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### **Dudley minorities volunteers recognised**

The Centre for Equality & Diversity presented a number of awards to volunteers from Dudley based Black and Asian voluntary organisations in an event held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June as part of Volunteers Week 2007.

The awards event was an opportunity to recognise the volunteer's contributions towards their community and their groups.

Balwinder Kaur of the Kushi Group said;

“It was the first time anyone has given me a certificate as recognition of my voluntary work.”



Balwinder Kaur of the Kushi Group receiving her certificate from Owen McFarlane, Senior Community Cohesion Advisor from the Centre for Equality & Diversity.

The Centre for Equality & Diversity anticipates that the Volunteer Awards will be an annual event.

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### ---NOTES FOR EDITORS---

- (i) The Centre for Equality & Diversity (CfED) is a newly constituted organisation developed from the Dudley Racial Equality Council (DREC).
- (ii) CfED is a company limited by guarantee (5745005) and a registered charity (91114821)
- (iii) An organisation at the heart of the Borough of Dudley and dedicated to:
  - (a) promoting the interest of all Black and Minority Ethnic communities
  - (b) building effective partnerships
  - (c) creating an environment in which all people in the Borough support equality and diversity, understand and appreciate the differences between individuals and communities.
  - (d) raising the profile of all six equality strands.