



The moustache makes a comeback for charity!

It was like going back to the 70s when 11 male staff at Havering Sixth Form College joined a charity campaign and grew moustaches for the whole month of November.

The worldwide campaign, called Movember, was about having fun for a serious cause – to raise awareness and money for research into prostate cancer.

Organised by Ian Budge, Team Leader for Sport, Leisure and Tourism, the College effort raised a fantastic £750 for the cause.

Ian said: "Movember is an annual, month-long celebration of the moustache, highlighting men's health issues, specifically prostate cancer. It's about trying to change the face of men's health by having a bit of fun and getting as many men as possible to grow a moustache and collect sponsorship. We were really pleased with the amount we raised because the majority of our partners were not impressed by the whole idea whatsoever!"

Other events, such as a 'World Cup' 5-a-side football tournament between staff and students, a raffle for tickets to see Ant and Dec's Christmas TV special, a Playstation 3 competition, and a lucky squares contest were held at the College to boost the cash collected.

Even the College main office female staff got in on the act, wearing fake 'taches for a day in return for coins in a donation box.

Winner of the College 'Tache Grooming Award for the Best Facial Hair Growth' was PE tutor Chris Patient.

Movember itself has run three times and has grown bigger each year. 'Mo Bros' supported by their 'Mo Sistas' start clean shaven on November 1 and then grow and groom their 'tache until November 30. A total of 35,000 men in the UK are diagnosed with prostate cancer each year.

Last year, across the globe more than 173,000 Mo Bros and Sistas got on board, raising more than £14million. As a direct result male awareness of health issues has improved thereby increasing early detection, diagnosis and effective treatment.

For more information, visit: <http://uk.movember.com/mospace/288450>