



PRESS RELEASE

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'UNSUNG HEROES'

The achievements of black and minority ethnic (BME) people will be celebrated at a prestigious ceremony in Dudley on Thursday 20 March 2008 at the Village Hotel. The event is being hosted by the Centre for Equality (CfED) who has given support and worked alongside the majority of BME organisations in the Borough. The awards aim to inspire and honour people from black and minority ethnic communities and to highlight the positive impact of the work they do in the Dudley Borough which often goes unnoticed.

Martyn Copus, Chair of CfED said:

“Our Awards evening creates an opportunity to focus on the outstanding contribution of special individuals in the Borough of Dudley. It is wonderful to see the unsung heroes of our BME communities receiving recognition for the invaluable work that they do. Everyone who collects an award or certificate deserves our applause, support and encouragement for their future success. “

The BME Community Awards covers six areas of accomplishment and award recipients have been chosen by a judging panel from nominations received from across the Borough. Winners will be awarded in six categories: Outstanding Student; Volunteer of the Year; Most Active Senior Citizen; Outstanding Services to the Community; Community Leadership and Community Fire Safety. A special award will also be presented to individuals in recognition of their lifetime service to community relations.

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Distinguished guests attending the event include The Mayor of Dudley, Cllr David Stanley; Sylvia Heal, MP and guest speaker Karen Chouhan, Chief Executive Officer of the 1990 Trust and Chair for the London Equalities Commission for the GLA.

For more information about this event and details of a photo opportunity call Coreen on 01384 456166. Information about the awards can also be found on our website, www.cfed.org.uk

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---NOTES FOR EDITORS---

- (i) CfED is a company limited by guarantee (5745005) and a registered charity (1114821)
- (ii) 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.