



# Winter Newsletter

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**The Anthony Walker Foundation**

*Diversity - integrity - Racial Harmony through Sport, Music, Education*

# Happy New Year!



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I'm sure like us, you are back into the swing of work and planning for 2011?

2010 passed so quickly with so many newsworthy events. Our heartfelt thanks to those of you who have been actively involved in some of the projects we have delivered.

My particular thanks to our Ambassadors and the work that has been done supporting young people. Thanks also to those who have volunteered to 'hold the phone' one day per month for the helpline which is being launched in February to support victims of racially motivated incidents.

A particular thanks to Dr Tony Lloyd, our CEO for the past two years who will be moving onto pastures new in March and I would like to welcome our newly appointed CEO Leona Vaughan who will build on the many successes of the Foundation. Leona will work closely with Paul Harris the Volunteer Co-ordinator in ensuring that our volunteers and funders are valued and supported for their effort and generosity.

Many challenges remain in our efforts to build strong, safe and diverse communities. We could not do it without your help and support. Currently, we are struggling to fund the running of our services. Many of you are aware of the cuts to funding for local charities and we would like to ask for your continued support. If those reading this newsletter could find it in their hearts to donate just £5, we could ensure our vital work continues.

If you require any information or support of any kind, please do not hesitate to contact our office and we will do anything we can to help. Equally, we are pleased to hear any of your good news stories about what you are doing to promote our shared values and aims for our communities. If you are happy to include photographs we would do our best to include your news in our newsletters and on our web site.

Wishing you every blessing for the new year ahead.

Gee Walker

## Help us fundraise!

Do you have any fantastic fundraising ideas?

Would you like to help the AWF continue it's hard work?

Then why not join our fundraising team?

The Anthony Walker Foundation relies on donations to continue delivering it's mission of promoting diversity and racial harmony and over the coming months we are looking to develop a number of fundraising initiatives to enable us to do so. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help raise the funds that will allow us to continue tackling hate crime by working with young people in YOUR community.

You could help organise a number of events such as fun runs, pub quiz, team events, raffles or supermarket collections. Or why not be a daredevil and take part in sponsored abseil?

For further information please contact Paul Harris on 0151 237 3974 or email [paul.harris@anthonywalkerfoundation.com](mailto:paul.harris@anthonywalkerfoundation.com)



# Our Departing CEO



A fond farewell to Dr Tony Lloyd

I am delighted to announce that Leona Vaughn has been appointed the new CEO of the Anthony Walker Foundation and will take up her post on April 1st. Leona currently works part time as the Equality and Diversity Officer for the Home Office and will continue in this role part time alongside her new post at the Foundation. Leona brings a wealth of experience and has been a supporter of the AWF for many years and was responsible for setting up the CPS Anthony Walker Law Scholarship to support a disadvantaged BME young person to study Law. As many of you may know, it was Anthony's ambition to become Lawyer and this scheme is a fitting tribute to Anthony.

Having joined the Foundation in December 2008, initially on a six month basis, I am sad to be leaving but extremely pleased that I am handing over to someone of Leona's skill and experience. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and inspiration during my tenure here – not least Gee Walker and Dominique, the Board of Trustees and the many volunteers who enable the Foundation to make a real difference to our communities. There are many projects we are undertaking

that promote our aim to build strong safe communities free of racism and discrimination. I have been touched by the example of so many people, especially young people who have overcome the challenge of racial discrimination and the many AWF Young Ambassadors who are a shining example of how amazing young people are; their passion and commitment in promoting human rights, gives me the confidence to believe that together, the AWF will continue to make the world a better place. A particular word of thanks also Paul Harris our Volunteer co-ordinator, Paul Parry and the staff at LCVS, Sefton CVS and Knowsley Ethnic Minorities Group, The Liverpool BRM Network, Alan Brown and the team at Love Music Hate Racism. Be assured of my heartfelt appreciation for all you have done in our work together and of my continued support.

Dr Tony Lloyd

# Our New CEO

Working for justice and equality isn't a career choice for me, it is a life choice.

The murder of Stephen Lawrence is probably the one event that I can pinpoint as having such an effect on me to propel me to make that choice.

The year Stephen Lawrence should have started his degree in Architecture; I began studying Sociology at Liverpool University.

Whilst studying I worked in a number of places, including local authority youth work, and I also volunteered for Victim Support – a great and humbling experience, however I had to ask the question 'what are we doing about racist crime?' It was a question that many others were now asking, so I coordinated their very first racist crime training course for staff and volunteers in 1995. Since then I have worked in various local, regional and national equalities and human rights roles for Age Concern Liverpool, Nugent Care Society, Merseyside Racial Harassment Prevention Unit and CPS. I was a specialist adviser to Merseyside Police in a taskforce looking at race hate crime and complaints against police – a forerunner to the Independent Advisers Group which I went on to co-chair. I am an experienced equality and diversity trainer and programme writer, and a professional coach mentor.



