
May 2017 newsletter



All Different All Equal

We have changed our name!

Following a review of our work last year, funded by the Big Lottery Fund under their Capabilities Grant, Trustees agreed to change the name of our organisation from Human Rights & Equalities Charnwood to “**EQUALITY ACTION**”.

Please note our email and website have changed, email contact@equalityaction.org.uk and website (soon to go live) www.equalityaction.org.uk

Annual General Meeting and membership

Our Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 12th July 2017 at 7.30pm at John Storer Charnwood, John Storer House, Wards End, Loughborough. Please save this date in your diaries and papers will be sent in due course. Membership renewal forms have been sent out and we are very grateful to those individuals and organisations who have returned theirs. May we please urge those who haven't done so to return them as soon as possible. We value your support.

We are looking for new trustees

We are set to recruit three new Directors/Trustees.

We are a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. Our mission statement is to promote equality and diversity, dignity and respect through inclusion.

The new people will join an existing team of nine who are responsible for ensuring that we run effectively.

Justin O'Brien, Chair, says: “We have been through an exciting year with a review of our work and overall governance. This has included changing our name and rebranding. Our aims are to work towards eliminating discrimination, campaigning for equality of opportunity and promoting good relations among all persons in the Borough of Charnwood. We are looking forward to welcoming new recruits to our Board who will help us achieve our ambitious goals.”

We are keen to recruit people with backgrounds in organisational leadership and development, finance, fundraising and income generation, business development, and community development. Previous experience of charity involvement is not essential. We are particularly interested in recruiting an Assistant Treasurer who will work closely with our Treasurer on financial matters.

For more information or for an informal chat about becoming a Director/Trustee, please call Varsha Parmar on 01509 261651 or email to contact@equalityaction.org.uk We will send you a pack with more information to help you decide.

The closing date for applications is 5pm Monday 5th June 2017.

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Forthcoming events/dates for your diaries

Please see dates for forthcoming events (ours, and some external partners)

Health Fair - Tuesday 9th May 2017 at the Bangladesh Social Association, 26 Ferryman Road, Loughborough, LE11 1GF from 11am to 1pm.

The event is targeted at raising awareness of healthy eating in general but more particularly during Ramadan. We are working in partnership with Community Health & Learning Foundation (CHL) and Rosebery Pharmacy.

Harmony in our Multi - Faith Town *What Next?* - An open space conference organised by Loughborough Council of Faiths on Saturday 13th May at the Centre for Faith & Spirituality, Loughborough University, Leics LE11 3TU from 10am to 3pm (vegetarian lunch provided). Booking required please contact enq@lborofaiths.org.uk

Mela fundraising meal - Tuesday 16th May 2017 at 7pm at the Eastern Spice Restaurant, Leicester Road, Loughborough, Leics LE11 2AG. Those attending are requested to arrive between 7.00pm and 7.15pm with orders being taken shortly after.

The cost of the meal will be £15 per head, of which £5 will directly benefit the Mela. This will cover a platter of Starters, a choice of Main Courses, plus Ice Cream, Tea or Coffee to finish. For your convenience, payment will be collected on the night.

Please reserve your place(s) by replying to this e-mail, or by phoning 01509 822558 or 01509 261651 and leaving your name & a contact telephone number.

Report It - Wednesday 24th May 2017 at Fearon Hall, Rectory Road, Loughborough, Leics LE11 1PL from 1pm to 3pm.

We all know that hate incidents and hate crimes are under-reported, come to this event and find out more about reporting and support available

This event will also give you an opportunity to promote your work, find out what other projects and groups are doing in our locality and give you a chance to meet others. For more information please contact on (01509) 261651 or contact@equalityaction.org.uk

Picnic in the Park - Saturday 10th June 2017 from 12noon to 5pm at Queens Park, Granby Street, Loughborough. This event is organised by Charnwood Arts. The event is free to stall holders and the public and regularly attracts thousands of visitors throughout the day.

As a local organisation, community group or business, they would love you to join in the fun by applying for a stall to show off your work, run an activity, promote yourself or raise funds – and it's all completely free of charge!

Local performers are also welcome to apply to be part of the entertainment. They need buskers, jugglers, walk about entertainers, brass bands, Morris dancers, steel bands, acoustic groups, choirs and storytellers. Please contact Charnwood Arts for further information on 01509 822558 or email info@charnwood-arts.org.uk

Loughborough Council of Faiths AGM - Wednesday 28th June 2017 at 7.30pm at John Storer Charnwood, John Storer House, Wards End, Loughborough. Further information to follow.

Loughborough Mela - Sunday 13th August 2017 in Loughborough Market Place, (10am stalls, 12noon to 5pm entertainment) This is a community event and there is opportunity to have stalls, volunteer etc. Please contact us on loughboroughmela@gmail.com

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