

## **New Heritage Project documents the historical roots of Somalis in Liverpool**

Granby Somali Women's Group (GSWG) is excited to launch the 'Understanding & Celebrating Our Roots' heritage project and website this month. To mark this occasion, a launch event will take place on Thursday, 20th January 2011 at Crawford House, Liverpool.

The launch of the project in Liverpool 8, in the heart of the Somali community, will provide a cultural showcase through food, dance and music. The charity sees this occasion as a celebration and aims to invite local Somalis as well as the wider community of Liverpool to share in this experience.

The heritage project will be the first of its kind to document the rich historical links between the generation of Somalis who travelled from Somaliland to Liverpool in the 1950s. The images and sound recordings from this project will be available to the public through the GSWG charity website (from 20th January 2011 onwards). The resources collected will help depict life in the 1950's and 1960's when Somaliland was a British protectorate. It is hoped that this information will provide a better understanding of Somaliland's rich history to future generations of local Somalis as well as the people of Liverpool.

Funding for the 'Understand and Celebrating Our Roots' project has been provided by the Heritage Lottery. It is through their commitment and dedication to this project and event that has enabled this historical data to be collected and shared with the public.

The heritage launch is open to the public at Crawford House (Upper Warwick Street, Liverpool, L8 8DN) between 4.30 - 7.00pm on Thursday, 20th January. Admission is free. For more information please contact the GSWG office by emailing [info@granbysomaliwomensgroup.org](mailto:info@granbysomaliwomensgroup.org) or call 0151 727 1008.

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### **Notes to Editors**

#### **About Granby Somali Women's Group:**

Granby Somali Women's Group (GSWG) is a registered charity. GSWG was established in 1994 to provide local Somali (and other ethnic minority) women with support from the advice centre on 12 Beaconsfield Street, Liverpool. The charity provides a wide range of services including: housing advice, benefit advice mentoring schemes and health awareness programmes.

GSWG website (launches 20th January): [www.granbysomaliwomensgroup.org](http://www.granbysomaliwomensgroup.org)

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