Leona Vaughn

I was thrilled when the opportunity came to work with the AWF as Chief Executive. The Foundation is an amazing testimony to the strength and determination of Anthony's family to ensure that a positive impact is made in our community from such a devastating crime. My aim is to support the Foundation to do this to the fullest extent; to grow and show a real and measurable impact on the lives of young people and their families across Liverpool to help us reduce and, who knows even eradicate racism from our society. I look forward to working with you all to achieve this!

**Welcome to the team Leona!**

# Support Line

The Anthony Walker Foundation will soon be launching a new telephone information line that helps to support and signpost victims of hate crime. We are currently recruiting volunteers to help with the service. Volunteers will be required to 'hold the phone' on a rota basis and keep a record of the calls made.

All volunteers will be provided with training in basic counselling and listening skills. No experience is necessary just a polite and friendly manner, commitment and a willingness to learn.

Please contact Paul by email on [paul.harris@anthonywalkerfoundation.com](mailto:paul.harris@anthonywalkerfoundation.com) or call 0151 237 3974 for further information.



# Schools Programme



The Anthony Walker Foundation recently commenced a five month project to deliver assemblies and interactive workshops on Crime and Community safety to sixteen schools and eight youth groups within Liverpool. The project started in November with Gee Walker speaking to Sixth Formers in St John Bosco High School.

Gee's session included a talk about Anthony's life and his legacy as evidenced in the work of the Foundation, the showing of the DVD *Colour Blind* and an opportunity for questions and feedback. The students and staff present were visibly moved by the profound message that Gee gave.

Catherine Millan, one of the AWF Young Ambassadors delivered a highly interactive workshop, the purpose of which was to raise their awareness and challenge any preconceptions.

The workshop was very successful, a teacher at the school said "When you grow up in area that is predominately a monoculture one how do you learn to accept that all are equal and how are their opinions formed? As educators we seek to challenge preconceptions, encourage students to be open to new ideas / experiences – this we do daily but in one hour Gee Walker did that and so much more".

Such sentiments continue to be echoed in the other schools we have been including one where a senior member of staff said that Gee's assembly was the best in the fifteen years that she had been teaching at the school.

The work of the foundation and Gee's enduring message of hope continues to reverberate within Liverpool, but it is such a great opportunity to go into school and speak to young people about the need to make better choices in life and more importantly to see themselves as agents of positive change. This project will end with a Youth Conference in March; schools are already pledging their support not only for this event but also for further collaboration with the Foundation.

Bukky Olaleye  
Project Manager



# Rainhill High School Fundraiser



The AWF works closely with several key partner schools across Merseyside and we were very delighted to be involved in a Global Citizenship day at Rainhill Media Arts College in November. The event involved a month of activity by staff and pupils, exploring issues such as equality, diversity and racism.

Pupils produced essays, poetry and posters on the theme, including a couple of very moving tributes to Anthony Walker. Liverpool Football Club also participated with former players Brain Hall and Phil Neale presenting to Sixth Form students about Liverpool Football Club and the work they have done to promote diversity and kick racism out of football. Our thanks also to DAISY - the disability awareness charity, and Merseyside Police Cadets who also supported this event with us.

AWF young Ambassadors were involved in leading workshops for pupils and presenting a year group assemblies, talking about why they are involved with the Foundation and the work they do in order to help educate other young people about racism and promoting diversity.

In the evening a range of performances from pupils and community groups alike provided an entertaining display of dance, poetry, music and drama. The event was attended by Gee Walker who was visibly moved by the support given to the AWF and to the memory of Anthony.

The school also involved students in a range of different fundraising activities to support the work of the Foundation and head teacher Mr John Pout and the pupils have kindly committed themselves to making this an annual event at their school.

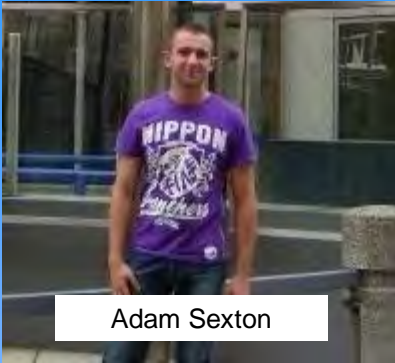
We would like to offer our heartfelt appreciation to Mr Pout, and the staff and pupils, in particular Ms Angie Gates and Mr Colin Foley for their support hard work in making this event possible.

We would also welcome other schools across the northwest region to work in partnership with us to stage such events all year round by following the example of the school community at Rainhill Media Arts College.

