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Dreams do come true & when they do they make all things seem new, filling you with new energy, vision, focus, a sense of purpose & the belief that anything is possible.

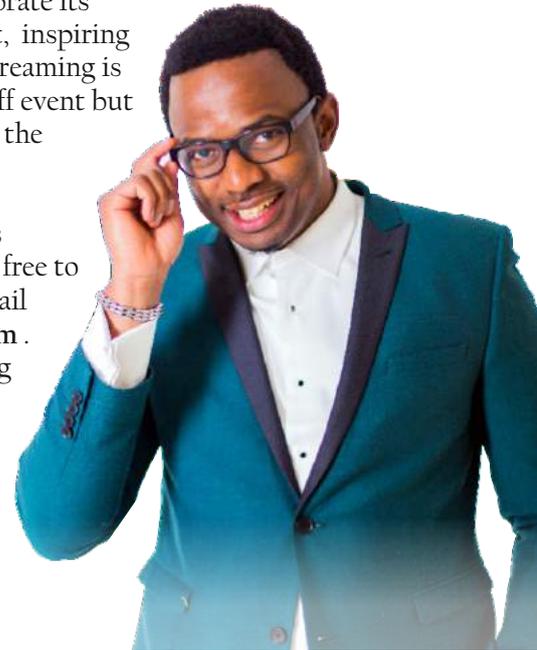
Its easy to do something once but trying to achieve the same feat again & again can be a bit challenging. Success they say is sweet but demands a lot of sweat & this edition of the Diaspora LifeStyle Magazine shows that if you did it once you definitely can do it again. Success is who you are, it is in your DNA, so overcome every obstacle & achieve your goals every time.

My desire has always been to promote & project your achievements & the lifestyle of people in the diaspora. To build bigger, a platform for individuals, charities & businesses to amplify their voices to a global audience.

So lets tell & share your success story together to the world on this platform. Lets celebrate its sweetness born out of your sweat, inspiring this generation & the next that dreaming is living & success isn't just a one off event but a lifestyle, your lifestyle, yes, it is the diaspora lifestyle.

Most of the pictures taken in this magazine were taken by me. Feel free to call me on +447961939252 or email [GetPRomoted@DiasporaPR.com](mailto:GetPRomoted@DiasporaPR.com). I really do look forward to hearing from you & sharing your success story.

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# 1 On One With **@DJ Cuppy**.

**What initially inspired you to go into music ?**

I've always loved music and growing up in Lagos which is a multicultural city, its hard not to get involved with curatives. From school they engaged us. We as Nigerians use music in life, religion, politics & entertainment, so growing up in that environment its hard not to get involved in music . I remember at th e age of 7 listening to Fela Kuti with my Dad in the car. From a young age I think I began singing before I could even talk. So I knew music was important to me. Music became a way of expressing myself.

**You've become somewhat of an ambassador of our culture with you music ?**

I was born in lagos but I always say take me anywhere but you can never take me away from home. Its great to be able to spread our culture & our energy . I've lived in places from London to New York and there are Nigerians everywhere and like me they are all representing . People have heard about us but they are now beginning to understand us . Its great to be here with you and see a generation of young people representing Nigerian & Africa around the world.

**You've turned your passion Into a profession with education, tell us about that ?**

I made sure I didn't allow my profession deter me from my education. Its great singing a song but you need to be able to run a commercial business that will open doors and opportunities for others. I apply my classroom knowledge to my business I did my undergrad in Economics in Kings College , a Masters In Music in NYU and I actually plan on doing a PHD too.

**“Music is a way of expressing myself”**

**How do you multitask, balancing work, life & your relationships?**

It is very difficult , it comes at a price nobody that has achieved anything epic has ever done it without having to sacrifice. I am 24 and my social life is abit dead. I look at my life and look at where I want to be & it just requires that I put in 101%

**What next should we expect from DJ Cuppy?**

I have started a music management company called Red Velvet Music Group, you can visit our website and we have an office in East London. We do monthly hangoutS called #RVMG. We manage myself, my sister JTO Fashion and other producers. I also want to support the behind the scene guys in music that don't get recognition. We just produced “Cuppy Takes Afriica” and have produced another exciting one and are going to be doing something for the diaspora in the UK. And I also really plan on going on tour too.

**What advise would you give someone with a dream ?**

If you have a dream, you are already half way there, i'm a firm believer that if you can see it you can achieve it. So my advice is, go for it, work hard, anything worth doing is worth doing well. So push yourself and it will happen.

