

## INAUGURAL MEETING

of the

## HOUNSLOW-RAMALLAH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Date - **6.30pm, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010.**

At - **The Millennium Hall, St Mary's Parish Centre, Osterley Road, ISLEWORTH, Middx., TW7 4PW.**

(Directions - St Mary's Church can be accessed directly from the westbound carriageway of the A4 Great West Road by turning left at the junction with Osterley Road. If travelling on the eastbound carriageway towards London, turn right at the Thornbury Rd traffic lights and then take the first turning left to access Osterley Rd. The nearest London Underground station is Osterley, which is on the Piccadilly line, and is less than 1 km to the west of the church. The nearest rail station is Isleworth, which is less than 1 km to the south east. The Great West Road is on the H91 bus route.)

Please join us in getting one step closer to reviving the historic twinning link between Hounslow and Ramallah. Your support is very much needed.

We are especially pleased to report that His Excellency Professor Manuel Hassassian, the Palestinian Ambassador, has accepted our invitation to attend the meeting.

An important item of business on the 15<sup>th</sup> will be to formally constitute the Association and to elect/form a management Committee. There will also be an opportunity to hear more about the background and aims of the revived twinning, ask questions, and meet other supporters.

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The London Borough of Hounslow has been twinned with the city of Ramallah since the 1980s. 'Hounslow-Ramallah' holds the proud distinction of being the only twinning link with a Palestinian town or city in the whole of England to have been officially constituted at Local Authority level.

The relationship has been dormant for a number of years, so in recognition of the potential benefit to both communities, a group of individuals last year formed a 'steering group' to encourage the revival of active relations. The level of support and encouragement received from schools, cultural, community and sporting organisations, and faith groups of all denominations from across the Borough has been tremendous.

The aims of the new twinning Association are to promote and foster the development of friendship and understanding between the people of Hounslow and Ramallah.

The Association intends to do this through the exchange of messages and other forms of communication on behalf of the two communities, and also through assisting in the setting up of educational programmes and cultural and recreational exchanges between people of all ages in Hounslow and their counterparts in Ramallah.

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We hope you will feel that a revival of links with Ramallah will bring benefit and that you will show your support by joining us as we take this valuable initiative forward.

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