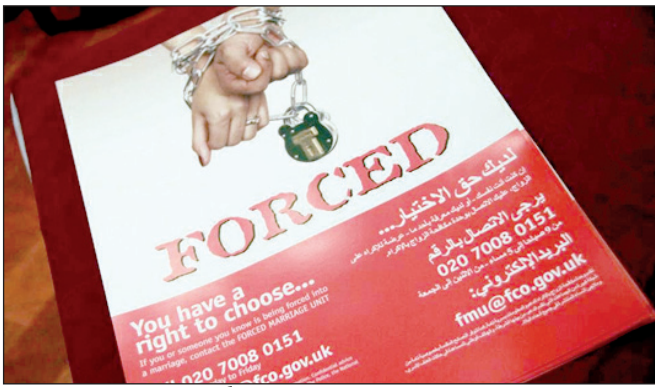


# Women get it right road show



**SLOUGH:** On Thursday November 22nd in Haveli Restaurant in Slough, Women Empowered in conjunction with Jeena International, and as part of a Sewa Day initiative, held a free "Women Get it Right" Road Show.

The drop in event attracted 120 diverse women. Here those who needed could find legal advice, could talk with counsellors, get career advice or hear about the local amenities available to them.

The event sought to raise awareness for issues that many who need assistance would normally feel uncomfortable asking for.

The busy open day had free initial advice on legal issues and solicitors available to offer guidance on family, criminal and immigration law in the UK and representatives from the UK Border Agency were present along with solicitors from law firm Cameron Clark.

Financial benefit advice was available from Destiny Support a community based



organisation in Slough. Slough Volunteer Centre were particularly targeting women who wanted to increase their skills to update their CV's or for those who have never worked.

Representatives from the Forced Marriage Unit and UKBA attended amongst others to raise awareness about ones rights in the UK and to offer advice in how to become involved in the democratic process along with what protection is available under UK and EU law to those affected

by this issue.

The British Army offered advice on job opportunities within the Army.

The event, which included a free lunch, gave women a place to meet, talk and learn more about their rights in the UK as well as raise awareness on issues that still remain taboo in certain communities.

Jeena International is dedicated to working with communities to challenge

social norms that discriminate against the most vulnerable in society and is hoping to launch a 24 hour helpline in the new year. Women Empowered presented Jeena International with a cheque for £1080 which it had raised during a fundraiser lunch earlier this month which was held at Indigo Restaurant in Gerrards Cross. The money will be doubled to £2160 through a local "Just Giving" initiative. <http://localgiving.com/charity/berkshirecf>

The Women Get it Right Road Show is hoped to be repeated in 2013 in Southall and Kenton. More information can be found at [www.womenempowered.co.uk](http://www.womenempowered.co.uk) or [www.jeenainternational.org](http://www.jeenainternational.org). The Next Free open day event will be held on the 7th March 'Health Road Show' at Haveli in Slough which includes information and advice on mental health and sexual health.



# Yasmin Sheikh attends book launch at Ascot



**ASCOT:** Dr. Yasmin Sheikh attended the launch of a book called 'Life is a lesson', written by Jamilla Govani at the Pavilion Suite, Ascot Racecourse, Ascot, Berkshire.

It was a vibrant and full of various events in the late hours of the night. Nearly 600 guests who celebrated the incredible life experience of the writer's life starting from her childhood from Uganda at an early age and moved to UK, when Idi Amin expelled the Asians in 1972.

The book describes about her visit to her old school in

Uganda after a massive illness and how she was reduced to tears to see the undesirable conditions that the children were going through. So she promised to help the school's building and facilities for the 700 students.

In the above photograph from right to left is the Headteacher of the Masindi school in Uganda. Next to him is the worshipful Mayor of The Royal Borough Windsor & Maidenhead. Next to him is Jamilla Govani and then is Dr. Yasmin Sheikh MBE and other distinguished guests.

# London delegation visits Ho Chi Minh City

**HO CHI MINH CITY:** Ho Chi Minh was a Vietnamese Communist revolutionary leader who was prime minister (1945-1955) and president (1945-1969) of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam). He was a key figure in the foundation of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in 1945, as well as the People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) and the Viet Cong (NLF or VC) during the Vietnam War.

He led the Viet Minh independence movement from 1941 onward, establishing the communist-ruled Democratic Republic of Vietnam in 1945 and defeating the French Union in 1954 at battle of Dien Bien Phu. He officially stepped down from power in 1955 due to health problems, but remained a highly visible figurehead and inspiration for Vietnamese fighting for his cause - a united, communist Vietnam - until his death. After the war, Saigon, capital of the Republic of Vietnam, was renamed Ho Chi Minh City.

He was born in Vietnam in 1890. His father, Nguyen Sinh Huy was a teacher employed by the French. He had a reputation for being extremely intelligent but his unwillingness to learn the French language resulted in the loss of his job. To survive, Nguyen Sinh Huy was forced to travel throughout Vietnam, offering his services to the peasants. This usually involved writing letters and providing

medical care.

As a nationalist, Nguyen taught his children to resist the rule of the French. Not surprisingly, they all grew up to be committed nationalists willing to fight for Vietnamese independence.

Ho Chi Minh's sister obtained employment working with the French Army. She used this position to steal weapons that she hoped one day would be used to drive the French out of Vietnam. She was eventually caught and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Although he had refused to learn French himself, Nguyen decided to send Ho to a French school. He was now of the opinion that it would help him prepare for the forthcoming struggle against the French.

After his studies. Ho was, for a short period, a school teacher. He then decided to become a sailor. This enabled him to travel to many different countries. This included several countries that were part of the French Empire. In doing so, Ho learnt that the Vietnamese were not the only people suffering from exploitation.

Ho finally settled in Paris in 1917. Here he read books by Karl Marx and other left-wing writers and eventually he became convinced to communism. When in December, 1920 the French Communist Party was formed. Ho became one of its founder members.



**HO CHI MINH CITY:** A delegation of UKPCCI and LSCC recently visited Ho Chi Minh City and visited the national museum. Prominent businessman Iqram Khan, a member of the delegation posing in the same style of his 'hero'. (A detailed news of the visit on page 23)

# Pakistan favourite to win India series; says Inzamam



**ISLAMABAD:** Former Pakistan Test captain Inzamamul Haq has rated Pakistan as favourites to win the forthcoming limited-overs series against India. Moreover, he calls for consistent selections of young Pakistan batsmen - Azhar Ali, Asad Shafiq and Umar Akmal - and has shown interest in the coaching job. He expressed these views talking to German Radio DW at his residence in Lahore.

Inzamam, who was the last Pakistan captain to win a Test and ODI series against India, spoke highly of Pakistan bowling attack. "I feel the current

Pakistan team have the most formidable bowling attack I have seen for some time. The bowlers play a huge role in wins. Our spin attack, in Saeed Ajmal, Shahid Afridi, Mohammad Hafeez, Raza Hassan, is extremely good. In pacers, we have Umar Gul. It's a quite balanced attack. So we have more chances of winning," he maintained.

The 42-year old Inzamam, who announced his retirement from International in 2007, has termed the current corps of batsmen a solution for Pakistan's shortcomings regarding batting. "If the youngsters - Azhar Ali

and Asad Shafiq - are given more chances, I reckon our batting would become balanced too. They are extremely good, have good technique, and know how to play the strokes. I feel, chances they deserved were not provided to them. You played Asad in a big tournament, World Cup 2011, and then he was dropped, never mind he performed well in the World Cup. Such talented boys should be persisted with, the captain and coach must give them confidence. Asad has the guts of becoming world class batsman," he added.

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