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# Move Into

# Position

— Rev Yemi Adedeji —



**H**ave you ever wondered whether you can make a bigger impact or have greater influence?

"Move into Position" written two years ago is a book that will show you how to create strategic relationships to help you connect and influence your sphere of work and ministry thereby reaching phenomenal heights. To achieve exceptional success in business or ministry intentional and strategic relationships need to be formed. You need to analyse where 20% of effort can lead to 80% of return, while you strive for excellence in a few key areas. Being in partnership helps you focus your resources on what you do best. Meanwhile you can tap into the resources of others who can do some other things better. In this way you will create a sustainable competitive advantage.

When trying to create a strategic partnership you must not engage empty handed and should position yourself or your organisation from the place of your specific competency or service. When engaging in strategic relationships your goal must be to become an organisation or individual of influence, positioned as a strategic player in your community or sphere of operation. Never allow the pressure of instant gratification make you offer your live chicken in exchange for an egg. It's like a man who had a chicken but little or no understanding of it's value and what it could produce. He despised the current state of the chicken while looking hungrily at someone else's bowl of eggs. In fact his desire for instant gratification caused him to offer his live chicken in exchange for the eggs. He hadn't a clue that the careful nurturing of the chicken could have yielded tons of eggs to his delight and benefit.

It is common for individuals, organisations and some church leaders not to count the value of what they possess, but to pass it up for instant gratification. In the well known

Bible story of Joseph, although he was in a seemingly disadvantaged position, negotiated strategically with the imprisoned butler of the king. He was clear about his gifting, his ability and his directives to the king. Our gift will always open the way for us and bring us before kings and nobles. God has given us the gift. It's how we value it and use it to influence and advance his kingdom that is important. Joseph's wise approach paid off at the right time. We must always enter into strategic partnerships with deep reflection and godly wisdom.

**Leveraging To Create Strategic Partnerships Is Essential.**  
**Always Think ...**  
**What Do I Have To Offer?**

Every key leader in government or political office is looking for people and organisations that can make their tenure successful. It is not uncommon for church leaders and heads of organisations to receive invitations from mayors, governors, MP's, commissioners or heads of government. It is important to research the reason for the invitation and anticipate how our church or organisation might be able to meet the needs of the political leader. We should also position ourselves to add value to the conversation.

The rule of the game is to navigate a path towards belonging, before we can change the status quo. We must start from the position of value before we request benefits for our organisation. Leveraging to create strategic partnerships is very essential. Always think from the point of - what do I have to offer? Often churches and leaders wrongly assume they have little within their establishment with

which to negotiate, few strengths or competences that could advance them as players in strategic relationships.

A church can position it's in-house ministry assets to influence community players and gain leverage. A church might be too small to be acknowledged among other churches and networks in the community but such a church could volunteer to lead prayer support teams for community events. It could influence decisions with regard to community prayer.

No matter how small the church, it's voice as an influencer in pioneering prayer initiatives cannot be ignored. Correct positioning for strategic partnership is required. Gather knowledge about your community and its needs. Match the needs of the community with what you can offer and then have a SMART plan.

It is important to research your prospective partner and understand their area of need. Then you can match this with your area of competence and introduce yourself as a solution bearer and problem solver. Always begin conversations with what you can do to help and how you can provide value from your area of strength and competency. If the prospective partner is not keen, keep the door open by affirming their vision, thus cementing a personal relationship of future benefit.



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## Jumoke Ariyo Host Successful Sistas & Divas Evening

As is normal tradition of the Sistas And Divas Evening, the event is used as a medium to campaign and raise funds for chosen charities and causes. This year, the organiser chose to support breast cancer awareness and also to raise funds for Cancer Research UK.

These 2 causes were chosen because, **Baroness J** as she is popularly known as said, they are both close to her heart. She felt there is great need to bring even greater awareness of breast cancer to black and more specifically Nigerian women who have been officially declared the most likely to present themselves for treatment at very late stages of the disease.

Many African women ignore symptoms or self-medicate until things get so bad that very little can be done for them. In other cases, women simply don't get themselves checked out because they are afraid

of what they might be told.

According to one of the speakers at the event, mammographer Olufunke Bella said women need to keep close watch on their breasts and report any unusual changes to their doctors as soon as possible and if anything cancerous is detected, early treatment could result in effective cures and lives being saved.

