



Community Voice

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Cadent project launch



SCA arranged the launch of our new 'Safer Southall' project on 18/7/24, working with Cadent to promote gas safety and energy efficiency in Southall.

We are delighted that the project has allowed us to employ Ishita Agarwal as our Community Energy Adviser, to work with different organisations in Southall and provide outreach support.

The launch event had some insightful speeches, great food and was very well attended. Many thanks to Lucy Nembaware and Stephanie Mann from Cadent and the SCA staff team for making the launch event work so smoothly.

Hambrough food support

Another day, another food delivery. We arranged for another food delivery to a local school : Hambrough Primary School.

As part of our work to help families facing food distress, we have worked with a number of Southall schools to arrange food deliveries that would be targeted at families in need. We have found that there are high numbers of families in Southall alone who are facing acute and multiple needs. The school received the delivery and will be distributing food items to families in need.

This initiative is funded by the Council's household support fund.



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SCA Community Forum



Our June Community Forum focussed upon the Ealing Race Equality Tribunal and its work in Ealing.

Carol Sam from Ealing Council came and shared details about the work of the tribunal and the challenges they have faced since setting up. In addition, one of the tribunal members, Michelle Alexander, also came and spoke about their work.

Community forum meetings bring topical issues to Southall and allow local residents to learn about developments and relevant initiatives.

Community Cricket Dhamaka

The Community Cricket Dhamaka event took place at Norwood Hall on 15/6/24 and was a popular success, in spite of the unsettled weather.

The event was arranged by Kamaljeet Sembhi from SCA working with Middlesex Cricket in the Community and Mael Gael. There were cricket drills arranged for children and adults and a number of stalls, including our own SCA badge making stall.

Angus Fraser the former Middlesex and England cricketer kindly attended and presented some prizes and in addition to a raffle there was also a community quiz arranged by SCA.



Michigan University in Southall



On 10th June we were pleased to host a visit from students of Michigan University in the United States.

The students were in London for about one month and as part of their studies and came to find out more about Southall, local history and our communities.

Suresh and Janpal took the group for a history walk from Southall Town Hall to Southall Green.

After a long walk the students were really pleased to be treated to some food and refreshment at Jalebi Junction on Southall Broadway.

'Your Voice, Your Town'

The Dominion Centre in Southall hosted the 'Your Voice, Your Town' event on Saturday 18th May.

The main hall was full of information stalls and for two hours there was a good turnout of people interested in finding out about what was happening in Southall. The event sought to highlight positive initiatives in Southall and create connections between them.

SCA had a stall where we chose to showcase some of the artworks produced through our history work at local schools.



Championing Community Spaces



SCA arranged an innovative outdoor workshop about community spaces at our Urban Garden site.

The workshop took place on 11th July in bright sunny weather and was very well attended.

It was the first time that we had arranged such a session outdoors and venue and use of creative activities was enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to the Maeve Slattery from The Equality Trust for facilitating the workshop. This project is funded by the Trust for London.

John Lyon's Camden workshop

SCA will be working with Dormer Wells Learning Trust on an innovative new project called 'The Caretakers Cottage'. This project will help improve the mental well being of young people with outreach based community support. This initiative is supported by the John Lyon's Charity.

To kick things off John Lyon's Charity arranged a networking event in Camden on 4/7/24, bringing together organisations they had funded in similar collaborations in London.

Niharika and Janpal are pictured with Clare Gilhooly from John Lyon's, Alka Bhagat and Roisin Walsh from Dormers Wells High and



Public Health team at Western Road

SCA hosted a visit to our urban garden from Ealing Council's public health team.

In very sunny and warm conditions, public health colleagues did some great work helping to weed, remove rubbish, plant and water the site. As we expand our food growing, this kind of visit and support in numbers is invaluable to us.

Many thanks to Anna Bryden, Maddy, Vaish and the whole team for working so hard.

Thanks also, to Paul and Ashok for their unceasing support at the urban garden over the years.



Genomics England Workshop



We attended a workshop arranged by Genomics England in Canary Wharf on 7th June. Our spectacular East London venue provided amazing views across London and the workshop brought together people who had been involved in genomics workshops recently.

As well as SCA, there were also colleagues from Bristol, Manchester and Watford who attended and shared their views about genomic medicine and research.

Janpal and Niharika attended from SCA and brought along colleagues, Rimsha and Fatima, who had attended our Southall workshops.

Certificates at Blair Peach Primary

As part of our 'Young Voices' art and history project with Southall schools we arranged an essay writing competition in April.

Schools were invited to submit up to a maximum of 20 essays each about local history. The entries we received were very varied and of a high standard.

Since then we have been arranging to visit the schools who submitted essays and present the children with certificates.

On 11th June we attended Blair Peach Primary and met with the excellent year 6 pupils who had written their essays.



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