Dr Tony Lloyd  
CEO



# Admin Ambassador!



Adam Sexton

As of November 2010 I have been employed as an admin assistant by the Anthony Walker Foundation, I was very pleased to hear that I was successful in my interview and now look forward to playing an active role within the foundation.

For the previous 18 months I have been working with the foundation in a voluntary capacity as a Young ambassador and will continue to do so although I have now been employed by the foundation in an administration role.

Since becoming an ambassador in 2009 I have been given the privilege to volunteer at the Anthony Walker Foundations annual festival, attend various conferences, conducted work shops in schools and much more.

Being an ambassador with the foundation has enabled myself to greatly improve upon my personal development, I now feel that i am educated enough in this field and worked with the foundation long enough to effectively deliver workshops and educate others, possibly younger people around issues such as hate crime, race relations, the holocaust, lessons learnt and much more.

Upon becoming an administration assistant with the foundation I now look forward to playing more of an active role in the foundation's projects. I would like to hopefully set up links with a variety of schools across Merseyside in which our young ambassadors can attend in order to deliver workshops around the work we do and around the issues we tackle and hope to play a role in eradicating it.

# Charity Gala

**The Anthony Walker Foundation  
Presents**

## **A Masked Ball**

**At The Adelphi Hotel**  
Kensington Rooms  
On Saturday 11th June 2011

Complimentary Drink on Arrival  
Three Course Dinner & Wine  
Live Singer, Dance Acts  
Plus Disco

Black Tie/Lounge Suit - Mask Compulsory - Tickets: £35.00  
(a large selection of masks will be available for sale)

Arrival: 6.30pm for 7.00pm Carriages 12.00am



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June 11<sup>th</sup> Sees our 2<sup>nd</sup> Gala Fundraising Dinner to be held at the Adelphi.

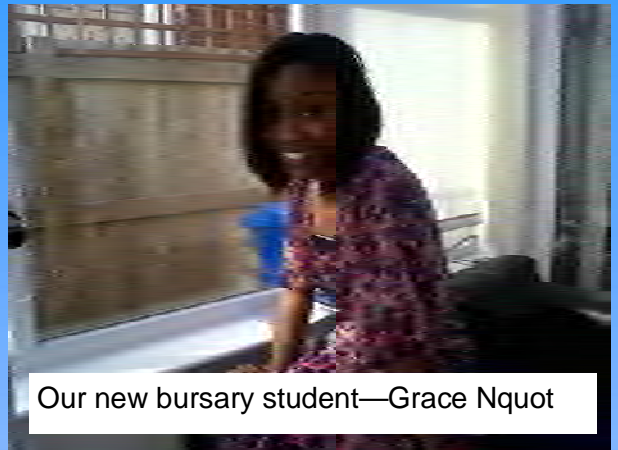
This event, organised by Ossie Omar and our volunteer fund raising team will offer an opportunity for all of us to come together to celebrate the outstanding achievements of the Anthony Walker Foundation. An evening of entertainment, great food and the company of friends will be a welcome bit of fun in what are challenging times for many of us. The evening will also see presentations of our citizenship awards – in recognition of those individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to our communities and those who have triumphed over adversity. Tickets can be purchased via the office on 0151 237 3974 price **£35** which includes a three course meal and wine. Please support us and encourage as many of your colleagues and friends to come along and join in this fun and uplifting celebration.

God Bless you all.  
Gee

# CPS - Bursary Student

The Anthony Walker Law Bursary provides financial support to a local student studying a degree in Law. The bursary also provides the student with 12 weeks of work experience with the Crown Prosecution service as well as voluntary experience with the Anthony Walker Foundation.

Applications for the third year of the Anthony Walker Law Bursary came in thick and fast and we are pleased to announce this years successful student—Grace Nquot.



**What made you apply for the bursary?**

I was told about the Anthony Walker Bursary by my careers advisor at school. She thought I would be the perfect candidate for it, and she told me that it would be such a great opportunity for me. I was flattered that she believed in me so much, but I was originally not going to apply. I never for one second imagined that I would be called for an interview, never mind be awarded the bursary. In the end I was persuaded to. “Well you have nothing to lose Grace” were her words and I have never been happier that I made the decision to apply.

**What you hope to gain from being involved with the foundation.**

I hope to be more educated, and have a deeper, more clearer understanding of race hate crime, its causes and implications. It’s amazing how little I know about it, even with myself being of an ethnic minority racial group. I suppose when an issue doesn’t affect one directly it’s easier to turn a blind eye to it. The aims of the foundation, is something that I strongly agree with and I back whole heartedly. Being involved with the foundation I hope to be able to be a part of the change that I can see is currently taking place, not just accept race hate, but to question it and fight against it.

**What you wish to do as a career**

I am currently studying Law at Manchester Metropolitan University. After the degree, I plan to do the Bar Professional Training Course, after completion of that I would love to eventually become a family lawyer or human rights lawyer. I definitely want to pursue a career in the legal profession there isn’t anything else I see myself doing.

