



■ **FLASHBACK:** Survivors tend to the injured in Muzaffarabad

Party night for quake aid trip

Group help victims

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YOUNG people in Thornton Lodge are holding a one-night extravaganza to raise funds for victims of last year's earthquake in Pakistan.

Ten members of a youth group, run by the Pakistani Community Alliance, are raising funds so that they can make an aid trip to Muzaffarabad in August.

The city was one of those affected when a 7.6 magnitude quake hit the Pakistan-controlled part of Kashmir in September 2005.

An estimated 87,000 people were killed and 3.5m were left homeless.

The fundraising event will be held tonight at Fabrik nightclub in St George's Square, between 10pm and 2am.

A mix of R'n'B, house and party music will be played and the entry fee will be £4.

The event has been organised by the young people, Fabrik and Huddersfield promoters D and T Promotions.

Daniel Dearnley, from D and T Promotions, said: "We were keen to come together for this cause because it has touched the whole community in Huddersfield."

"The support we have received from young people has been both encouraging and inspiring."

"We would like to appeal to the young people of Huddersfield to come forward and make the night a success."

At the time of the quake, the



■ **PROMOTER:** Daniel Dearnley

young people from Thornton Lodge — many of whom are British-born Pakistanis — wanted to travel over to help.

But the risk of aftershocks and the possible spread of disease meant they could not.

So instead, they held collections for items such as tents, blankets and clothes. As a result, seven truckloads of aid items were sent to Kashmir.

The youngsters have also been holding events such as sponsored swims to raise money for their trip. They will be buying equipment and toys for young people in Muzaffarabad.

During their three-week stay, they will work with the charity Muslim Hands to help with tasks such as rebuilding people's homes.

Sofia Buncy, from the Pakistani Community Alliance, said: "The young people have not given up because it is a cause very close to their hearts."

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