



Press Release

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Ladies Indulgence Day in aid of Mayday Trust and the Benn Partnership Centre: Saturday 25 November, 10am – 4pm

Rugby residents are invited to indulge themselves later this month – and it's all in aid of charity! Treatments on offer will include Indian head massage, reflexology and eyebrow threading. There will also be a wide variety of crafts and gifts including: floristry, Virgin Vie make-up, international foods, charity Christmas cards and hand-made jewellery.

The event, a collaboration between Mayday Trust and the Benn Partnership Centre, is a great opportunity for both organisations to raise their profiles as well as much-needed funds. Although the two charities work with different client-groups (Benn Partnership Centre supporting over twenty different ethnic groups and Mayday supporting vulnerable people, from all walks of life) the two organisations share similar philosophies. Both work with marginalised groups; helping them to integrate within their local community.

Mayday Trust is a local registered charity, which provides temporary supported accommodation and life-skills training for vulnerable adults. The Trust was set-up in 1979 and now runs nine Projects across Warwickshire, Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire. Last year the Trust supported over 500 people on their route towards greater independence. The Trust operates two Schemes in Rugby: *The Rugby Project* opened in 1984, supporting anyone who finds it difficult to manage with day-to-day living. *Future tracks*, opened in 1986, and supports adults with learning difficulties and epilepsy towards independence.

The Benn Partnership Centre works to educate and enable the community by providing a multicultural environment where people can meet, learn, participate and develop. The Centre supports people of all ages, from babies to pensioners.

Funds raised from the event will allow Mayday to provide Christmas meals and modest gifts for its 53 Rugby residents and help the Benn Partnership Centre open its doors on Christmas Day. The Centre will be offering a warm meal and welcoming atmosphere to anyone without family and friends, regardless of their ethnicity.

Lisa Carey, Fundraising Manager for Mayday Trust said: "Mayday Trust and the Benn Partnership Centre have worked together for a number years. Our residents have taken part in a variety of courses at the Centre. The Indulgence Day is a chance for our two charities to build on this partnership and give something back to the community."

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