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ON 9/11 ANNIVERSARY, MUSLIM TEENS CLEAN UP THE STREETS OF EAST LONDON

After the riots that ripped through London recently, a group of young people between 14 and 18 approached Proshanti, a Bangladeshi charity at the Bromley by Bow Centre, and asked: "*What can I do for my community?*"

Together with Faiths Act Fellows Rizwan Hussain and Anthony Silkoff, from the Tony Blair Faith Foundation, 11 local teens set about planning a community clean up. Armed with brooms and litter-pickers, they covered a route of 2 miles on Sunday afternoon, starting from Bromley by Bow, cleaning all the way to the end of Roman Road market.

Anthony, 24, said: "*It was fantastic to speak to so many local people about our project; shoppers were delighted to see 11 teenagers volunteering their Sunday afternoon for this!*"

As well as bringing some cheer to the community, the teens raised over £270 from passers by, as well as local businesses as diverse as Elliot Leigh Estates, Chicchi Café, Costcutter and Zealand Café. Rizwan, 26, said: "*There was a real feeling of community spirit. Local businesses were willing to support these young people in their efforts to do something positive on the anniversary of 9/11.*"

The money raised will fund a maternal health project in Bangladesh, run by Proshanti. The Faiths Act Fellows will be running events all year that connect East End faith communities to Bangladeshi mums, through their campaign called Mothers Matter @ Proshanti.

For further details, interviews and photos of the day please contact Anthony Silkoff.