**How the bursary and voluntary work with AWF will help you achieve your goals.**

The bursary has not only released me from the financial pressures that other students will have to face, but it has also meant that I won’t have to struggle finding relevant legal work experience or voluntary work experience, as this is all inclusive. The bursary automatically makes me stand out to my other possible future professional counterparts. When I do come round to applying to Law firms for possible support with the Bar, the fact that I received the Anthony Walker Bursary in 2010, I am sure will make me stand out from other applicants. The bursary has definitely given me a head start in a very long, hopefully successful legal career and once again I would like to say I am extremely grateful.

**Congratulations Grace. We look forward to working with you this year and beyond!**

# Castleberg Youth Forum

The Anthony Walker Foundation welcomed the Castleberg Youth Forum to Liverpool. Castleberg Youth Forum are a group of young people from Northern Ireland who are committed to tackling sectarianism and breaking down barriers in their community.

Our Young Ambassadors greeted with the group with icebreakers, presentations and interactive workshops to share ideas and educate themselves on the problems faced in Northern Ireland. Here are some accounts of how the Youth Forum found their with our Ambassadors.

The Anthony Walker Story touched our hearts deeply when we first read about it. Gee, Anthony's mum set up an amazing project where valuable and precious work is done with by a team of passionate people. The Foundation made us feel so welcome and gave us a great insight how racism affects the lives of ordinary people living in Liverpool. Castleberg is a small town in Northern Ireland that has had its fair share of problems over the years. Our work at the Castleberg youth forum with the young people is making a difference moving towards a more peaceful and promising future. We hope one day soon we will have the AWF as our visitors so they can experience our culture and lovely community.



Icebreaker

Janet Harper (Project Worker Castleberg Youth Forum)

On my visit to Liverpool we met up with the Anthony Walker Foundation and it was an honour. They showed us, the Castleberg Youth Forum, what integration really is. Everyone there was very hospitable and knowledgeable, they were some of the nicest people I've met. For them to set up a foundation after such a tragedy and to have so much success in their quest to end racism is a credit to them. It would be an honour if they could come over to Castleberg and we could show them our organisation.

Cahill Logue Age 17

When we went to Liverpool for an anti-racism course we had been doing in Castleberg Youth Forum I had no idea what to expect. Then we met with the Anthony Walker Foundation who are a group of people devoted to speaking out against racism. As we are from a small community there aren't many different cultures, we were aware of racism but I never knew to the extent that racism could have on someone's life. I feel like racism is a serious problem and that the Anthony Walker Foundation is an amazing place to be voicing their opinions and raising awareness to a worthy cause. I will never forget the effect racism had on Anthony Walker's life and I really want to thank you all for an amazing time, listening to you was an unforgettable experience.



Presenting to our Ambassadors

Courtney Scott, 16

# Sefton Ambassadors!

The Anthony Walker Foundation is soon to Launch a new Ambassadors programme in Sefton. Working in partnership with Riverside Housing, St Leonard's Youth Club and the Brunswick Youth club we are looking for young people with the potential to become community leaders, who are committed to tackling racism and promoting diversity in their community.

We are recruiting for the next generation of community champions. We require young people (aged 16-25) to join our ambassador project who want to promote our ethos of "Diversity, Integrity, Racial Harmony through Sport, Music and Education".

Ambassadors will be given the opportunity to:

- Given accredited training opportunities
- Develop your skills and employment opportunities through participation and training
- Take part in residential trips
- Meet likeminded people
- Take part in fundraisers
- Develop your own projects which help promote the AWF
- Given coaching and mentoring



**European Union**  
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Investing in jobs and skills

This is a brand new project due to launch on March 14<sup>th</sup> at SPACE and is a fantastic opportunity to make a positive impact on your local community and enhance your skills in a fun and friendly diverse environment. Volunteers must be aged 16-25 and reside in Sefton. Volunteers from BME communities are particularly encouraged to get involved.

Places for the launch night are limited. If you wish to come along please register your interest by contacting Paul Harris on 0151 237 3974 or [paul.harris@anthonywalkerfoundation.com](mailto:paul.harris@anthonywalkerfoundation.com)

## Articles Wanted

Do you fancy yourself as a budding journalist or do you have a story that you wish to tell?

We are always looking for articles for our newsletter and our website.

Has racism/hate crime affected you?

Has the Anthony Walker Foundation helped you?

Have you any good examples of diversity on your community?

What have to done to promote the Foundation or the Foundation's ethos?

Have you volunteered for the Foundation?

We would love to hear from you.

Please send any submissions to [info@anthonywalkerfoundation.com](mailto:info@anthonywalkerfoundation.com)



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