

Westminster Staff Diversity Group Newsletter Summer 2011

Welcome to our Summer edition of the Westminster Staff Diversity Group Newsletter! WSDG would like to hear your views on any issues which may be affecting you. So if you have any burning issues which you believe should be up for discussion or perhaps information to circulate to group members then why not get in touch!

Forthcoming Meetings:

30th June 2011, Lisson Grove 10am-11pm
1st September 2011, Lisson Grove 10am-11pm

Annual General Meeting

23rd November 2011, Greenside Community Centre 10am-4pm

Forthcoming Events:

WSDG will be hosting a range of networking and social event which all members and interested colleagues are invited to attend.

Socio/Political Activism & British Black Music debate.

Date: 1st June, 2011
Venue: City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, SW1E 6QP
Time: 6.30pm-9.00pm
Map: [Click here for the map](#)
Admission: Free but pre-booking is required.

This debate focuses on what's happened in Britain - what part has our artists and their music played in socio/political activism in Britain?

Panel: Marc Wadsworth (former Anti-Racist Alliance national secretary), John Dennis (former Rock Against Racism national organiser), Raymond Stevenson (Urban Concepts), Paradise (57th Dynasty). Chair: Kwaku (BBM/BMC founder). In association with Westminster Staff Diversity Group, and highlighting The Prostate Cancer Charity.

To reserve your place email: editor@blackbritishmusic.com.

University of Westminster Mentoring Award Ceremony



On 7th June, 2011, we will be celebrating the end of our inaugural Career Development Centre Mentoring Scheme and would like to invite you to celebrate with us.

The scheme was developed in light of the lack of formal universal mentoring opportunities targeted at the professional and personal development needs of all students, regardless of their ethnicity or stage of academic training.

This year's scheme saw 12 enthusiastic students paired with mentors who were human resources, legal, I.T, management consultancy, accountancy and local government professionals from the public and private sectors. The feedback from both mentors and mentees has been very positive; we have heard accounts of students securing work experience and gaining unprecedented access to a range of professionals within some of the UK's leading businesses. All mentees valued having an industry contact with which to discuss their career ideas, mentors enjoyed developing their own mentoring skills and mentoring pairs have decided to informally continue their relationships beyond the closing of this year's scheme.

By coming to celebrate with us, you will have the opportunity to hear how these relationships have positively impacted on the personal development of mentors and mentees, network with other mentors and representatives from other organisations, and learn more about the University of Westminster Career Development Centre Mentoring Scheme. As a result of the success of this year's mentoring scheme, we are planning to expand the scheme next year and will therefore be looking to recruit additional mentors, so please do bring some of your colleagues along to the event.

The event details are as follows:

Date: 7th June, 2011
Venue: City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, SW1E 6QP
Time: 12pm-3pm
Map: [Click here for the map](#)

Please RSVP to S.Cole@westminster.ac.uk by 2nd June, 2011; it is sure to be a fun event and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the day!

Your Life Your Business

Following our successful training session with **Rasheed Ogunlaru**, we will be arranging a group session at the British Library with Rasheed



An inspiring and practical new 2hr workshop hosted by the library's business coach partner, Rasheed Ogunlaru @ British Library Business & IP Centre, London. Ideal for anyone starting or growing a business:

You'll gain: clarity, confidence and a plan of action for your life and business.

Date: 16th June, 2011
Venue: British Library, 96 Euston Road, NW1 2DB
Time: 9.45am-12.00pm followed by networking 12pm-12.45pm
Map: [Click here for the map](#)

As I am sure you will agree, this session offers great value for money and is a must for anyone looking to explore their career options and gain some insight on how to be successful in your business ventures.

We have managed to negotiate a specially reduced rate of **£25.00 per person (normally £35.00)**. As we will be attending as a group, **please do not book your place online**, payment will need to be made directly to Rasheed via WCC. To book your place please email: amsmith2@westminster.gov.uk

For more information, visit: [British Library Events - Entrepreneur](#).

WSDG Annual Conference

23rd November 2011, Greenside Community Centre 10.00am-4.00pm

This is a free conference about supporting you in the workplace. Gain practical tips on how to make the best of your skills, retrain and gain knowledge to aim higher. Leading experts and speakers will inspire and motivate you. It's also a great opportunity to network and find out the future direction of the City Council and its partners. To find out more or to reserve a place please email: amsmith2@westminster.gov.uk

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www.westminster.gov.uk/services/socialissues/bhm/staff-profiles

Don't Forget Celebrating Diversity

This year WSDG will support the Celebrating Diversity programme of events taking place during Black History Month and there will be something for everyone to enjoy and participate in. For a full list of events please visit the BHM website; www.westminster.gov.uk/bhmevents.

Are you interested in assisting with BHM?
Contact Ann-Marie Smith for more information on 020 7641 8457.

Join the WSDG Executive Group

Help us make a difference by joining the Executive Board. WSDG is currently staffed by 5 core members who comprise the Executive Board, but we cannot do it all. Our new exciting plans to host tailored training sessions, informative events, positive and constructive meetings and much more means we need your support, thus we have vacancies for various roles which we are seeking to fill. In return we offer additional training and mentoring opportunities. If you feel you have skills which you could offer the group or are interested in developing your skill set or perhaps you would simply like to offer ideas, then please email amsmith2@westminster.gov.uk.



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