Also at the event was breast cancer survivor Seyi Oluwamayowa who spoke about her cancer journey from stage 2 detection through her gruesome treatments and current all-clear status. She stressed that her story could have had a totally different ending if she had delayed talking to her doctor and urged the ladies to please keep regular checks on themselves but also pay attention to their friends and voice out any concerns they may have about their appearances.

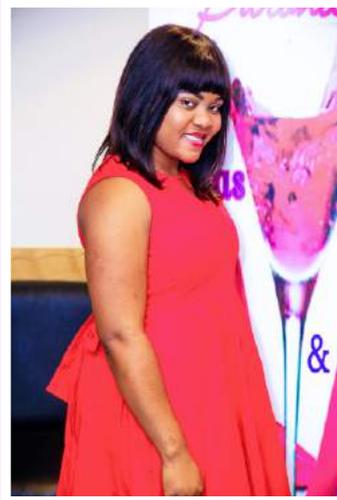
The buffet dinner and dance also

included performances by London-based Gospel Artist Titi T24Grace Sowemimo, Deoba Authentic and Comedian Don Nice.

The raffle draw raised hundreds of pounds for Cancer Research UK. The Baroness J's Sistas And Divas is the first UK Nigerian diasporan group to hold a fundraising event in aid of breast cancer awareness.

To find out more about the work of Cancer Research UK and to make a donation please visit: [www.cancerresearchuk.org](http://www.cancerresearchuk.org)

**“the organiser chose to support breast cancer awareness & raise funds for Cancer Research UK”**





# Woodbury Estate

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The Big Woodbury Estate was launched amidst pomp and pageantry in the presence of distinguished guests and crème de le crème of the society at the Sky Bar Grange Holborn Hotel, London on Tuesday 30 January 2017.

At the occasion, Richard Obahor, the visionary entrepreneur behind Woodbury Estate and CEO, Purple Premium, said: "Woodbury Estate, our new Lekki Lagos development is a combination of flats, 4 bedroom Terraced and 4 Bedroom Semi-

detached houses completed with selected finishes, precision craftsmanship and home technology".

"As we go along on this journey we would like to invite as many of you as possible to join us; as friends, colleagues, stakeholders, investors, observers, and even critics because I believe all of these put together will make us stronger, more consistent, more accountable, and ultimately, better". Richard Obahor added. The guest speaker was Andrew

Ramroop OBE, chairman of ultra bespoke tailors Maurice Sedwell who is the first Black man to own a shop at Savile Row. Dr Dayo Olomu compered the event & Yolanda Brown entertained guest.

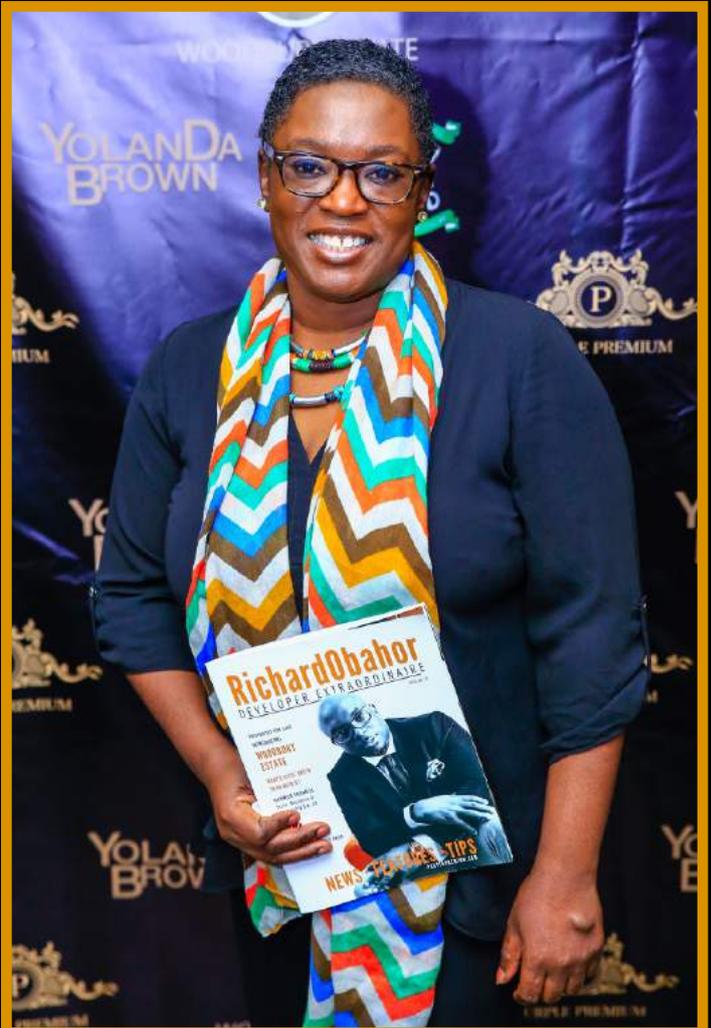
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# Balancing The Nigerian Parenting Style With The Uk Law

