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## **Time to celebrate our celebrations with Festival of Festivals**

Tuesday 20 January will see the launch of Peterborough's Festival of Festivals 2009 calendar of events, highlighting the diverse and vibrant celebrations that occur in our city throughout the year. Such events embrace a whole variety of celebrations and occasions, which focus on the environment, arts, community, culture, history, faith and many more.

The ambition is that the variety of festivals are seen as part of the overall culture of Peterborough and are not linked to just one community or group, but part of the common culture of us all. The calendar aims to help do this through increasing positive interaction and mutual understanding between communities.

Jawaid Khan, Peterborough's Cohesion Manager said, "Peterborough is a diverse and vibrant city with residents from many different cultural backgrounds. We are keen to celebrate this unique cultural heritage. We have produced a calendar of events which highlights some of the festivities marking diversity of cultures and traditions in Peterborough, which can be shared with all of the Peterborough community."

Gillian Beasley, Chief Executive of Peterborough City Council and Chair of the Greater Peterborough Partnership Executive will be launching the 2009 calendar, following a Citizenship Ceremony welcoming new British citizens to Peterborough at Town Hall. The ceremony is arranged by Peterborough Register Office, which manages applications for citizenship.

The Festival of Festivals calendar and posters will be widely available across the city. More information can be found on the GPP's website, [www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk](http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk). Any other festival or event organisers who would wish to include their events in the 2009 Festival of Festivals calendar are welcome to contact Sue Rampal ([sue.rampal@gpp-peterborough.org.uk](mailto:sue.rampal@gpp-peterborough.org.uk) or 01733-865042)

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**Notes to editors**

- You are invited to send a photographer and/or journalist to **Peterborough Town Hall, Bridge Street, Peterborough on Tuesday 20 January at 3pm** to attend the launch of the Festival of Festivals 2009 calendar.
- For more information on the Greater Peterborough Partnership visit [www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk](http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk)
- The 'Festival of Festivals' initiative, is supported by the Greater Peterborough Partnership's Cohesion Board, aiming to promote the wide variety of events open to all in Peterborough and to encourage interaction and understanding between communities, through building a yearlong programme of events which are supported by a programme of marketing initiatives.