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# Equality Matters

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## Special points of interest:

- SREC Needs Your Support to prevent closure
- Popular Conference on Equality & Human Rights
- Membership drive in the SREC Vehicle
- Volunteer Recruitment
- Have Your say on what you think of the Equality Matters Newsletter and SREC's Future Plans

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## SREC's First Equality & Human Rights Conference 2009

The Sheffield Racial Equality Council (SREC) are proud to present their first conference on Equality & Human Rights.

To take place on Friday 6th March 2009 at the Mega Centre Bernard Road Sheffield from 9:30am to 3pm.

**To request a booking form please contact the SREC Office at Units 112—114 SYAC Business Centre, The Wicker Sheffield S3 8JD Tel: 0114 272 0012 or email admin@sheffieldrec.co.uk**

There are limited places so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Guest Speakers, question and answer session, workshops, stalls and lunch will be provided. Everyone is Welcome this is a FREE event



The conference will provide you with an opportunity to:

Receive up to date information on equality and human rights by the Equality &

Human Rights Commission (EHRC) and an opportunity for you to give your feed-

Receive information on Sheffield First Partnership's Strategy for Community

Cohesion and an opportunity to feedback, Facilitate or attend various Workshops

Manage an information stall and raise the profile of your organisation and service

Network with key organisations and Individuals from different racial and cultural backgrounds

ages and abilities. Raise awareness and increase understanding of equality issues and your organisation's service provision Come & meet the new SREC Manager Aisha Special K

**Mr Mohammed Nazir OBE (SREC Chair) has served on the SREC Board for the last 41 years since 1968. What a great achievement!**

## Sheffield Racial Equality Council Funding At Stake after 42 years



Sheffield Racial Equality Council is a registered charity that faces closure after a Sheffield City Council officer decided not to fund SREC from May 2009. SREC was established 42 years ago in response to the "No Wogs, No Dogs & No Paddies Welcome" posters displayed within windows in the 1960's

The Race Relations Act 1976 made it unlawful to discriminate against anyone due to the colour of their skin or ethnic origin

After the brutal racist attack that killed Stephen Lawrence on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1993 and his Inquiry report was finalised this led to the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000, in which, the UK Parliament

out-lawed discrimination in public functions not previously covered. The UK Parliament placed a statutory duty on all public authorities to promote race equality in carrying out their functions, to avoid race discrimination before it arises.

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SREC Provides a  
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Discrimination  
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£1 to support  
the SREC  
Charity to  
fundraise

The Raffle  
Draw will take  
place at the  
SREC—E&HR  
Conference  
2pm on Friday  
6th March 2009

SHREK  
has a  
good  
heart and  
wants  
everyone  
to support  
the charity  
through  
hard times



# SREC Funding At Stake

Continued from front-page—SREC 1967 to 2009

After 42 years of the Sheffield Racial Equality Council providing an excellent quality service to individuals experiencing discrimination. In 2008, SREC was awarded the Community Legal Service Quality Mark for the outstanding confidential and free service it provides to individuals.

SREC has nearly 200 affiliated organisation and individual members who are very upset at the

risk of losing their umbrella organisation. One member expressed his view "This is just typical of the SCC, have they consulted with the people of Sheffield? No like usual, I thought the Lib Dems would know better than to get rid of a specialist Anti discriminatory service at a time when the BNP activity and racist incidents are on the increase. The decision not to continue funding SREC has truly surprised

me, after all SCC's talk about Equality & Community Cohesion I thought we were finally getting somewhere"

To help save SREC Please write to your support letters to: **Evelyn Milne and C/c to MPs, Councilors and the Leader of SCC at: Town Hall Pinstone St Sheffield S1 2HH or alternatively send to the SREC office and they will forward them on.**

## 5FT Garfield is a Raffle Prize

**Garfield was donated by BPB from Hallam FM. It's all for a good cause!** Come on, don't be a scrooge! ONLY £1 a Ticket



To buy your raffle tickets please visit the SREC office or SYAC business Centre Reception

Alternatively you can buy your tickets at the E&HR Conference (See front page).

The raffle will be drawn at the E&HR Conference On Friday 6th March 2009 at 2pm sharp. The winner/s will be notified by phone and confirmed via post within 7 days of the draw

"I just love that cat"

## DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOME

There is an uncertain and most definitely a challenging future ahead for SREC.

We are appealing to the generous people of South Yorkshire to make

a donation to help Sheffield Racial Equality Council.

Donation cheques and postal orders can be sent to the SREC Office at: Units 112—114 SYAC Business Centre 120 The Wicker Sheffield S3 8JD

WHY NOY set up a direct debit for an amount that you are happy with, this could be as little as £2 per month. Contact the SREC office for details. SREC is a registered Charity No: 1112134 and Company Limited by Guarantee No: 5364392 Receipts will be provided.

