



Charity No: 1074470

# Hull Afro-Caribbean Association Newsletter



## Welcome to your first HACA Newsletter 2019

HACA has been off to a great start following the recent election of new Board of Trustees at the AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

The last months have seen the beginning of a number of well-attended social events at the Centre some of which we cover in this Newsletter.



Mr Horace Irving (Uncle Yan),  
Chair & Founding Member of HACA



## Uncle Yan's Birthday

The Centre also hosted the birthday celebration of Mr Horace Irving (known affectionately as Uncle Yan), Chair and Founding Member of HACA.

The birthday party was really a surprise to the celebrant especially when he was welcomed with a standing ovation and applause by all guests when he entered the Main Hall.

He was particularly surprised to see some long-time friends, and other guests. Friends unable to attend sent him birthday greetings and best wishes via various means including texts, telephone recordings, videos, piano and song renditions.

Uncle Yan would not disclose his age but did say that next year's event would be "significant" and looked forward to celebrating that too.

There was music, food, a birthday cake, and lots of sweet treats – which were especially appreciated by the many younger members of the wider community.

It was a great evening, very much enjoyed by the celebrant.

## Hull Carnival Arts

In preparation for this year's Carnival, HACA, in collaboration with Hull Carnival Arts, hosted one of the Inspirational Spark Days on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019. The day involved carnival artists working together and creating various costumes.

The costumes were vibrant, colourful & elaborate, and many members of the public complemented the artists on how impressive they looked.



## Sierra Leone's 58<sup>th</sup> Independence Day

The first of the new season's event was the celebration of Sierra Leone's 58<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, and the 227<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Freetown, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

The occasion also marked the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Twinning of the City of Kingston-upon-Hull with Freetown.



The event was well attended and guests included Saidu Koroma, Chair of The Sierra Leone Association, Hull, and Deputy Chief Executive Hull City Council and Chair of the Hull Freetown Society, Trish Dalby. Members were treated to the cuisine, which was naturally Sierra Leonian, and was very well received by guests, HACA members, and members of the public. Music was provided by DJ Kojo.

## Board of Trustees - April 2019

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