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Wilkes Education Scholarship Trust (WEST)



We are delighted to announce the third cohort of recipients of our WEST scholarship grants, for this current academic year 2022/23. After a thorough application process, the decision was made to award to four very deserving students the maximum grant of £1000 each.

Nia Tackie **BA** in Fashion Textiles and Design, Middlesex University



"I hope it encourages other BAME students to know that WEST can help give them assurance to study whichever course they want to."

Atlanta Sonson-Chapman **BA** Theatre Design and Production, Middlesex University



"The brain takes in their opinions, but it is controlled by your commands."

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Edgar Kuteesa BSc Medical Biochemistry, **Middlesex University**



"I believe that many people are in the same situation as me and I wish most of them would get to know more about this opportunity in order to ease their university life."

Ikari Reese Jr BA in Theatre Performance and Production. Middlesex University



"Nothing is impossible; the word itself says I'm Possible!"

UKIED congratulates...

the following organisation on the successful reaccreditation of their UKIED chartermark award in January 2023:

Diverse Cymru – Silver

WhatsApp TikTok: #AfriphobiaAndApartheid1 Mon 20 Mar 2023, 6.30-8.30pm GMT, Zoom

To book: https://bit.ly/Afriphobia1 No long thing – just the vibes for you, family and friends to sit through one session and watch some of the videos that came to us over the last year or so via WhatsApp or Tik Tok, which speak to Afriphobia and apartheid, as we mark the UN's International Day for the Elimination against Racism – which remembers the victims of the March 21 1960 Sharpeville Massacre in South Africa.

Curated and led by Kwaku BBM. Moderated by community activist Sis Nana Asante.

A family-friendly event organised by BTWSC/African Histories Revisited, BBM/BMC (BritishBlackMusic.com/ Black Music Congress) and TAOBQ (The African Or Black Question).



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UK Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST)

Dr Doirean Wilson's work on educating the police regarding how to understand the different cultures across the communities they serve, was why her insights and perspectives were sought recently (Thursday 16th February), by the UK Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST).

POST is an office of both Houses of Parliament, which provides independent and balanced analysis of research evidence related to public policy issues, which produces POSTnote, which is its Flagship four-page briefing report.





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Promoting equality for all Hyrwyddo cydraddoldeb i bawb



Presentation event for the award winning **Diverse Cymru Cultural Competence Certification Scheme**

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Six organisations had their commitment and hard work in developing cultural competent services for Black and Minority Ethnic people in Wales, celebrated at the annual Diverse Cymru Certificate Presentation Event on Thursday 20 October 2022, 10 am – 1 pm, at Taff Housing Conference Suite.

Speaking virtually at the event the First Minister of Wales, the Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS said:

"In the field of cultural competence, I wanted to pay a special tribute to the work Diverse Cymru is doing because that work is turning out to be particularly important to us in realising the vision we have and the values that we espouse in creating that anti-racist Wales, making sure in our health and our mental health services in particular, where culturally competent practice is so important, that we are creating those services in a way that allow them to do better and to provide that better access to culturally competent services."

The hybrid event (in person and virtual) was co-hosted by Diverse Cymru and RCPsych Wales (Royal College of Psychiatrists Wales).

The workplace areas receiving awards were: BCUHB - Mental Health and Learning Disability Services -Learning Disability Therapeutic Support Service; CVUHB Memory Team; Mind Cymru; New Horizons Mental Health; Platfform; Public Health Wales, People and Organisational Development Department.

Other speakers at the event included, Dr Charles Willie – Diverse Cymru Certification Scheme Advisor; Chris Dunn - Diverse Cymru CEO; Anthony Wilkes - UKIED; Oliver John and Dr Maria Atkins – RCPsych Wales; Professor Emmanuel Ogbonna - Cardiff University; Patrick Vernon OBE; and Sanjeev Mahapatra -NHS Wales National Collaborative Commissioning Unit.

Read more about the Diverse Cymru Cultural Competence Certification Scheme here. The scheme is validated by United Kingdom Investor in Equality & Diversity (UKIED).

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