# Membership Drive



SREC is currently delivering a membership drive to encourage more people from different racial backgrounds

to become members of the charity. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a member, please contact the SREC office on 0114 2720012 or email [admin@sheffieldrec.co.uk](mailto:admin@sheffieldrec.co.uk)

To request a Membership Pack that consists of a membership form, Memorandum & Articles of Association, Background History, Case-work Poster and information on SREC's Aims and Objectives.

SREC membership is open to all who live and/or work within South Yorkshire. SREC discrimination service is open to all people black or white.

One of SREC's strengths is bringing people from different racial backgrounds together to share experiences, information and examples of good practice, also to raise awareness and understanding of key issues that affect people in society.

**We are All the Equal Citizens of this One World and We All have a responsibility to make Our world a better place for All**

**Congratulations to Barack Obama on his success & inspiring the human race**

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## Valuable Volunteers

SREC is now recruiting volunteers to work in it's vibrant office on the Wicker.

If you feel you have the time (One day a week), skills, qualities and ability to work as part of a friendly delivery team please contact the SREC office on: 0114 2720012 or email: [admin@sheffieldrec.co.uk](mailto:admin@sheffieldrec.co.uk)

For an informal chat about becoming a volunteer ask for Aisha the SREC Manager.

An induction and training programme will be provided.

We may be able to support you into part or full time employment and provide you with a reference.

We welcome volunteers of different ages, abilities, gen-

ders and racial and cultural backgrounds. We believe that everyone has something they can contribute positively to society.

Learn new things and make new friends, give us a ring today on 0114 2720012

And become one of our 'valued' volunteers

## Future Plans, Let us know what you think!

Even though the future of SREC is unsure at the moment, we still have to plan towards developing a stronger future for us All.

In early 2009, SREC plans to develop a dedicated website providing you with a wealth of information, facts and statistics, the website address is [www.sheffieldrec.co.uk](http://www.sheffieldrec.co.uk)

Please feedback to us about what you think of your first Equality Matters Newsletter, what would you like to see in the next issue?, a letters page?, events calendar?, discrimination case studies? or a young people's section?. You choose.

Also later in the year SREC will be organising networking

and social events for members aimed at bringing together people from diverse racial backgrounds, faiths, sexualities and ages etc

Different educational programmes will be developed aims at increasing awareness & understanding of Equality & Human Rights

It's All Good!



**People of Sheffield protest to show solidarity in support of GAZA**



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**Useful Contact Numbers for you to keep for future reference**

- Police Emergency 999
- Police Non Emergency 0114 2202020
- Victim Support 0845 3030 900
- Citizens Advice Bureau 0114 275 5376
- Sheffield Law Centre 0114 273 1888
- Northern Refugee Centre 0114 241 2731
- Sheffield Homes 0114 293 0000
- Fire & Rescue Service 0114 253 2262
- Sheffield Primary Care Trust 0114 3051084
- Children & Young People Directorate 0114 93 0883
- Sheffield Futures 0114 201 2800
- Equality & Human Rights Commission 0113 341 2694

# Health Matters



Health Matters in Burngreave is a new partnership initiative between Burngreave New Deal for Communities and Primary Care Trust. The Health Matters Project is based on Spital Hill and provides a 'One Stop Shop' for all your healthy Lifestyle needs.

Whether you want personal health information, advice, to eat more healthier, take more exercise, stop smoking or just meet with other people who want to improve their quality of life, contact the Health Matters Staff Team on 0114 2920464 or [health.matters@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:health.matters@hotmail.co.uk) We are open Mon—Fri 9am—5pm

Call in for a chat with the Health Matters team, we're here for you

## Don't Suffer In Silence

Sheffield Racial Equality Council provides a free and confidential anti discriminatory support service

If you or anyone you know is experiencing discrimination and would like free impartial advice, please contact Sheffield Racial Equality Council on Tel: 0114 272 0012 or email [admin@sheffieldrec.co.uk](mailto:admin@sheffieldrec.co.uk) to make an appointment

We are here to help you, please do not suffer in silence.

We can provide you with information and advice on how best to deal with your situation.

Our friendly caseworker Almerita is more than happy to discuss your situation over the phone or arrange an ap-

pointment with you.

SREC is providing regular drop ins and one to one surgeries within communities throughout the City, Please call to find out where you can visit her

SREC takes a ZERO tolerance approach toward eliminating discrimi-



Meeting & Training Room Hire from £10 per hour For Booking Form ring 0114 2720012 or [admin@sheffieldrec.co.uk](mailto:admin@sheffieldrec.co.uk)

Community Legal Service



Quality Mark



**Membership and service provision is open to All people black & white. Working together towards the future elimination of discrimination**