



## Newham Afro Caribbean Youth Association

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Date 5/12/76 London E. 13

Dear Sir,

Our association was formed in June of this year (1976), with the express intention of filling a very wide and uneasy void which exist in the Newham Area, as a self help group we have been looking at the various aspects of community life which affects every one in general and in particular young people of Afro-Caibbean Origin, in the areas such as educations and careers unemployment, arts and culture and sports.

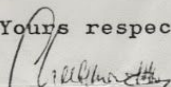
As we continue to search for effective ways to implement our policies, some of which were formulated at our first week-end joint conference with Community Relations Commission in September of this year, our membership has grown to over two hundred people.

As regards to the Arts and Cultural Section, we are encouraging young people to get involved in their Cultural Activities, which could provide a base for a professional career and would tie in with our intended Black Arts work-shop which we hope to have open in the area shortly. So to this end we are requesting your office to assist us in sending three of our members to the second BLACK ARTS & CULTURAL FESTIVAL to be held in Nigeria from the 15th January for two weeks. We feel that if this venture comes off this experience would be invaluable, from a wider aspect of our cultural heritage. This is an International Event at which we would like to be represented.

We require two hundred & ten pounds (£210) to ensure that our three members attend the festival (£70 each). The C.R.C. and our Association will provide the balance of the finance necessary for the trip.

We understand that your organisation has an interest in Social Services effecting British Life and promoting good Race Relations. Self-Help groups such as ours have a vital role to play in providing leadership among young Black People. We would therefore ask you to give us sympathetic consideration to our request for such a small sum of money. An urgent reply is requested because of the brevity of time. Enclosed is our constitution.

Yours respectfully

  
Tony Cheeseman

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