell you about the upcoming programme of exciting activities including the Floating Youth Club!

We have also secured some funding which will enable us to work in partnership with Minority Ethnic Health Inclusion Service (MEHIS) in order to tackle some issues of health inequality amongst our client groups. Watch out for our job adverts in the immediate future.

You are welcome to read some of our other recent developments and relevant news. Let me take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support for SCOREscotland.

KHALIDA HUSSAIN
Chairperson

OUR VISION...

Social justice and race equality in a society proud of its diversity

Youth and Children's Development Officer

Hi, KCYC Members,

I'm Nicola Milne and I'm the new Youth and Children's Development Officer for SCOREScotland. We will be having lots of activities over the next two months as part of our Floating Youth Club. We've teamed up with Prospect Community Housing Association, Re-Union Canal Boats, Bridge 8 Canoe Club and Set in Motion to organise activities to keep you occupied until the end of May.

On Friday afternoons the club will take place on a barge in the Union Canal for 10-14yrs from 1.30 – 3pm and 14-18yrs from 3.30 – 5pm, and on Saturdays activities will take place in and around the canal with an opportunity to try water based sports and, hopefully, mountain biking.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all over the next few months and taking on board your ideas for fun activities and future programmes. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you want to find out more.

Floating Youth Club

- Are you aged 10-19?
- Our Floating Youth Club starts on Friday 18th March.
- Come and try canoeing, kayaking, Wii games, music, raft building and much more.

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Re-union's wide-beam canal boat

Community Outreach Health Project

SCOREScotland will soon be recruiting Outreach Support Workers from different ethnic minority communities, who will be working in partnership with the Minority Ethnic Health Inclusion Service (MEHIS) and the NHS Keep Well project to help tackle health inequalities in Edinburgh and the Lothians.

The main aim of the Keep Well project is to help reduce heart disease. People aged between 35 and 64 are offered a free general health check, which takes about 40 minutes. During the check, height, weight, blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol are measured to give an indication of a person's chance

of developing heart disease. Help and advice will be offered, if needed.

There is also the chance to discuss other things that may affect their health, such as lifestyle and diet, or subjects like financial worries, language barriers and so on.

By working with MEHIS and the Keep Well project, SCOREScotland hope to be able to offer information and support to people from minority ethnic communities, increase the number of people taking advantage of the health checks, and improving their chances of living to a ripe old age!

Diversity Advisory Group

SCOREScotland's Diversity Advisory Group (DAG), comprising a range of members from the local community and local police representatives, meets regularly throughout the year. The voluntary group of local people from various communities work together to help Lothian and Borders Police deliver a better service to local Black/Ethnic Minority residents.

A major achievement for the DAG has been the appointment of Police Sergeant Monica Brogan as the dedicated Hate Crime Liaison Officer for the Pentlands and South West Neighbourhood areas. (Sergeant

Brogan is a member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team, and is based at Wester Hailes.)

However, the DAG needs the continued support of local people who can work with the Police to enhance the service offered to people experiencing problems of racism, racial harassment/attack, isolation and fear of hate crime. If you feel you can help in any way, or if you have an issue you would like to raise, please contact the SCOREScotland office either by email (info@scorescotland.org.uk) or by telephone on 0131 442 2341.

Scotland's Census 2011

The Census, a survey of every household in the U.K. which is held every ten years, takes place on Sunday 27th of March 2011.



It is important that every household completes and returns a census form. (In fact, there is a fine of £1,000 for not completing the form!) The census provides accurate information regarding the current population of the country, such as the number of people living in a house, their ages, the type of housing, people's religious beliefs and ethnic backgrounds, health, education, employment and various other things.

Personal information is protected by law and remains confidential for 100 years. Information about individuals is not shared with the authorities, the police, the tax office or marketing companies. Instead, the information from the forms is combined and analysed to provide more general reports.

The statistics produced from the completed forms help the Government and local authorities to plan for the future so that services such as education, transport and healthcare can be planned and funded adequately and targeted to the right areas and people.

The forms should not be too difficult to complete, since most questions are answered by ticking boxes. Translated questions are available in several languages, including Arabic, Bengali, Cantonese, Farsi, Hindi, Punjabi, Turkish and Urdu. Translated information leaflets can be downloaded from the Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Sector Organisations website – www.cemvoscotland.org.uk

Help in completing the form and more information can be found at the Scotland's Census website - www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk

Further help and language assistance is available by calling the helpline on 0300 123 1702 or by using the text phone service on 18001 0300 123 1703.

West Edinburgh Multicultural Social Event

The West Edinburgh Multicultural Social Event, planned for December 2010, unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the very bad weather, with the risk of more weather disruption in January. However, it is hoped that the event can go ahead later in the year, when the weather should be a bit better. Watch this space!

