



# Newsletter

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– Sgt Khizra

## Speak out on Domestic Servitude – Sgt Khizra

*Sgt. Khizra implores Nigerians in UK to always strive to obey the laws of our host country, do everything to support the good, British government*

The Nigerian Community has been urged to be careful of how they 'employ' people to work for them. According to the Domestic Servitude Coordinator, of West Midlands Police, Birmingham, Sergeant Khizra, it is illegal to just employ anyone, without proper documentation and paying less than the British Government approved, minimum wage.

Speaking at the quarterly Central Executive Council (CEC) meeting of the National Association of Nigerian Communities (NANC), hosted by the United Nigeria Welfare Association, (UNIWA) Birmingham, Sergeant Khizra stated that it is against British laws to enslave anyone, under the guise of providing employment. According to her, even if the individual was sent with the consent of parents or relatives, as long as they are not registered and remunerated properly according to UK laws, there will be a penalty to pay.

She further said, the British Government, has put in place welfare package to help those who are found to be in this position and offenders will be prosecuted with long jail terms expected.

Responding to this, NANC President, Seyi Obadare, implored Nigerians in UK to always strive to obey the laws of our host country, do everything to support the good, British government is strenuously trying to make out of United Kingdom.

The quarterly NANC, CEC meeting, was attended by Executive on Nigerian Communities across England, from Birmingham, Leeds, London, Teeside(Middlesborough), Wakefield, Ayelsbury, Milton Keynes, Liverpool, Manchester, Bedfordshire.



## Nigeria Celebrates 57th Independence Anniversary.

The 57th Nigeria Independence was celebrated with Pomp and pageantry with a vast cross section of Nigerians, from all over United Kingdom in attendance.

The Nigeria High Commissioner, who was represented at the event by Minister, Information Culture and Sport - Mrs M Okpi, urged all Nigerians to continue to believe in the present Nigerian government who are making giant strides in bringing back the lost glory of our nation. She equally urged Nigerians in diaspora, to continue to be law abiding citizens to their host country and at all times be good ambassadors of Nigeria.

Speaking at the Independence Celebrations, the host, Publisher of Triumph Newspapers, Chief Femi Okutubo, said, he decided to celebrate Nigeria 57th Independence Anniversary, so as not to overburden the Nigeria High Commission and to show appreciation for the work the High Commission and staff are undertaking for Nigerians in United Kingdom.

Various important Dignitaries from all walks of diasporan life attended the celebrations, amongst whom were Chief Dele Momodu, Dr. Dayo Olomu, Chief Afolabi Andu, Mr Richard Obahor, Rev Mother Esther Abimbola Ajayi, Mr Seyi Obadare (President NANC), Mr Kunle Aderemi, Biodun Koiki and many more.



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## AFRICAN CUP OF NATION – LEEDS

The Eritrean Leeds football team, has won the 2017 annual Nigerian Community Leeds football competition.

In a match played at the Leeds Football Club, Elland Road, The Spartans of Leeds team defeated their Nigerian counterparts, by two goals to One. Speaking at the closing ceremony, the President, Nigeria Leeds Community, Lawyer Lanre Fakunle, pointed out that the underlying reason for organising the tournament, is to boost community cohesion by using football to bridge the gap between African communities in Leeds as well as the wider Leeds communities.

The event also aims to promote a healthier lifestyle among the African Diaspora in Leeds and its environs.

A total number of seventeen teams, participated in the tournament, namely, Nigeria Leeds, Nigeria Wakefield, Nigerian Bradford, Ghana Leeds, Ghana Bradford, Cameroun, Gambia, Eritrea, Zimbabwe, Somalia, Sudan, United Nations, Ivory Coast, Angola, West Indies, Manchester Africans, Leeds Refugee Group.

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## NICOT Independence Day Celebration

NICOT's Independence Day celebrations and 10th birthday party passed successfully on Saturday 7th October. As always, we were well supported by our members and community and we ate and drank well.

We heard from the development panel from Teesside University and Virgin Money who responded to lots of questions from the audience, and we launched our new mentoring scheme in partnership with Virgin Money. We saw our beautiful dancers again this year as well as hearing our new choir who sang a number of lively traditional songs.

Our children also did us proud. We heard about experiences of Nigeria, an award winning poem

and we saw some wonderful performances in NICOT's Got Talent - pianists, dancers, a DJ and a fashion show. Congratulations to Judd Nzekwe, our first winner. I'm already looking forward to next year's competition!

Our special guests, Andy McDonald, MP for Middlesbrough, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Hartlepool, were especially impressed with the colourful presentations and the lively atmosphere. They were so happy to have been able to attend.

Now we look forward to the coming year. By the way, the mentoring scheme should be in full swing so we expect to be able to provide an update on progress made.

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

October 1st, 2017 marked the 57th independence anniversary of our beloved country Nigeria. With anniversaries it is often a time to celebrate achievements and reflect on lessons learnt from challenges; Envision a new dawn, a fresh beginning and a door of brand new opportunities.

I want to take this opportunity to wish us all a very happy celebration throughout the month of October. As you celebrate please also reflect on the possibilities of being a part of achieving the positive change we all yearn for. May I also implore you to continually say a prayer for the government; leaders and designated officials representing Nigeria all around the world, that they continue to make the right decisions that will steer our nation in the right direction.

I also appreciate the wonderful work all our branches are undertaking across the country towards improving the welfare, empowerment of our people and most importantly, our continuous effort to educate our children who are the leaders of tomorrow. With our collective efforts, our future and that of Nigeria is assured.

On a final note, our quarterly general meeting held in Birmingham on 16th September, 2017 was a resounding success. Look out for more update in our next edition.

God Bless us, God bless Nigeria

Seyi Obadare  
President  
National Association of Nigerian Community (NANC) UK

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### SPEAK OUT ON DOMESTIC SERVITUDE



### NIGERIA'S 57TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



### NICOT INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



### BLACK HISTORY MONTH







## RECEPTION FOR NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER

The New Nigeria High Commissioner, Hon. Justice George Oguntade, CFR, CON, hosted a reception on the occasion of the candidature of Nigeria to the Council of the International Maritime Organisation for the term 2018 - 2019. The event, had the President of National Association of Nigerian Community (NANC), Seyi Obadare & Mr John Inneh (NANC Welfare Director) amongst others in attendance.

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## WHO WE ARE

The National Association of Nigerian Communities, is the Umbrella organisation of all Nigerian Communities in the UK. Started out as students union and when our pioneers ceased to be students, the union then metamorphosed into a welfare association called the NNU. The name NNU was changed to NANC in July 2004 due to a need to be in tune with modern voluntary organisation operating philosophy.

Our Mission is to create a viable and functional socio-welfare organisation and Network that will establish a culture of learning, care and a cohesive Community that will trigger an improvement among Nigerians and improve our image and opportunities here in the UK, whilst fostering a closer working relationship with our host communities.

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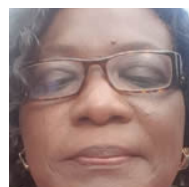
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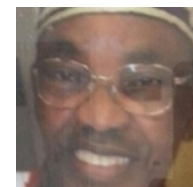
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 MR. SEYI OBADARE  
 NANC President  
 DR. PAMELA AYEWON-BERNARD, MBE  
 MS. YEMISI JENKINS, MBE

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