

## Festival gigs for student dancers

By Ross McKINNON

STUDENTS from Glasgow will be performing at the Edinburgh Festival next week.

The dance company, open to students to join, will perform four different styles of contemporary dance between Monday, August 15 and 20.

Manda Jones, choreographer with Glasgow Student Dance Co, said: "Working with so many untrained dancers is both a choreographic challenge and an education."

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# Charity call to name paedophiles

By ELAINE ROBSON

## BLACK and ethnic minority communities (BME) are being urged to name and shame paedophiles.

A new charity - roshni - is trying to raise awareness of child abuse within the BME community in Glasgow and encourage people not to brush incidents under the carpet.

Often cultural barriers and a desire not to bring shame on the community

means child abuse goes unreported.

Ali Khan, Roshni director, said: "I realised the need for a charity like roshni a few years ago when there were a few cases of suspected abuse which came to light in the BME community."

"I felt that the issue wasn't dealt with properly and that we needed to be more open about it and admit that child abuse is a problem in all communities."

"In one incident an imam at a mosque in the South

Side kissed a 14-year-old girl.

"The whole community knew about it. But rather than reporting him they just dealt with it their own way and shut him out so he ended up moving down south to England."

"The problem with that is he could go on to do something similar down there."

Roshni is working in partnership with Childline, NCH Scotland and NSPCC to help kids who are being abused access support

services and make sure these services are culturally sensitive.

Roshni workers are going out to religious groups, schools and community groups to discuss the issue.

Roshni's workers are prepared for opposition from the BME community.

Mr Khan added: "People aren't going to be happy that this issue is being put into the spotlight but this is about protecting children."

"It is a very taboo

subject in any community but in Asian communities this is even more of an issue because people don't want to shame the community or the victims who may find it difficult to go on and marry.

"Every country has its different levels of what constitutes child abuse and what we are saying to people is: we are living in Scotland and this is what is considered child abuse here."

A spokeswoman for Strathclyde Police said:

"Roshni service from a high profile support cultural issues."

"Victims support openly understand often ena the court crimes com them."



CITIZENS CALL ... a protestor makes her point



# We will fight the charge

By Ross McKINNON

PARKING protest group

Woodlands and Woodside. However, the parking scheme will be reviewed in six months time with charges reduced in

have the power to make decisions on West End residents despite knowing little, if anything, about the community. "There's still a lot of upset about the council's actions about the council's actions about the parking scheme."

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