Olivia M .Joseph-Aluko LL.B, B.L,

**M**igration and integrating into a new society often comes with its own challenges. No doubt, some Nigerian families have been anxious at the prospect of having their children taken from them by social services that some do not even bother to set boundaries for their children.

So does the law say not to discipline your children? The law requires parents to follow safeguarding guidelines in raising children. Problems develop when teachers, neighbours, or other services begin to spot signs of physical or and emotional abuse on a child.

**Raising children ‘the Nigerian way’ which may include, slapping, twisting ears or even using objects are seen as child abuse.** Emotional abuse could include starving children of food as punishment, causing them to miss bed time to the extent that the children fall asleep during class lessons or are unusually tired compared to other children in their age group may call for further investigations.

Parents need to know that the kind of physical discipline that is acceptable within the Nigerian culture as part of discipline is frowned at in the UK and may be seen as child abuse. Thus it is presumed that the law in UK restricts the type of punishment that should be meted out to an unruly child which is not necessarily so.

For example in Nigeria, many do not see nothing wrong in slapping or hitting a child with an object whether the child suffers bruises or not. Neither do some Nigerian parents see anything wrong for humiliating a child because the child did not attain the correct academic grades. In fact parents have sometimes given examples of the kind of beating or corporal punishment meted out to them when they failed exams.

This becomes a major issue when children suddenly becomes withdrawn in school, fear of parent being approached regarding their behaviour or a child begins to self-harm. Therefore it is not uncommon to find that some parents have had their children taken into care for treating children in this manner, and depending on the gravity of the abuse, a parent can be charged and convicted of a criminal offence and imprisoned.

The law Any type of smacking can cross the line to child abuse which could have dire consequences on the child and the parent. Section 58 of the Children Act 2004 states that it is unlawful for a parent or carer to smack their child except when this amounts to reasonable punishment. **The Crown Prosecution Service charging standard further emphasises that ‘hitting a child hard enough to leave visible bruising, grazes, scratches, minor swellings or cuts, now constitute the criminal offence of actual bodily harm. This carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison.**

Thus, anybody else using physical force to punish or discipline a child may be accused of physical abuse and is committing a criminal offence.

Therefore a parent can be charged with a criminal offence if they harm their child under certain offences. This includes slapping, smacking, knocking, punching, hitting with any object (including cooking utensils, local brooms, belts, shoes, rulers, hockey sticks ) Others are burning, scalding, twisting ears, causing pain and discomfort by making children sit or stand in uncomfortable positions for long periods and many other behaviours

Alternatives to smacking and physical punishment Children learn by what they see, more than what they are told, so live by example.

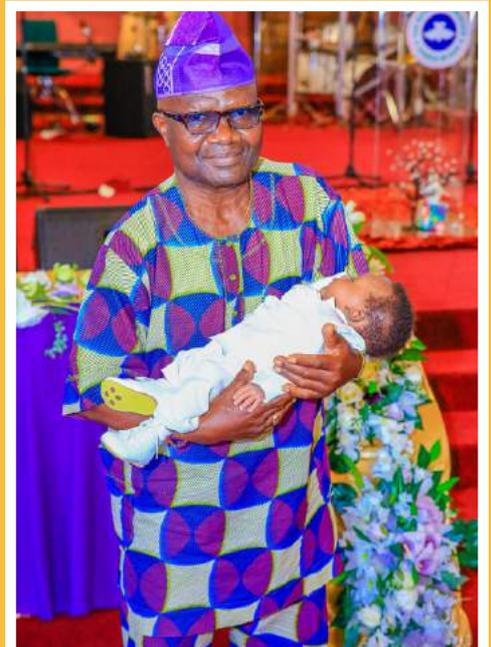
Criticise behaviours not your child. You can withhold privileges from a child whenever he crosses the line. Reward good behaviour. Remind children of consequences of misbehaviour and be consistent in enforcing them. Give love and warmth as much as possible.

