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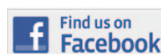
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■ People were invited to join an exhibition of traditional Bangladeshi sweet and savoury foods on Sunday at Suffolk New College. Above, the BSC team. Inset images below, brightly coloured and intricately designed dishes.

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East meets west at Bangladeshi festival

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Food was the common language used to bring together east and west at The Bangladesh Support Centre's fourth annual Suffolk Pita Festival.

Traditional costume, food, jewellery and body art were all on show yesterday but at the centre of the festival, held at Suffolk New College, was the pita competition.

Entrants proudly arrived with their work, hoping to impress the judging panel with

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Shayra Begum

their brightly-coloured, intricate rice-based creations.

Shayra Begum, project manager for the centre, said: “We have pita at festivals, perhaps at the end of Eid or at a wedding.”

Ms Begum said: “It gives people a confidence boost, especially the ladies who are at home, when they enter the competition, and it means they are able to show off their skills to the younger generation.”

She said more and more Bangladeshi women are now working and have to juggle careers and homelife, meaning they have less time to pass on traditional skills.

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■ Shayra Begum with her design.

Photo: SARAH LUCY BROWN

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Centre manager, Mojlum Khan, added: “We don't only have the Bangladeshi community here, we have people from all different backgrounds who are able to learn about our culture, society and food.”



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