

Berneslai Homes has been active amongst the Barnsley community this year, getting involved with exciting community events.

After the successful Refugee Family Fun Day and the Taste of Africa, we took part in the Taste of Cultural Diversity in the Town Hall.

## Taste of Cultural Diversity



This event brings together over 18 Community Groups, many of who provide their own authentic cuisine to delight the taste buds of Barnsley folk!

From Beef Stew to Prawn Crackers, Rabbit Pie to Curry, the diverse food on offer was greatly appreciated, and of course, we had plenty of vegetarian food on offer, as well as pork pies and sausage rolls.

We were also entertained with music and performances through out the day, including the Chinese Lion dance, Irish dancing and African drumming workshops.

Many Barnsley organisations were present with information for the 2,000 plus people who graced the event this year.

## Holocaust Memorial Event

Following a successful Holocaust Memorial Event in 2007, Berneslai Homes has been working closely with the Council's Safer Communities Partnership to run and co-host the 2008 event.



This year, we are holding the event in the Lamproom theatre, and it will be a moving and compelling experience.

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) aims to commemorate, to educate and to prompt action in the UK. HMD commemorates the lives of those lost in the Holocaust; as a result of Nazi persecution and in more recent genocides. It prompts action in the UK highlighting the continuing dangers of racism, anti-semitism and all forms of discrimination.

Barnsley's event will take place on 18 January 2008, at 7.00 pm, at the Lamproom Theatre.



## Helping all our customers

We know some of our customers have specific needs when we are communicating with them, and we are gradually improving our services with this in mind.

One of our long term projects is to help our staff learn British Sign Language, which is the main form of communication for quite a few of our Deaf customers.

British Sign Language is recognised as the 4th UK language, and has its own regional 'dialects'!

It takes a long time to become fluent, so some of our staff have been learning it for over 2 years.

Until our own staff are fluent in British Sign Language, we provide interpreters to help us communicate.

If you need us to communicate with you in a different way, please let us know – we will do our best to help. Please contact Diane Weston, Equality and Diversity Manager on Tel: 772755 or email: [dianeweston@berneslaihomes.co.uk](mailto:dianeweston@berneslaihomes.co.uk)