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Highcross opens its doors to Community Justice

A new project that aims to bring people and the justice system closer together is hosting an all day event this Friday 24 October at the new Highcross shopping centre.

Shoppers will have the chance to speak to magistrates and other representatives of criminal justice agencies, as part of the citywide expansion of Community Justice.

The event, which is taking place as part of Inside Justice Week, will include the opportunity to win prizes, and children can play the Justice Game, a giant board game that teaches them about the justice system.

Representatives from Alcohol Awareness, Group 4 Securicor and Unpaid Work Projects will also be meeting with people and explaining their work. People interested in volunteering as Magistrates, Special Constables or mentors with the probation service will have the chance to get more information.

Community Justice Leicester, which has just announced it is to expand across the city after a pilot project in the Saffron Lane area last year, aims to put courts in closer touch with people's concerns about crime and anti-social behaviour.



The Saffron Lane project was one of a dozen pilot schemes nationwide, and Leicester is one of the first to expand. The initiative, which covers Oadby & Wigston and Syston as well as the whole of the city, is now the biggest Community Justice area in the country.

Inside Justice week runs from 18-25 October. Throughout the week there will be a wide range of activities including mock trials and court open days, with an exhibition running every day at Highcross.

For more information about Community Justice or Inside Justice Week or to enquire about volunteering, visit www.cjonline.gov.uk/leicestershire or email lcjb@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

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