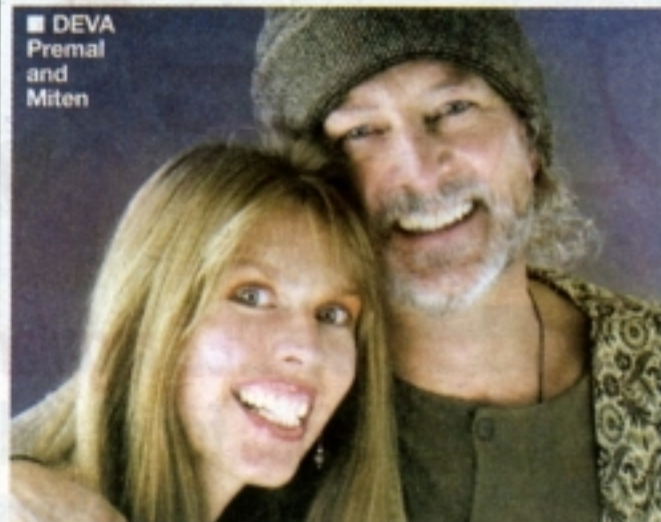


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## FANS FLOCK TO CHILLED OUT COUPLE

**MUSICIANS** Deva Premal and Miten have picked up thousands of fans on their travels around the world, including superstar Cher and the Dalai Lama.

The couple first achieved recognition when they launched a phone line featuring a recorded mantra for stressed out workers in the capital.

The line was an overnight success and for the past 15 years the couple have toured the world with their unique spiritual sounds.

But life hasn't always been so relaxing for Miten, 58, who, under his birth name of

Andy Desmond, spent the 1970s and 1980s living a life of rock 'n' roll excess while touring The Kinks and Fleetwood Mac.

He said: "This period of my life was exciting, but I was looking for something more substantial and found it in Deva Premal."

Deva Premal, 35, was born into a family of musicians but felt limited by the rigidity of classical music until she met Miten in India in 1990.

The couple will perform at The Shaw Theatre in Euston Road on June 10.

— JESSICA ROGERS

# Hayley's helping people to give something back

## CAMDEN *People*

**I F YOU want to broaden your horizons, develop your skills and put something back into the community, then Hayley Watts is the person to speak to.**

The 28-year-old is the new director of Volunteer Centre Camden (VCC), in Kentish Town Road, Kentish Town.

She says: "We have about 300 different opportunities, from helping out in day centres to admin work right through to

being a trustee of a charity – all in Camden.

"People volunteer to give something back to the community or develop skills. It's about getting people involved.

"Camden is vibrant and that's one of the things that makes volunteering here appealing."

Ms Watts previously worked at national charity CSV in King's Cross and joined VCC at the end of March. She has volunteered with Mind, the Samaritans and Victim Support.

She says: "I'm passionate about volunteering. It's



■ **PASSIONATE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING:** Hayley Watts

something I've got a lot out of. Here at CVV it's a case of carrying on the good work and building on the success of the past to enable more people get involved in volunteering."

She is also working hard to raise awareness about

Volunteers Week, which starts on June 1 and celebrates hard work of volunteers.

To find out more about volunteering in Camden, see [www.camdenvb.org.uk](http://www.camdenvb.org.uk) or call 020 7424 9990.

— CHARLOTTE TAMVAKIS