

School children learn the art of friendship

Children from across the borough gathered at Parlaunt Park Primary School in February to attend a community cohesion conference organised by Aik Saath.

Pupils at the school were joined by children from Western House School, Colnbrook C of E Primary School, Ryvers Primary School and Penn Wood Primary School to take part in a variety of activities aimed at encouraging friendship.

Aik Saath was set up more than 10 years ago with the aim of promoting peace and racial harmony in Slough and runs a strong programme of events in local schools.

Eighty-five children, aged between seven and 11, took part in the conference which involved a variety of activities, including conflict resolution training and hip-hop poetry.

One of the most popular activities on the day involved making cards to celebrate friendship.

The children made more than one hundred cards which will be sold at various events to raise money for a school in Yirga Alem in Ethiopia.

Fundraising activities in Slough coordinated by Aik Saath have already raised nearly £1,000 for the school.

Asad Sadiq, schools officer for Aik Saath, said: "The event was hugely successful and many of the young people taking part left with new friends and skills to support other children in their schools.

"Hopefully this will lead to a more cohesive community in the future."

