

Southend Community-in-Harmony Partnership's Big Event: Sunday 21st June 2009

SCHP held its annual fun event at Southend High School for Boys on 21st June and this again proved a very popular occasion with the Southend Community with over 3000 attending during the day. The Forum was well represented as many members either took stalls or provided food outlets. Information about Southend Ethnic Minority Forum was freely accessible in the main reception marquee and some attendees even took the opportunity to renew their subscriptions for the year!

The event, the sixth in a row, but the biggest to date, was opened by Councillor Gwen Horrigan, the immediate past mayor, and was blessed with good weather throughout the day. Everyone had a great time not only enjoying the musical entertainment which was very varied, but also the local organisations' stalls in the marquees, which were both interesting and informative, as well as the attractions aimed at the youngsters - several bouncy castles and a highly competitive 5-a-side football tournament! Also, Essex Police whose part-sponsorship of the event was invaluable, put on a good show with dogs and a helicopter flypast.

Congratulations SCHP – we hope to join you again next year!

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