

Member Briefing

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Title: Diversity events in the borough

Summary: Details of the forthcoming diversity events in October

The profile of equality and diversity in the local area is ever increasing with the Council supporting a wide range of events and festivals. This is a reflection of the Council's vision to make a real difference to our residents and our local area. Underpinning this vision is the desire to help communities thrive by tackling inequality, strengthening cohesion and building community leadership.

As we reflect on the positive feedback received following another successful Chester Pride Festival which took place in August, we now prepare for the Autumn season which marks a busy time for the diverse communities of our borough. The month of October also marks Black History Month. We take this opportunity to highlight the contributions black and minority ethnic people make to the economic, social and political landscape of countries across the world. Issues of division are not over yet and a large drive behind Black History Month is to continue tackling problems of racism and isolation and bring together all communities to celebrate diversity.

Please find below a list of diversity events which you are invited to attend. We would also be grateful if you could help advertise these events suitable for the whole family.

Saturday, 7 October – Unity Centre Family Open Day, at 17 Cuppin Street, Chester, from 11am to 3pm

The Unity Centre is the borough's Multicultural Centre, housing a number of black and minority ethnic communities. This is a FREE Family Fun Day with a fantastic array of entertainment to suit everyone's taste including, arts and crafts, henna painting, reflexology, kids face painting, origami, Bollywood dancing, tai chi and Hungarian dancing to name a few. Around 12.30pm, the public will get the opportunity to sample a wide range of cuisines including Japanese, Indian, Hungarian and, for the first time, Syrian. There will also be information stands and stalls from agencies in the area like the Council, Fire Service and Health.

Visit: www.theunitycentre.org or www.facebook.com/chawrec to find out more.

Saturday, 21 October - Diwali Parade starting at the Town Hall Square in Chester, from noon

Diwali, the festival of light, marks the start of the Hindu New Year. At noon, the popular and colourful Hindu festival is celebrated starting with a parade from Town Hall Square, winding its way through the city, followed by dance performances by young people and adults in front of Browns of Chester. The parade ends at the Unity Centre, 17 Cuppin Street, with Indian art and craft workshops and food tasting.

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