

Asian Youth Movement

c/o 87, The Wicker, Sheffield 3

MINUTES : 7th JULY 1983.

1. PREMISES.

The Asian Youth Cultural Project is necessary because:

Aims

- a) Unemployment and social tension is increasing especially amongst black people;
- b) There are no facilities for unemployed Asian youth, who don't feel at ease in existing youth clubs;
- c) There is no Asian cultural centre for the community in Sheffield;
- d) Unemployed Asian youth at the moment hang around cafes etc. full of frustration and energy to be released, the kind of situation that could explode.
- e) The AYCP can begin to alleviate some of the social problems caused by unemployment and provide a much needed centre, in which Asian people can organise social, cultural activities and festivals.

It was also suggested we have photographic, theatre group and musical workshop.

Things to be done:

- a) The application form needs to be charged accordingly in light of the Thursday's meeting (City Council Urban Aid meeting).
- b) A list needs to be drawn up of individuals and organisations to be lobbied in support of AYCP. It was suggested that the support needs to be in a written form.
- c) It was also suggested that a suitable building needs to be found, preferably owned by the council in Netheredge, Burngreave area.
- d) A suggestion was made to have voluntary advice on:
 - i) welfare benefits;
 - ii) Helping youth with job interviews and developing skills in this area.

2) Setting up a Newham 8 support group in Sheffield.

"Newam 8" - Asian youth arrested on charges of conspiracy for defending Asian children from fascist attacks.

It was felt that the Asian Youth Movement have a duty in giving maximum support to our 8 brothers. In light of this the AYM is to set up a support group, who will organise and coordinate work in raising support for the forth coming trial of the Newham 8.

Five volunteers came forward to organise the support group. The first aim of the 5 was for them to familiarise themselves with Newham 8 and previous fascist attacks on the community, in order to address public meetings etc... in order to draw them into the support group.

Newham 8 responsibilities:

- a) List to be drawn up of individuals and antiracist organisations;
- b) Letter to be drafted and sent to antiracist organisations in the city;

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- c) Phoning the national Newham 8 support group, informing them of our establishing a Newham 8 support group in Sheffield and of our intended activities. Asking for leaflets, posters, speakers and to continue dialogue.
- d) Setting a date for an initial meeting of the support group and establishing the posts of Secretary, Treasurer. Getting the group to set up a date for a public meeting.

Although white antiracist organisations are invited to participate in the activities of the support group, members of the AYM will determine the political direction in Sheffield.

The 5 will meet on Saturday, 9th July 1983, at Common Ground to organise the above activities.

3) Sharrow Festival : 22nd July 1983.

On the 22nd of July various events are being organised by a group of "liberal community workers" and a "theme of combating racism"!!

We have accepted to put on a bookstall, photographic exhibition and in the evening a workshop around the theme of the struggle of the Asian community here in Britain.

Ram was designated to get a bookstall together for the occasion. Volunteers to man the bookstall are required.

All those interested in AYM activities in the Sharrow festival will meet on Saturday 12.00 Common Ground to organise the various activities.

4) Treasure's Report.

Jamil gave an update treasure's report with the present bank balance at £250.

5) Deportation Report Back.

Ranjit reported briefly on 3 cases at present, he will bring specific details at the next meeting from SCAIL's uptake of one of these cases.

6) Next AYM meeting is to be held at Common Ground, 14th of July 1983.
