

NEWHAM BLACK WORKERS TRAINING GROUP
Anti -Racist year 1984
Presents series of 10 lectures on the theme

AFRIKA – MOTHER OF CIVILISATION

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| LECTURE | 1. | "FIRST WORLD PEOPLE" - THE EVIDENCE
Tony Cheeseman | } SATURDAY 3rd NOV.
10 am - 4.30 pm |
| | 2. | THE RELEVANCE OF AFRIKAN RELIGION
AND PHILOSOPHY FOR BLACK PEOPLE
Drake Koka | |
| | 3. | THE AFRIKAN PRESENCE IN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN - Winston James | } SUNDAY 4th NOV.
10 am - 4.30 pm |
| | 4. | AFRIKAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(ANCIENT & MODERN) - Bro. Kwamen | |
| | 5. | HISTORY OF MENTAL OPPRESSION
Dr. Agrie Burke | * TUESDAY 20th NOV.
7 - 9.30 pm |
| | 6. | AFRIKAN ROOTS - ARTS /MUSIC
Amon Saba Saakana | * TUESDAY 13th NOV.
7 - 9.30 pm |
| | 7. | PAN-AFRIKANISM - Cecil Gutzmore | } SATURDAY 24th NOV.
10 am - 4.30 pm |
| | 8. | GARVEYISM - Peter Blackman | |
| | 9. | STRUGGLES FOR SURVIVAL & DEVELOPMENT | } SUNDAY 25th NOV.
10 am - 4.30 pm |
| & | 10. | (ALTERNATIVES FOR BLACK PEOPLE)
Venice Johnson, Barbara Ellis, Marenga Bambata | |

* please note dates

Out of Work Centre
66b Sebert Rd.
Forest Gate E7

Tel: 519 - 3700 for info.

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R E P O R T O N

Series of Lectures Entitled;
"AFRIKA - MOTHER OF CIVILISATION"

The Newham Black Workers Training Group believed it was very important to put on this series of lectures. Firstly, to raise the consciousness of the general community in Newham, especially young Black people on the issue of racism and Afrika's contribution to civilisation as seen from a Black perspective. Secondly, we regarded these lectures as a positive contribution to the Anti-racist year programme. Thirdly, the lectures provided the opportunity for deeper appreciation of our history as well as contributing ideas for future training programmes.

The lectures closely followed the original programme. Each lecture lasted for over an hour, followed by responses from the audience.

Lecture 1 - "First World People - the evidence" was well presented by Tony Cheeseman, who explored the influence of Black culture on early civilisation.

Lecture 2 - "The relevance of Afrikan religion and philosophy for Black people" by Drake Koka. He gave an interesting and informed insight not the different thinking and concepts of God and religion. This highlighted the differences between European and Afrikan religions.

Lecture 3 - "The Afrikan presence in Europe and the Caribbean" was given by Winston James. He explained the presence of Afrikan people in the Caribbean before, during and after slavery, emphasising their contribution to the caribbean as well as Europe.

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Lecture 4 - "Afrikan science and technology - ancient and modern" was not given by Bro. Kwamen as programmed. Drake Koka presented the lecture at short notice, showing how Afrikan technology influenced modern science.

Lecture 5 - "The history of mental oppression" by Dr. Aggrey Burke, questioned the criteria by which Black people were diagnosed as being mentally ill in Britain. He felt that the cultural traditions and values of the Black community were negated by a biased Eurocentric value system. This results in a large number of Black people being defined as mentally ill. He also emphasised the need for community groups like ourselves to support Black families under stress.

Lecture 6 - "Afrikan roots - Art and Music" Amon Saba Saakana traced the continuity of Afrikan culture through the performing and visual arts.

Lecture 7 - "Pan-Afrikanism" Cecil Gutzmore focussed on the geographical and political displacement of Afrikan people throughout the world. He explained the background, context and objectives of Pan-Afrikanism.

Lecture 8 - "Garveyism" Peter Blackman explained the development and influence of Garvey's philosophy and teaching. This was highlighted by his personal experiences with Garvey and the movement.

Lecture 9 - "The struggles for survival and development (alternatives for Black people)" Barbara Ellis and Venice Johnson gave an account of their experiences in Mozambique. They talked about the independence struggle and the social reconstruction of this country.

