



AFRICANS UNITE AGAINST CHILD ABUSE

3rd Anniversary Celebrations

21 – 26 JUNE 2004

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

Monday 21 June - Opening Ceremony/Anniversary Reception 6:30 – 8:30pm

Venue: Attlee Suite, Portcullis House, London SW1

Key Objective: To launch AFRUCA's 3rd anniversary celebrations.

Host: Hilton Dawson, MP. Chair, All Party Parliamentary Group on Children

(By invitation only)

Tuesday 22 June – National Conference: The Role of the African Community in Combating Child Trafficking

8:45am – 5:00pm

Venue: Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portman Place, London W1B 1AD

Key Objectives:

- to examine the causes, extent and impact of child trafficking on victims
- to develop strategies for community participation in combating child trafficking
- To provide a platform for dialogue within and with the African community regarding its role in the safeguarding of African children.

Key Participants

- Harriet Harman, QC and Solicitor General, Guest Speaker
- Tarique Ghaffur, Assistant Commissioner, Metropolitan Police Service
- David Bull, Executive Director, UNICEF UK

Conference Sponsors: UNICEF UK, Metropolitan Police Service
Key Partners: Centre for African Policy and Peace Studies

(Prior Registration Required)

Wednesday 23 June – Preventing Child Abuse: Social Evening

7:30 – 11:30pm

Venue: Obalende Suya Restaurant, 523 Kingsland Road, London E8 4AR

Event Chair, Councillor Tayo Shittu, Peckham Ward, Southwark

Key Objectives: To explore the role of music in raising awareness of child abuse, to bring discussions on child abuse issues to the social circuit

Event Sponsors: Trumpet Newspaper

(Open event, just drop in!)

Thursday 24 June - Female Genital Mutilation as a Child Rights Issue

2:00 0 5:00pm

(Programme includes Screening of Film on FGM and Discussion Session)

Event Venue: Middlesex University Enfield campus Queensway Enfield Middlesex EN3 4SA

Event Moderator, Mary Kanu, Chair AFRUCA

Key Objectives: To explore the cultural issues relating to FGM and the impact of the new FGM Act on practising communities. To discuss the impact of the new Act on practitioners.

Event Sponsors: Metropolitan Police Service, Middlesex University

Key Partners: Development Support Agency

(Prior Registration Required)

Saturday 26 June – Young People’s Festival

10:00am – 4:00pm

Event Venue: Damilola Taylor Centre, Peckham, London SE15

Key Objectives: To provide an opportunity for young Africans to express themselves about key issues affecting them as young people in the UK

To provide a platform for different networks of young Africans to come together, build new alliances and meet other young Africans from various backgrounds

Event Partners Thamesmead Children's Centre, The African Child Association, Somali Speakers Association

(Prior Registration Required)

Saturday 26 June – Fundraising Dinner - Cruise

7:30pm – 12:30am

AFRUCA invites you to join us at the closing event of our Anniversary celebrations. Enjoy an excellent evening out on the luxurious MV Mercia as you cruise down the Thames past London's famous monuments

Tickets: £100 per adult

For details of all anniversary programmes, inquiries, tickets and registration, contact

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