

## Press Release for Crescent Summer School Project 2011 (CSSP)



Guests & Young People at Event

The Crescent Summer School Project held a presentation evening along with Bangladesh Youth League Iftar event (Break of fast) at Crescent Hall, Dunstable Road, Luton on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at 6.30pm. The event was attended by 300 people including Mayor of Luton Cllr Don Wordling and other key dignitaries including Kelvin Hopkins

MP, Gavin Shuker MP, Robin Porter, Assistant Chief Executive, Luton Borough Council, High Sheriff of Bedfordshire, Mizanur Chaudry Chair of Council, Tower Hamlets Borough Council along with young people and their parents.

CSSP is an annual summer school project started back in 1990 and now the project is it's in 21<sup>st</sup> year. The project was created and nurtured by young people for young people. The CSSP is a young people led project from start to finish. Most of our volunteers were once participants.



Performance by Young People

The project works with young people aged 10 to 19 from the most disadvantaged background in the society. This year the project attracted more than 250 young people including, Bangladeshi, Pakistani and Somalian young people. The project was based in Denbigh High School and at CYCD.

The Project works in Partnership with Luton Borough Council and with other voluntary and community organisations to fulfil its aims and objectives.



Young People, Staff & Volunteers with Guest

This year activities included day trip to Alton Towers, workshop on illegal drugs, Fearless, beauty and hairdressing. Other activities included indoor and outdoor sports activities including, five a side football, cricket, rounders, kabadi, table tennis and carom board.

Young people from CSSP and volunteers organised a fun day at CYCD and raised £278.50 for Luton and Dunstable Hospital Cardiac Centre Appeal. Young people wanted to contribute something positive in the local community.

The presentation evening programme included performance by young people, trophies and certificates was given out to competition winners.

CSSP boys' coordinator Abdul Halim said "those who attend the crescent summer school project are generally from the most deprived area of Luton in terms of unemployment, overcrowded housing, lack of community and recreational facilities, crime and illicit drugs use and low achievement in schools"

CSSP girls' coordinator Shabina Khanam said "we are one of the unique summer school project in Luton that provides girls only summer youth provision".