

# **Mango House Restaurants proud to Donate and help for homeless people and victims of the Pakistan floods.**

## **Restaurants come together to help homeless**

ALMOST 150 restaurants across South Wales are to donate half their takings on Wednesday to help local homeless people and victims of the Pakistan floods.

Restaurateurs have signed up to take part in A Night for Homeless People in [Wales](#) and Pakistan.

Organised by Islamic Relief, in conjunction with the Salvation Army, the multi-faith fundraising event takes place between 6pm and midnight. Restaurant staff will also be donating half their tips. The charity hopes to raise between £30,000 and £50,000, with half the funds helping to pay for a new room at the Salvation Army's Ty Gobaith Centre on Bute Street, Cardiff.

The remainder will go to Islamic Relief's Pakistan floods appeal to help the estimated 20 million people affected by July's natural disaster

Ali Ahmed, an Islamic Relief volunteer, has previously helped raise thousands of pounds for survivors of January's Haiti earthquake, the 2005 Kashmir earthquake and the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami.

"The wonderful thing is that two faiths have come together to make this happen," Mr Ahmed said.

There are people in Pakistan and Cardiff who are homeless through no fault of their own and this is an opportunity to help them."

The Bangladesh-born fundraiser added: "The British public has done a wonderful job helping the victims of the Pakistan flood, but we need to do more.

"If we don't help them now then the wrong people are going to get in there first and support them."

Lee Ball, from the Salvation Army, said with the start of winter and the Government's crackdown on benefits, the need to help the capital's homeless was greater than ever.

He said the proposed new room at the Ty Gobaith Centre would be made available for people with no access to public funding, such as asylum seekers.

“This will help us go back to our roots to help the most marginalised in our society,” he said.

“We are over the moon to work with Islamic Relief, who are such a compassionate group. We are from two different faiths that don’t always work together politically, but we are showing what can be achieved.”

[Cardiff](#) Lord Mayor, Councillor Keith Hyde, praised the participating restaurants for the “wonderful gesture”.

“I wish them all the best with their fundraising efforts and I hope that the day is a big success,” he said.