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Wilkes Education Scholarship Trust (WEST)

As the 2020/21 academic year has drawn to a close, and the deadline for applications for 2021/22 grants is fast approaching, we would like you to meet the first cohort of recipients of our WEST scholarship grants for last year 2020/21. After a thorough application process, the decision was made to award to five very deserving students the maximum grant of £1000 each.

Augustine Kwaw:

BSc Mental Health Nursing,
Middlesex University



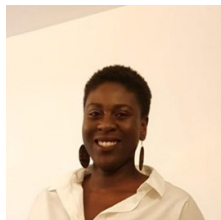
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Middlesex University



UKIED congratulates...

the following organisations on the successful reaccreditation of their UKIED chartermark awards in December 2020:

Centre 404 – Silver
Diverse Cymru – Silver



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With your help we can make a positive change

The deadline for applications for 2021/22 grants has been extended to 23:59 on Friday 6th August. Students are invited to find out more and apply online at our website www.wilkestrust.org.



British Black Music Month closed on 31 July with a Zoom event 'British History, Black Music, Racism & The Music Industry 1507-2020'. The post-screening forum explored how racism and Afriphobia impacts on black music practitioners and what music industry organisations are doing with regards to their race/ethnicity-facing diversity programmes one year after the post George Floyd inspired #BlackOutTuesday and #TheShowMustBePaused initiatives. For more info on future events: <https://BBM.eventbrite.com>.

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Pride Activities at Centre 404 in June

- “Guide to Pride” – Highlights the history of Pride, the meaning behind the flag, as well as resources to websites/organisations to give more information and offer support to others
- ENEI Webinars on LGBTQ+ terminology and Culture
- Thriving Thursdays session on Respecting the Boundaries and Priorities of Transgender People – including supporting service users around this
- Decorations around the building as a symbol of solidarity and celebration of the LGBTQ+ community
- Organisation-wide crafting event (everyone is invited to create/draw/paint/colour a flag to make up bunting which will be displayed around the building)
- Competition involving dressing in brightly coloured clothing whilst holding up a meaningful word/statement relating to Pride. The winner will be announced at the end of the month
- Pride Picnic – Independent Living & Specialist Services will be hosting a picnic in the park for all to attend to celebrate Pride/relationships in general.

News from Diverse Cymru



Diverse Cymru works across Wales to promote Equality for all – specialising in advocacy and BME Mental Health, and our BME Mental Health Digital Support Project has been going from strength to strength during the last year.

Funded by Welsh Government, our staff have been working closely with communities to tackle feelings of isolation and loneliness during the pandemic. Taking a digitally competent approach has meant that more people from across Wales have felt able to join in with the services we provide, and we have been more able to facilitate drop-in sessions that would otherwise be very time-intensive when conducted face to face, allowing us to engage with clients in numbers we wouldn't have been able to manage before the pandemic. Balancing this with in-person support has led to a more holistic service for our community to benefit from. To find out more information about us, or about this project, email us at info@diverse.cymru.

News from Dr Doirean Wilson,

Co-Chair of Middlesex University's Anti-Racism Network

On 22nd October 2020, Diversity expert Dr Doirean Wilson, Co-Chair of Middlesex University's Anti-Racism Network, launched an international webinar titled, “Do Black Lives Really Matter? Comparing Past with Present”, in celebration of `Black History Month`. This event was instigated by the sudden tragic murder of George Floyd in the US as the basis for exploration and debate, with the special guest panellists listed below. This was followed by a Q & A session.

Dr Jak Beula, CEO & Founder, Nubian Jak Community Trust

Sonia Brown MBE, Founder & MD, National Black Women's Network (NBWN)

Dana T. Morgan, Esquire, Managing Attorney & Founder, Morgan Immigration Law Firm

Professor Gus John, writer and education campaigner

Janet Hills MBE, Chair Metropolitan Black Police Assoc. & President of the National Black Police Association

His Rt Honourable Stuart Lawrence, brother of Stephen Lawrence and son of Baroness Lawrence

Revd Ben Twumasi, Executive Member of Barnet Multi-Faith Forum

Andre Thompson, Entrepreneur, Digital Producer, Web Developer

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