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## The Ajadi's Miracle Baby Testimony

This is a testimony of God Faithfulness in our lives. Our God is too Faithful to Fail. We got married in the year 2007 and since that time we have been trusting God for the fruit of the womb. We have been to the hospital for several medical examinations and was told we were both ok. We have undergone IUI treatment and IVF, both of which were not successful. Throughout our 9 years of waiting, God taught us patience and sent his word to us regularly. In November 2015, God did it and for the first through all the years of our marriage, my wife missed her period and was confirmed pregnant. On the 16th of August 2016, God gave us Ibukunoluwa Faithful Samuel Ajadi. Please help us to praise this Awesome God that was faithful to his word. Mr & Mrs Abidemi Ajadi





# Professor Rotimi Jaiyesimi

The Medical Star Of The Diaspora

MBBS, FWACS, FRSPH, FRCOG, MBA, LLM (Medical Law)



**P**rofessor Rotimi Jaiyesimi graduated from the University of Ibadan in 1978. He moved to the British Isles in 1985 in pursuit of further professional development. He has worked in Nigeria, Ireland, Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom. He was appointed Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the UK in 1994. He is a Fellow of the West African College of Surgeons and of the Royal College of

Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. Professor Jaiyesimi holds two Masters degrees, Masters in Business Administration (Newcastle University Business School) and a Masters in Medical Law (Northumbria University, Newcastle).

He is currently the Associate Medical Director for Patient Safety at Basildon University Hospital, Essex, Visiting Professor at the

Faculty of Applied Sciences, University of Sunderland and the Faculty of Law, University of Ibadan. A member of the Institute of Directors (IoD), he is Chairman of the Board of Management at Brighthouse Specialist Hospitals, Lagos, Nigeria and the Secretary of the Medical Association of Nigerians Across Great Britain (MANSAG).

He has served on the General Medical Council Fitness to Practice panel, the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in various capacities, and the National Institute for Health Research. He is a trainer for the National Mortality Review program. Professor Jaiyesimi has contributed to the advancement of medicine through his many publications and lectures delivered nationally and internationally. He is a member of the editorial board of 'Perspectives in Public Health', the Niger Delta Medical Journal, a peer reviewer for the Journal of Patient Safety and the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists abstract committee.

He is passionate about the safety of patients, global health and developing the younger generation by teaching and leading by example. He has been a member of faculty of many training missions to Abuja, Abeokuta, Ibadan, Sagamu and Tanzania. He is a public speaker and has appeared on print and visual media. He is a trained mentor and undertakes one-to-one coaching and mentoring.

He is a recipient of numerous awards including the Health Service Journal

National Award for the development of an online, real-time mortality review tool (MARS) in 2014 and in 2015 was the Recipient of the NHS Health Education East of England Award for Quality in Education and Training, applauding innovation, excellence, leadership and impressive achievements. Other awards in 2015 include the first recipient of the MANSAG Recognition Award Plaque for contributions to training, mentoring and innovation and Winner, Patient Safety Poster of the Year Award, Health Education East of England Quality in Education and Training.

On 21 November 2015, Professor Jaiyesimi received the C A Legendary Award, recognising and rewarding excellence to individuals who have demonstrated and done extraordinarily and consistently over the years' great works to enhance or impact the society for good. He received the Zenith Global Healthcare Special Recognition Award for excellence in healthcare and in February 2017 was elected in Abuja, Nigeria as the 'Karifest Man of the Year' (2016) for his excellent contribution to healthcare in the diaspora and Nigeria.

He is a member of the Technical Committee on the Nigerian Diaspora Policy and is currently

working to achieve medical excellence in Nigeria through the engagement of healthcare professionals in the diaspora and colleagues in Nigeria. The vehicle for this is the Presidential Initiative on Medical Excellence (PRIME) and the Presidential Initiative on Diasporan Engagement (PRIDE) program.

