

Linkupcaribbeans E-bulletin



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AWEDIS have raised over £15,000 in supporting national and local charities and good causes. This is remarkable when you consider that **A**WEDIS comprise of volunteers, who have been meeting regularly to make a difference well in advance of any *Big Society!*

They are a group of like minded individuals who came together in 2001 to try to make a difference; however small. The aim was not to change the world overnight but to make a difference where it mattered most – within their local communities. They describe themselves as a group of different but similar people driven by the principle that “one hand can’t clap” and “one-one cocoa full basket”. It is this belief that has sustained them for over 10 years.

Summing up their journey to date, the formula for their success has been put down to:

- Evolving as a group of close friends, family and community members;
- Learning new skills, knowledge and developed new friendships;
- Laughing, crying, getting frustrated but ‘staying together’

Groups that have benefited from their work is breathtaking when set against a backdrop of ‘volunteer’ contributions and help from some supporters such as **HSBC, Grace Foods, Holiday Inn Bloomsbury and Prime Coffee**. At the national level, they have contributed to: Alzheimer’s Society, Cancer Research UK, DEC Haiti Appeal, McMillan Cancer Support, Sickle Cell Society and Prostate Cancer Charity. At the local level, those that have benefited include: 100BMOL, Haringey & Enfield Lupus Group, Haringey, Enfield & Barnet Sickle

Cell Group, Harvey Parry Fund, Kohfi Education, Maya Skippen Fund and The Shane Project.

There is no magic formula to what they are doing and neither do they have any ‘celebrity’ spokesperson championing their cause. They do this solely off their own bat and within their limitation (“nuh put hat where you hand can’t reach” sums up their approach). The point is that they do what they do, despite the challenges they face individually in their daily lives. That is the strength of community bonding which demonstrate what can be done with limited resources but an enormous reservoir of conviction and aspiration. There is no secret to what they do, just hard work and willingness to give of themselves to organise activities and events such as:

- Quiz Nights
- Black Tie Event
- Family Fun Day
- Xmas Dance
- Sponsored Walk
- Collections (pennies for *Sickle Cell/ Cancer Research*)

How can people get involved?

- Continue to support their events;
- Sponsorship of the Black Tie Event (or take out advertisement in their brochure);
- Donation of prizes and items for raffle and auctioning;
- Staff charity giving schemes where these exist (e.g. HSBC);
- Employee giving through PAYE to any of the good causes that they support (i.e. Shane Project, Enfield and Haringey Lupus Group; Sickle Cell Society)
- Forward their promotional information when they become due (better still, get yourself on their data-base).

If the Government’s *Big Society* is what it will take to mobilise local communities to take charge, then I suppose groups like **A**WEDIS (and there are many more like them around the country) are pioneers and standard bearers. If you want to ‘linkup’, why not start with their upcoming **Black Tie Event, Holiday Inn Bloomsbury, London, on 2nd July 2011**.

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What's on



The AWEDIS Charity Black Tie Event July 2nd 2011

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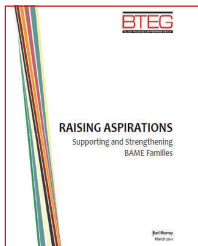
Ethnic Minority Cancer Awareness Week (EMCAW) 11th July - 17th July 2011

The aim of EMCAW is a focus on early detection, highlighting signs and symptoms of cancer and raising awareness of and encouraging the take up of screening and other cancer services.

EMCAW Grants Programme 2011

This year the EMCAW alliance is pleased to announce an exciting new grants programme to support organisations holding events during EMCAW. Groups can apply for a grant of up to £250 to help with organising an event.

For further information please visit www.emcaw.co.uk, email info@cancerequality.org.uk Telephone: 020 7735 7888



Raising aspiration: supporting and strengthening BAME families

The report, published in March 2011 by the charity, **Black Training and Enterprise Group (BTEG)**, conclude that parents are crucial in instilling inspirational attitudes which leads to success: **S = PE+A+H2+O**

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21st June, Westminster
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