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Lecture 10 - "The struggles for survival and development (alternatives for Black people)" Marenga Bambata explored scientific socialism, its relevance to Afrikan people and the need to formulate a strategy for our political and economic development.

The lectures were well attended, with an average of 50-60 on the weekends. A variety of Caribbean dishes was served on both weekends. A similar audience of about 30 people attended the evening lectures on the 13th and 20th November.

The lectures were well received as reflected in the attendance figures. The Training Group believes, that, because of the enthusiastic response to the series of lectures, programmes of this nature must be an integral part of future training.

As a result of the series of lectures we believe that the Afro-Caribbean community in Newham has learnt a great deal about our history and its contribution to world development.

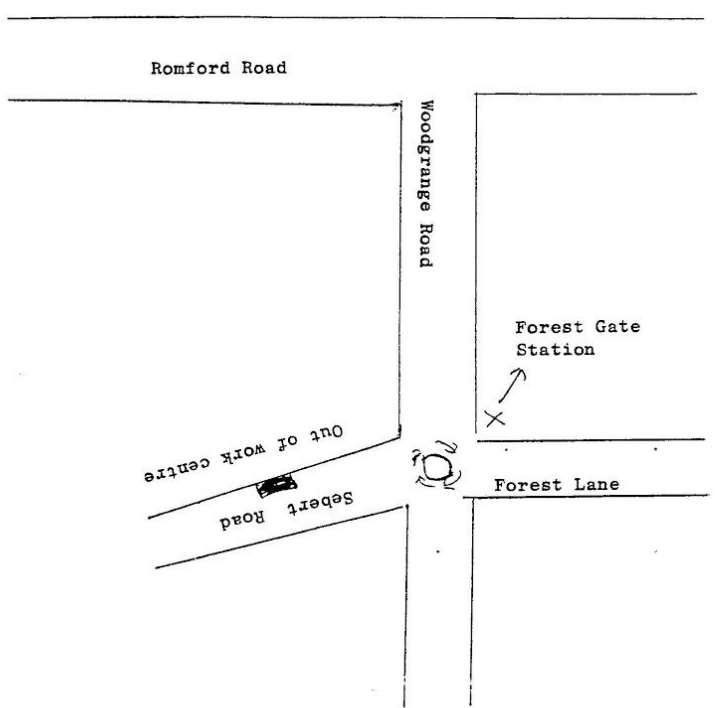
Equally, our confidence has grown in the knowledge that in spite of difficulties we have made progress and that we can continue to contribute to our future development. We wish therefore to acknowledge the Borough's important contribution to Anti-Racist year, its objectives and financial support, which we hope will continue in the future.

Miss Marjorie Matiereine, Co-ordinator

HOW TO GET THERE

BRITISH RAIL : FOREST GATE STATION
BUSES;

86, 226, 25, 58, 162 (278 Saturdays only)



NEWHAM TRAINING COUNCIL - BLACK WORKERS

TRAINING GROUP

TWO DAY CONSULTATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMME

FOR

BLACK PART - TIME AND FULL TIME WORKERS

IN

VOLUNTARY AND STATUTORY SERVICES

DATE : SATURDAY 30th JUNE

SUNDAY 1st JULY 1984

VENUE: OUT OF WORK CENTRE

BETWEEN 66-68 SEBERT ROAD,

FOREST GATE E 7.

Registration: £1

SATURDAY

10:00 - 10.30	Registration	10.30 - 12.30	Black Women
10.30 - 11.30	Achievement of Black Community in Britain CECIL GUTZMORE		CHERRYL MONTEITH
11.30 - 12.30	Social Work & Black Families MIKE PRESCOD	12.30 - 1.30	Identity Crisis and the Black Community TONY CHEESEMAN
12.30 - 1.30	Workshops	1.30 - 2.30	Lunch
1.30 - 2.15	Lunch	2.30 - 3.30	Workshops
2.15 - 2.45	Mental Health BUDDY LARRIER	3.30 - 4.30	Design Training Course - Workshops
2.45 - 3.45	Legal Rights / Police Bill CECIL GUTZMORE	4.30 - 5.00	Summing up
3.45 - 4.45	Workshops		
4.45 - 5.00	Feedback		

SUNDAY