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LUTON filmmakers are on the hunt for bodies to feature in a movie about knife and gang culture.

Of course, the bodies should be of the living and breathing variety and happy to pull their own weight during the nine-month shooting schedule.

But professional actors are not required for this ambitious, feature-length project to be screened next year with the title *The Blade*.

The film is being made by Mitalae Youth Association, under the production company banner Sky Visual, and follows the success of their last project *The Cage*.

In this latest venture into movies the makers hope to highlight the serious issues surrounding a growing knife and gang culture among young people.

The film will be shown at schools, colleges, on TV and, if successful in securing extra funding, transferred on to 35mm for the big screen.

Mitalae's Ashuk Ahmed said the plan in making the film was to bring young people together from different community backgrounds in

# Look sharp to star in Blade film

Luton. It will give an opportunity to local talented young people to perform in a broad-cast quality film production and at the same time raise awareness on the issues that the film will highlight," he said. It will also give opportunities to other young people

to shadow professional technical crew and gain various skills in film production."

Key roles in the film have already been filled but the makers are still on the lookout for 13- to 15-year-olds for smaller parts and a white European between 25 and 30.

Ashuk added: "It should take eight or nine months to finish but that doesn't mean people have to be committed for that long - we have to fit in with people's schedules."  
 Anyone interested should call Ashuk on 07836 702863 or email skyvisual@gmail.com.

## Beware cardboard comman

**BEWARE** of the bogus door-to-door collector with a painted cardboard box and a badge that says he works for a national children's charity.

That's the warning from a Harlington home owner who believes she was stung by a phoney fundraiser.

The woman became suspicious of the man in his 30s when he arrived at her door carrying what seemed to be a home-made unsealed box with the collected money on display. The man had a badge with a photo and the name of

Save The Children UK printed on it and so the home owner gave the man £1.

After he walked away she thought that something was not quite right and decided to make some enquiries with the charity.

It told her that it only held door-to-door fundraisers during Save The Children Week at the end of April and that sealed boxes were always used for collections.

They confirmed that the man must be bogus and warned people to be alert.

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