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Report: Future 2005

Mission Statement

A chance to review our Mission Statement that is summarised in our application for charitable status:

The LeicestHERday TRUST will form an umbrella organisation to give an equal voice to all women and enhance the community at large by enhancing women's life experiences.

We will together:

- **Recognise and celebrate women's achievements.**
- **Accelerate change to meet the diverse needs of women.**
- **Share expertise, knowledge and experience.**
- **Challenge organisations and communities.**
- **Unite in friendship.**
- **Empower women.**

Legal Status

In 2004, we became a Company Limited by Guarantee (No 4831276) and our application for charitable status is at the time of printing this report lodged with the Charities Commission. Our thanks to Verity Chase and Jahid Ali of Harvey Ingram Owston for their work in preparing these documents for us. Harvey Ingram Owston's partnership support for LeicestHERday is now in its second year. Check out our website for news of the progress of the Charity application.

The LeicestHERday Trust has a Board of 12 Trustees. The 2004/5 Trustees are:

Ruth Ingman, Chair

Maureen Milgram Forrest, Founding Chair

Danielle Gillett, Company Secretary/Treasurer

Rajinder Bhui, Sarah Brack, Risha Bulsara, Liz Castle,

Hasu Joshi, Angela Lennox, Dee Martin, Marlene Suart,

Penny Waterfield, Trustees.

LeicestHERday 2005- a weeklong event...?

The success of this year's three events, Women of Achievement, the LeicestHERday Conference and Her Story... has led to a series of 'Think Tank' meetings to continue to work together to create an even stronger relationship between the three events. We are talking to emda and GOEM and other partners about this progress.

Dates set for 2005 include:

WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Friday 4 March 2005 Walkers Stadium

4th annual LeicestHERday CONFERENCE

Friday 11 March 2005 Walkers Stadium

In between these two Fridays is the actual 8 March International Women's Day.

It is our dream of creating a weeklong series of events here in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Groups wishing to participate in this Week of Women should contact us on **0116 257 5615** (on a 24 hour answering service- we WILL call you back so leave a message) or e-mail us on

leicestherday@blleics.co.uk

Projects Ongoing & Under Consideration

- We have started to compile information for a **Signpost Directory** for women. If you or your organisation wish to be included in the Directory, request a form using the above contact details.
- Our Challenges Committee is working on a major **Gender Balance in Employment Project** that we hope to enlist funds to accomplish in the next two years. Existing research and information is being developed nationwide. Here in Leicester, the Leicester City Council, Leicester Strategic Economic Partnership and others are pursuing work on this theme. A role for LeicestHERday, in partnership with these organisations, is most fitting.
- Business Link for Leicestershire has offered **permanent office premises** to us. We have worked from these offices for the last two conferences and have 'wo-manned' a desk there for at least four months January to April in 2003 and 2004. Our goal is to access funding to have a Development Worker in post. The annual Conference will be just one of several projects we will undertake to fulfil our Mission Statement goals. Our project move from 4 months to 12 months will depend on funding.