

Get stuck in mayor tells Asian youth

TO SEE a black Prime Minister is one of the ambitions of Luton's Labour Mayor, Cllr Mick Guha.

● Honour for head mistress Yasmin Bevan and mayor Mick Guha

Cllr Guha, Luton's first ethnic mayor, told an audience of Bengalis at a celebration dinner of his ambitions for youngsters.

He told them that the sky was the limit for them provided they were willing to get involved and work hard in Britain.

"You have to get involved, not sit on the fence. Sitting on the fence is a most uncomfortable position anyway," he told them.

While he might not see a black Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street in his lifetime, he said, he hoped it was possible for the next generation.

Cllr Guha was one of the guests of honour at a special dinner organised by the Bengali community.

It was held at the Simla Tandoori Restaurant in Upper Wellington Street on Monday as a tribute to the achievements of Cllr Guha and the new head of Denbigh High School, Yasmin Bevan.

Achievements

Cllr Guha also recalled that when he first became a councillor he was often approached by car park attendants at the town hall who tried to move him on because they didn't realise who he was.

But in her speech Mrs Bevan also emphasised that great achievements were possible for ethnic youngsters.

There was no reason she said why they should not "reach for the stars."

The evening was arranged by The Mitalee Youth Association (Luton).

Diners were told of the hard work the association has done and that it is hoped for a week-long festival of events to be staged in the summer.

Cater course

BUDDING chefs and waiting staff are being offered a chance to learn the business by Mitalee Youth Association.

A 10- to 12-week course is being set up free for unemployed people and students who are interested in the catering trade.

The course will include a week's work experience, and the club will try to get its students jobs at the end.

Anyone interested should write to Ashuk Ahamd at 37 Westbourne Road, Luton, Beds, LU4 8JD.

Asian drug awareness

A NEW drug awareness project, which will produce leaflets and newsletters in various Asian languages is to be launched.

The Mitalee Youth Association is promoting drug awareness day at

Denbigh High school on December 10 and there will be a short drama on drugs and its effects.

Entrance to the play is free and more information on the project is available on 01582 25029.