Professor Jaiyesimi is married to Morenike Jaiyesimi, an accountant and they are blessed with two children, Omotayo, a pharmacist and Ayodeji, a medical doctor





## CANCER CARE DIASPORA'S FUNDRAISING EVENT

Cancer Care Diaspora had its first ever fundraising dinner and raised an amazing £2,500 during the event. The event which was held in Manchester saw notable personalities in attendance and had celebrity DJ Cuppy attend the event in support of raising cancer awareness in Nigerian. The

event was organized by its founder Mrs Laura Urhobo and the team to raise money for Comfort Oyayi Daniel, the 34 year old breast cancer patient in Abuja, Nigeria currently undergoing chemotherapy. One of the items auctioned was a signed Manchester United football shirt (signed by Rooney) donated

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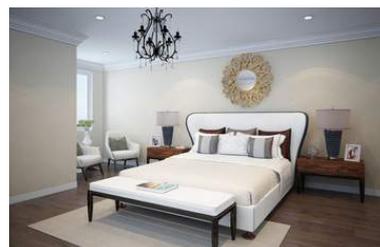
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# ADEBAYO JONES

The name Adebayo Jones is synonymous with exquisite fashion. The London-based fashion designer and style consultant has long been associated with glamour, elegance, opulence, Style and he has Continued to build an international following for his fashion label over the Last two decades.

The Multi award winning Designer Adebayo Jones Having completed a humanities degree at university in 1985, returned to his first love – fashion design – and enrolled in a leading fashion college in London to acquire the requisite skills for his craft.

The KING OF COUTURE as he is widely known and referred to in the fashion world and Media, Adebayo Jones believes details will set your work apart. The results are simply outstanding. Renowned for creating his own fabrics and presenting the most lavish and luxurious collections of gowns, his new Adebayo Jones Luxury collection also reflects the style and the elegance that has defined his career over the years. It is for this reason that Adebayo Jones – has come to be widely embraced by the fashion Community and public at large.

Adebayo Jones has worked tirelessly over the years using his skills to support various charity Organisations by hosting charity fashion shows, and travelling the Globe in support of Organisations such The British Red Cross, UNICEF Children's fund, Pink ball Fund, Support for Africa, Imperial Breast cancer Research Fund, Nwanko Kanu heart foundation, The heart campaign amongst others.

With many awards and testimonials to his credit, he has worked with various schools, colleges as well as universities in educating and training students for the fashion industry in the UK.



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## FOCUS ON DISABILITY FOUNDATION UK HOSTS 3RD CHARITY APPRECIATION DAY

Charity supporters and volunteers were treated to an evening of fine dining and world class entertainment. Award winning Dr. Aij. Ibrahim Asante had the audience howling with laughter following moving speeches from our founder, Abbey Paseda, Mrs June Douglas, Mrs Yemisi Agunbiade and Mr Henry Squire on how disability/mental can impact on anyone of us.

The evening also featured presentation of Appreciation certificate to the charity donors, raffle draw and a silent auction, which helped to raise funds before the night was brought to an end with a variety of music for all to enjoy.

One of the charity Patrons, Dr Abbey Akinoshun was delighted with the money raised and thankful to all those who supported the charity. He said: the support we have received is fantastic and the money raised will allow the charity to continue to support people with disabilities in Africa. To have sustained support and donations from Dr. Dapo Williams, Tiens groups, Seyi Wotever Cakes, NEA UK Awards, Rotary club of Hendon, Marketing Ministers UK, Joy and Joe baby's wears, The Champions club, St Mark's Church of England (Birmingham) and other attendees for the third year running is magnificent and for that I have to say a massive thank you.

**"THE MONEY RAISED WILL ALLOW THE CHARITY TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN AFRICA."**

ABBHEY PASEDA  
FOUNDER FOCUS ON DISABILITY





# AKWACROSS MANCHESTER INAUGURATION CEREMONY

**A**kwacross Manchester is a non-profit organisation, whose main aim is networking, supporting one another, sharing our values, showing casing some of the most popular features of their region.

They represent the indigenes of Akwa Ibom and Cross River States, well known for their very many tasty dishes and they had opportunity of show casing some of our dishes during the inauguration ceremony of AkwaCross Manchester 1st event on November 27th 2016, held at Gorton Mount Restaurant in Manchester.

The event anchored by popular MC Trendy Temmy. The special guest of honour, Mr Ade Orogundade - The President of the Nigerian Community Manchester, Pastor Ibora-Abasi Utang, Adewunmi Adisa, of My Green Gene, Lady Ceebee Gold, Founder of Ceebee Gold International, Tracey Peake of Alkaline water & Sheila Mandongwe Dimobi.

