

International Day Event at the FACE Centre Glasgote Heath

A community event celebrating culture around the globe was held at the FACE on Friday March 26 2010.

The event was jointly organised by Stuart Etheridge from the Community Development Team and Yvonne Timson - FACE Centre Coordinator, with support from local partners and residents.

Local people and Oakhill Primary School pupils took part in cookery demonstrations, dancing and learned about different cultures from across the world.

Cookery demonstrations for year 4, 5 and 6 pupils were a highlight and everyone got the chance to sample the delicious French burgeon, spicy Indian vegetarian curry and foods from Poland, Southern Ireland, China and Italy. The Caribbean and Greek demonstrations were especially fun with children helping to prepare dishes while learning all about the country's traditional foods.

Activities included Bollywood dancing, which was particularly popular with all the children who eagerly got involved with the dance routines. There was also a chance to win prizes by taking part in quiz activities including pairing French and English words together, along with correctly naming the flags of different countries.

One parent was delighted when her son tried Caribbean food for the first time. She said that she had found it very difficult to get him to try new foods at home.

Yvonne Timson FACE Centre Coordinator said "The feedback has been exceptionally positive and we hope to be holding more events like this in the future. Bringing the community together to share experiences has proved to be extremely worthwhile".