

Committee: Joint Consultative Committee with Ethnic Minority Organisations

Date: 19 October 2010

Agenda item: 8

Wards: All

Subject: Update on Peace Week 2010

Lead officer: Ben Harris, Head of Policy, Partnerships and Communities

Lead Partner: Merton Unity Network (on behalf of Merton's BME Forum)

Lead member: Councillor Edith Macauley, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Engagement and Equalities

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Recommendations:

That the Joint Consultative Committee with Ethnic Minority Organisations:

- A. Notes the update on the Peace Week Programme of activities
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. To update the JCC on the borough's Peace Week (19 September to 26 September) programme of events for 2010.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1 This is the fourth year that the borough has participated in the London Week of Peace. Peace Week is also one of the borough's core community cohesion events and has support at the highest level.
- 2.2 This year many of the events were organised by the voluntary and community representatives on the Peace Week Steering Group. Appendix One provides a summary of the week's events.
- 2.3 The borough's programme of events was launched in Wimbledon on 20 September and attended by the Deputy Mayor, the Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Engagement and Equalities, the Chief Executive and the Borough Commander

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 3.1 Not Applicable

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 4.1. Not Applicable

5 TIMETABLE

5.1 Not Applicable

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Peace Week is the main event put on by the Diversity and Community Cohesion team approximately fifty percent of the Community Cohesion budget is spent on the various events.

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

7.1. None

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

8.1. Peace Week events contribute to promoting community cohesion and celebrating the diversity in the borough.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9.1. None

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

10.1. None.

11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

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12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1 Summary of Peace Week events
http://www.mertonunitynetwork.org.uk/events_files/finalsummary.pdf

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Merton's Peace Week 2010 19-26 September
Summary of events

| Event | Summary of activity | Numbers attended |
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| Peace Week Launch – Wimbledon Piazza | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information table promoting peace week events. • Short speeches by Deputy Mayor of Merton, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Engagement and Equalities, Chief Executive and Borough Commander • Samba band performance by school children from St Marks Academy. • Distribution of Peace Week cup cakes | 6 Steering group members Approximately 100 members of the public |
| CND Film Screening – Mansell Road | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction from the Chief Executive of CND and film screening of 'The Strangest Dream' | 35 attended including 2 steering group members |
| Cricket Match – Haydon's Road recreation ground | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 over cricket match – two teams of six • Light refreshments | 5 steering group members Approximately 30 guests |
| Peace Walk | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk started at the Peace Garden and went to the Mitcham War Memorial and back to the Peace Garden. • Picnic | 4 steering group members 1 council officer 2 guests |
| Be a peace maker in your community – Committee Room C | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work shop led by Merton and Sutton Mediation to recruit volunteer mediators | 13 attended |
| Learn to Meditate – Committee Room E | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two sessions organised by Dorjechang Buddhist Centre, Graham Road, SW19 | 1 steering Group member and 8 staff |
| STOP Campaign | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk delivered by Alex Rose from the Solve This Ongoing | 2 council officers |

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| Workshop – South Wimbledon Youth Centre | <p>Problem (STOP) Campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people on reparation attended the event and were invited by Carole Houghton of the Youth Justice Service. • Alex shared his experiences of gang culture and the death of his friend Eugene Antrim with the young people and encouraged them to stop their involvement in gangs and knife crime. The young people were encouraged to be more creative. | 40 guests |
| Youth Question Time | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Led by Volunteer Centre Merton • Topical discussion on issues ranging from youth safety to engaging in the democratic process and more positive media coverage for young people | Two Panel Members Attended by 12 young people |
| Community Fun Day – Mitcham Fair Green | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-generational event with performances from the Escape Youth Group, Caribbean songs from the West Indian Federation Family Association. Merton Teachers Choir and many more • The Community Safety Reassurance bus and community information stand. • Table football game stands • Children face-painting | 3 steering group members Approximately 150 members of the public throughout the afternoon |
| Publicity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civic Banners • Cards and A4 leaflets • A3 leaflets | |