They hope to continue building the bonds of friendship and offering a helping hand within our community by investing in Nigeria, supporting those in need in the UK.







# PROJECT CELEBRATION

The Pastor, leadership and members of The Redeemed Christian Church of God, The Royal Assembly welcomed guest to its first edition of 'Project celebration'. This is a family oriented gathering of the children of God to celebrate the gift of salvation, symbolised by the dying of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary, through dramas, musical, choreography, film festival and other Christian arts. The objectives of this event is to

- To celebrate God's gift of salvation to us, Christians,
- To propagate Christian morals through stage drama presentation

- To provide alternative form of entertainment to the body of Christ in an edifying environment.
- To unite the body of Christ together and Socialisation

The Project Celebration is a new birth from RCCG ROYAL ASSEMBLY SHEFFIELD and its non-denominational and all forms of godly Christian groups, church and giant ministries are welcome to join the Project Celebration in the coming years.

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**I**t was a ground breaking event as the Igbo union Milton Keynes officially inaugurated their union IUMK through the leadership of their then President Pastor Bernard Amalu and his dedicated team of Executives - Mr Kingsley Oti, Engr Steve Obi, Cheif Jeff Obi-Allison, Mr Raymond Okafor, Nze Chima Okoro and Cheif Sam Ezeugwu. Highlights of this great event were - maiden magazine launch, promotion of Igbo culture, iwa Oji, launch of women's and children's cultural dance groups; Event attracted Dignitaries amongst whom were The Mayor of Milton Keynes, Cllr Coventry and his Dear wife, Titled and red cap Cheifs, Mayors of other counties in the UK, the CANUK chairman Ezenwanyi Ndi Igbo Gburugburu Ireland and many others. Mc by Igboamaka BenTV. This is what one of the spokes persons from the women's wing Christy Amalu JP said - we are here to give flavour to your occasions. Contact the IUMK dance group for your weddings, iri ji, chieftaincy ceremonies etc and our dance group will keep your guests entertained for you. Long live IUMK!!! Long live Milton Keynes!!!! Long live United Kingdom.







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# Nigeria's Prosperity & Diaspora Participation

by Temitope Olodo

Five months after President Muhammadu Buhari presented a 7.298 trillion naira 2017 budget proposal to the joint session of the National Assembly on Wednesday, 14th December 2017; the legislators have finally passed the budget. This budget has been tagged by many economic analyst has the budget of recovery and growth, but analysis of the budget reveals that it is 20.4 percent higher than the 2016 budget.

Even with the Federal Government allocation of 92 billion Naira as budgetary allocation to the Agricultural sector for the year 2017; the populace are battling with high inflation on essential food ingredients. Statistics available reveals high inflation rate on common food items in the last 12 months with white Garri standing at 77%, Yam at 41%, Beans at 41% and even Rice at 41%. Between Jan and April 2017, the price increase for white garri stands at 32% whilst Yam stands at 14%..

Unfortunately, Nigeria had been unable to translate the potential of her diaspora wealth into tangible economic weapon for tackling the recession challenges. Even the World Bank has signalled that Nigeria is gradually approaching the red line on borrowing because it lacks the capacity to handle the repayment in long time without economic challenges.

As at 2016, remittance from Nigerians living abroad to the economy had hit \$35 billion and according to data from Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development, remittances into Nigeria totalled

\$20.8 billion in 2015. That high level of remittance had not strategically reposition Nigeria economy for greatness and what is clear from basic economic analysis is that Nigeria government plays a lip service to Diaspora Economy Injection. Relevance of the diaspora to Nigeria's greatness is still viewed from an utopia perspective rather from a strategic view.

This statement is strengthened but the non relevance of diaspora input to the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan. The vision of the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP) the vision of the ERGP further states: "There is an urgent need as a nation to drive a structural economic transformation with an emphasis on improving both public and private sector efficiency.

This is aimed at increasing national productivity and achieving sustainable diversification of production, to significantly grow the economy and achieve maximum welfare for the citizens, beginning with food and energy security.

This plan is a pointer to the type of Nigeria that the people desire in the short to medium-term, and encourages the use of science, technology and innovation to drive growth. It also provides a blueprint for the type of foundation that needs to be laid for future generations, and focuses on building the capabilities of the youth of Nigeria to be able to take the country into the future..." It is unfortunate that whilst the Federal and State Government continue to pay lip service on the diaspora active engagement in

Nigeria's economic recovery; the diaspora collectively are not strategic enough to think outside the box to contribute as a diaspora community towards the development of the fatherland.

