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The voice of faith working for our community of Burnley

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For Information

Since 1st April 2017 all referrals for those who have been targeted due to their Race, Religion, Gender, Disability and Sexuality have been made to Victim Support and not to Victim Voices before that date see details of the new service attached.

The model brings together, for the first time, services for victims of hate crime, young victims, sexual abuse and domestic abuse as well victims of more general crime types and of repeat ASB.

The service can be accessed by victims of crime in Lancashire via well publicised access routes regardless of whether they have chosen to report the crime to the police or not and will also provide support to those who may also be identified as offenders

We are working with Victim Support to ensure a smooth transition of service, handing over existing clients and to make sure no-one who needs help and support gets missed during the transitional period.

The integrated service will be delivered through four Lancashire Victim Services multi-crime teams based in Preston, Blackpool, Lancaster and Accrington.

For further information

REFERRAL AND CONTACT ROUTES FOR LANCASHIRE VICTIM

SERVICES Tel: 0300 323 0085 E-mail

info@lancashirevictimservices.org Website:

www.lancashirevictimservices.org Secure E-mail:

vcu.lancashire@victimsupport.cjsm.net

REFERRAL AND CONTACT ROUTES FOR NEST

LANCASHIRE - services for Children and Young People: Tel: 0300 111

0323 E-mail: info@nestlancashire.org Website: www.nestlancashire.org

Text: NEST and your number to 60777

Building Bridges in Burnley

BBB has started planning exciting events during the year, as well as continuing with Faith Friends (supporting the faiths of young people in the Burnley and Pendle colleges), New Neighbours (Refugees and Asylum Seekers drop-in), Share Faith - Share Food Ladies, and Fellowship in Faith. There will be plans to involve the whole community. watch this space.

The new initiatives with young people, the 50+ age group, and with the whole community of Burnley, are possible because we have received support from local bodies in the County.

Men's Fellowship in Faith (men)

Next Meeti, Sunday 7th May, 7.30pm,

at St. Andrews C of E Church Hall Duke Bar

when we will reflect on Easter and then look at the place of women in Islam and in Christianity, and the Asian and British Culture. The last meeting, in April, again showed our lack of knowledge and understanding of different faiths.

Father Brian Kealey went through the story of Jesus from Ash Wednesday to the crucifixion. He used the Roman Catholic service book which prescribes what and when it should happen and be spoken about on each of the happenings of the passion story.

The exchange of knowledge and understanding, and the big gaps in each other's knowledge and understanding was explained and discussed with the now inevitable care and consideration for each other's knowledge and understanding.

The people present represented three Christian denominations and Islam, with a lapsed Roman Catholic.

The quality and manner of the discussions has to be experienced to be believed. **Why not give it a try?**

No faith is barred and all beliefs are respected No one is encouraged to

The Hospice

BBB Director Talib Hussain represented BBB at a public meeting that is held, from time to time, by Rev. Chris Cheeseman, who on behalf of the hospice which seeks to consult with and listen to community representatives.

Building Bridges in Burnley Fosters Interfaith Co-operation, Knowledge, and Understanding in Cumbria

When the BBB Chairman was asked if he knew anyone who would be willing to visit Sedbergh Primary School to talk about their faith and how they lived it, he had no hesitation in asking Talib Hussain and Mozaqir Ali if they were interested.

The school, as part of its RE, is inviting people from different faiths to tell the children about their faith and how they live it.

The two active members of BBB agreed, without hesitation, and the URC Minister in the village, who has young children of her own at the school, was soon in contact. As a result the two went at the beginning of April all the way Sedbergh.

After Easter the children will welcome a Buddhist to their school.

It puts the Westminster tragedy in context.

Soon after the two left Sebergh, our chairmen received the following email:-

Hello.

The school were absolutely thrilled with their visit. Really thankful and keen to take up their invitation to visit their mosque in the future.

Thanks once again.

DID YOU KNOW?

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Old £5 notes cease to be legal tender on 5th May 2017

Old £1 coins cease to be legal tender on 15th October 2017

New (plastic) £10 notes will be issued in September



BBB AGM

Thursday June 15th 8p.m.

at the Ghosia Mosque, Abel St.

(This will be followed by the closing of the fast approx. 9.45pm)

No cost as food would be there to close the fast.

BBB Community Awards 2016/2017

Each year we have sought to acknowledge those who independently of BBB have organised events or activities to bring together people from different faiths, cultures, background, and communities.

