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Tasting new cultures

Children from the Samoan, Arabic and Nigerian communities living in south western Sydney are being brought together by the South Western Sydney Area Health Service (SWSAHS) for a series of creative workshops which will include painting and photography sessions as well as singing, dancing and sampling food from the different cultures.

The project *United We Stand*, which runs for four separate days throughout the year, involves giving the children, aged between 5 and 12 years, the opportunity to spend time with each other undertaking a range of creative activities.

The project coordinator, Liverpool Health Service, Florence Olugbemiro, said the children are split into three groups according to their age. "They rotate between sessions of photography, painting, singing and dancing. They also get to sample the food from each country, including Australia."

On the first day held in January, the children were taken on a photographic assignment and when they next meet (**April 16**) an experienced artist will help them select one photograph for enlargement and display in an exhibition to be held in May.

On **April 16** they will also paint squares of fabric representing something of their culture and these will be sewn together to make a quilt. They will also be learning Samoan, Arabic and Nigerian songs and sampling food from the different nations.

Date: April 16, 2004
Time: 10am to 5.30pm
Place: Crest Community Church, Cnr Johnston & Rex Roads,
Bass Hill.

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