



Volunteers rewarded with a 'Big Breakfast'



## Volunteers Week Reception and Awards Ceremony

Volunteers Week 2011 ended in great style with a Big Breakfast Reception held for Volunteer Centre Volunteers at the Europa Gallery, Sutton Library on Tuesday 7th June. Opened by The Mayor and Mayoress of Sutton, Councillor Gerry Jerome and Councillor Kirsty Jerome, volunteers enjoyed a continental breakfast followed by an awards ceremony where the Centre's kite mark Gold Shield award was achieved by Sutton Centre for Independent Living and Learning (SCILL), Sutton Association for the Blind (SAB) and HMP Highdown and Downview Visitors Centre. The Gold Shield kite mark is awarded to voluntary organisations that have worked with the Centre and completed all health checks required to achieve quality standard in Good Practice.

Four Student Gold Awards were also awarded to students from Carshalton Boys Sports College and Overton Grange School. Volunteering England's Gold Award is the only national student volunteering award that recognises Achievement, Dedication and Leadership within Further and Higher Education. The Gold Award is a prestigious mark of excellence in student volunteering. All other Volunteers attending received Volunteering England certificates in recognition of the immense contribution made by all volunteers in Sutton. The Big Breakfast Reception rounded off an exciting week of activities at the Volunteer Centre with taster sessions, a volunTEA Party and a Befrienders' Party. Adam Knuckey, Chief Officer, said 'Volunteers week has provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the impact made by some of Sutton's most creative, dedicated and fun individuals. The week also necessitates a consideration of where we are going as a wider sector, and I truly hope that we will see more people coming.'

### Gold Shield kite mark Awards

Sutton Association for the Blind



Sutton Centre for Independent

Living and Learning



HMP Highdown and Downview

Visitors Centre