If you would like to nominate/suggest/propose someone, a group, or an organisation please contact our Chairman Colin Wills 436665 or colin@wills77.plus.com

Secretary Diana Holden 436905 or diana.holden@btinternet.com or anyone else you know connected to BBB.

Certificates are presented at our AGM



New Neighbours First Birthday

In times when all we seem to hear is about terrorism, and conflict between people of different beliefs and 'faiths' what a change to see people in Burnley setting a wonderful example to all nations.

The celebrations, for New Neighbours birthday, saw people of different faiths and different Christian denominations creating a United Nations of faiths and denominations. Several people said both local and national media should have witnessed, recorded and broadcast this wonderful event.

The simple reason is that the project doesn't want to attract attention from those who would want to create and cause difficulties.

The refugees and asylum seekers have had, and in some cases still have, enough difficulties and problems to last a life time.

Contact Ruth Haygarth (see below)

New Neighbours

The Easter school holidays are over. New Neighbours is settling back into what has become our familiar routine. Our Drop Ins are always so full of life in the holidays when the children come along as well – their laughter and energy and pleasure in the activities we do with them make everyone feel happy and smile.

Our first birthday party was a lovely celebratory occasion. We came together as one people - asylum seekers/ volunteers/ supporters from our churches and mosques/ people from the statutory agencies we deal with. All of us of many nationalities/ religions / cultures /backgrounds but all enjoying each other's company, having fun and of course (as always happens at our parties!!) sharing wonderful food from all over the world. Perhaps providing a glimpse of how the world could be if we all (governments' included) did things differently?

It is easy at times like this to put the difficulties facing our asylum seekers to the back of your mind. These occasions are like an oasis on the road across a hot and inhospitable desert, a break from reality, a place of respite, from the often hard realities of the situations most of our people are dealing with. We come together as an affirmation of our shared humanity and willingness to journey the road together. I am always filled with admiration for the courage and hope these young families and individuals have in their belief that here in Britain there is a better life round the corner – a safe place to put down roots and raise their children free from persecution and fear.

Of course none of what we do would be possible if we did not have such a willing and skilled volunteer team and the backing and support of our faith communities. If you would like to offer your time and skills as a volunteer please do get in touch. Until next month – we leave you with our usual request for your continued prayers for all our "new neighbours" here in Burnley.

Ruth Haygarth

Project manager: 07710 550 181; ruthie127@sky.com

SHARE FAITH SHARE FOOD (Women's Group)

@The Faith centre

Next Meeting Tuesday 23rd May, 7.10pm

Topic Preparing for Ramadan

Please contact Bea on 07875517043 or bea_foster@hotmail.com for queries and questions

Subscriptions

"the cornerstones on which peace is founded are, quite simply, respect and understanding for one another. Working together, we build peace by defending the dignity of every individual and community."

Her Majesty the Queen

We are the only organization, locally, that is dedicated to doing just this. Please help us to keep going, by making a donation for 2017/18

of £25 £35 £50 Other

Please make payable to 'Building Bridges Burnley'

They can be given, or sent to Diana Holden (Sec. BBB) Higher Reedley Barn, Reedley Drive, Burnley.BB10 2QR A receipt will be issued.

Thank you for thinking about us. Blessings to you all

Colin Wills BBB Chair

We thank all those who have already responded to our appeal.

BPRCVS Has A Brand New Facebook Page

(Burnley Pendle and Rossendale Council for Voluntary Service)

Search for "BPR CVS" on Facebook to find our new page. Go and check it out now. New content is uploaded all the time and it's a perfect place to find out what's happening at BPRCVS and in our communities.

Arts & Crafts Materials Wanted

Young Carers are kindly asking for donations of arts and crafts materials and supplies so that we can continue to keep delivering this activity. We're looking for everything from coloured paper and card, glitter and glue to pencils, pens and crayons, paints and paintbrushes as well as ribbons, plates, buttons, sequins and feathers. Any arts and crafts materials and supplies will be greatly appreciated.

Our next arts and crafts activity is making dream catchers which everyone is really looking forward to.

If you run an arts and crafts activity or group and can help even further by holding a session for free or at a low cost rates please get in touch with Young Carers on 01282 433740 Option 6. Alternatively email youngcarers@bprcv.co.uk we'd love to hear from you.

Come on ladies of all faiths. Spring cleaning is when you find things you no longer need or use

BBB Management Meeting

The next meeting of the Management Committee (Directors and Faith Leaders) is on

Tues 16th May, 6.30 pm Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre



Mozaquir and Talib at Sedbergh