There are individuals and little groups from the diaspora adding value daily to Nigeria prosperity but the lack of collective diaspora input is lacking.

The Federal Government needs to identify areas of priorities that the diaspora community should get involved in like:

1. Agriculture
2. Education
3. Housing
4. Youth Development
5. IT Technology and Health care.

In turn, the diaspora community need to approach the Federal Government for support to commencing large co-op farming and diaspora micro-finance system.

Until the diaspora mentality shift to collective diaspora investment & Government is clear on management structure & protocol engagement; nothing meaningful would emerge from Nigeria diaspora community.

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# N.T.T.G Honour The Nigerian Armed Forces

The executive and members of Nigerian Think Tank Group UK and worldwide in the presence of the Acting Nigerian High Commission to the UK His Excellency, Mr Simon Ogah, expressed their support, admiration and gratitude to the officers, men and women of the Nigeria Armed Forces past, present &

their families, for their sacrifices to our beloved nation on the Armed Forces Day. They prayed that “may the labours of our heroes past and present never be in vain & prayed for sound health and long life for standing, retired, widowed, families of the Nigeria Armed Forces men and women”.



The occasion was also used to celebrate and congratulate recently promoted officers of the Nigerian officers named below and picture to the left; Major E. B Oyefeso Col. Oluremi Olawale Obolo CDR. Moses Kolawole Omopariola LT.Col Abbas Amin Umar & CDR. Isah Musa Danjuma







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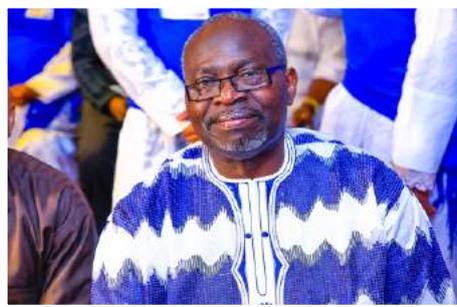
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To ensure that protocol practitioners in Nigeria are rebranded to meet international benchmark, the British Deputy High Commission, in collaboration with Synergy Systems Consults United Kingdom (UK) Limited, hosted industry experts to a workshop and networking reception on how to harness better ways of working in the future.

Speaking at the pre-inaugural summit of the Association of Certified Protocol Practitioners in Nigeria (ACPPN) and networking reception, themed : “Enhancing Professionalism, Productivity and Integrity in Nigeria’s Economy through Protocol Practice,” the British Deputy High Commissioner, Ahmed Bashir, commended the association’s vision of rebranding the concept of protocol practice in Nigeria. Bashir, who emphasised the need

for the right partnerships that would enhance its values in raising global standards, also applauded the partnership collaborations of Synergy Systems Consults (UK) Limited and Nigeria to harness better opportunities for a sustainable future.

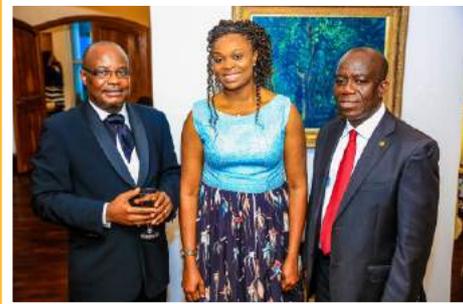
Mrs. Kenneth Divine, who said that the group is working with the British High Commission, which has been of huge support for years, even before the association was given birth to, added that the UK has given them direction in terms of workshop, been a strong ground for capacity building as some protocol officers have benefited from training’s in the UK on a friendly ground on which they are working. Calling the event a giant step in the right direction, Mrs. Kenneth-Divine said the event would go a long way in boosting trade between Nigeria and the UK and

even beyond that, putting Nigeria where it is supposed to be in terms of creating a better goal of the society and well being of the country.

Also, the immediate past High Commissioner to Kenya and chairman of the association’s Board of Trustees, Ambassador Akin Oyateru, said the vision would increase awareness, improve code of conduct practice and embrace the right regulations, certifications and interface with the right resource persons that will enhance professionalism and delivery.

Mrs. Kenneth-Divine said the rebranding concept of protocol practice would open doors for big businesses as protocol practitioners carry their brands everywhere, which would increase partnership and investment opportunities.





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