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## Radio station offers free air time to groups

CHARITIES and voluntary groups are being offered free air time to raise their profile, courtesy of Bury FM Community Radio.

The station, which will be broadcasting again in July and August, is giving organisations the opportunity to discuss their activities over the airwaves.

And at the same time, Bury FM is seeking those who want to learn new skills by getting involved in the community radio station, which is part of Bury-based charity Project 29. For the whole of the month of Ramadan, which starts on July 20, Bury FM will be on air each day, and much of its format will be talk-based. Project 29 volunteer Lesley

by David Thomson

Kaufman said: "We will welcome applications from local groups to publicise their aims. There will be 30 slots for 30 different groups, one for each day. We had a fantastic success during the last Ramadan."

Ms Kaufman added: "Our long-term aim is to have a permanent radio station for the whole community, one which is multi-cultural. The radio station is one of four strands of Project 29. But at the moment, we broadcast only throughout the month of Ramadan."

Meanwhile, volunteers are being sought to assist Bury

FM. "Volunteers who would like to get involved and to learn new skills are needed," Ms Kaufman continued. "We'd love to hear from anyone out there. We would welcome interest particularly from Urdu and Punjabi speakers with a good command of English and also from people with any knowledge of the broadcast media, information technology, business, administration and sales."

"But anyone who just wants to be part of this fantastic project, please get in touch." Project 29 is based in Knowsley Street, Bury.

\* Anyone interested can contact [info@project29.org.uk](mailto:info@project29.org.uk) or visit [www.project29.co.uk](http://www.project29.co.uk)



STUDENT EXCHANGE Holy Cross pupils with their French visitors

### Pupils make a French connection

THERE were plenty of "ooh la las" when French students paid a visit to Holy Cross College.

A group of 35 students and three teachers from Lycée Thomas Corneille, in Rouen, were able to compare their own school with the Manchester

Road college and praised the number of computers, IT in classrooms, music technology and the library.

French teacher at Holy Cross, Stephen Hudson, said: "They were impressed that Holy

Cross was far better equipped than their own school and they also loved the smaller classes, friendly atmosphere and, of course, the warm Holy Cross welcome."

The French students spent a week in England, based in Rhyl.

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