

Celebrating the Achievement of Supplementary Education in Manchester 1966-2016

Welcome Address - Doretta Maynard

Welcome to our Celebratory Event –Celebrating 50 years of Supplementary Education in Manchester for the African and Caribbean communities from 1966 to 2016.

We recognize that during the past 50 years there have been many supplementary schools doing great work within our communities in Manchester and beyond. Today we will focus on the works and the achievements of five supplementary schools working together as a consortium called MEaP Making Education a Priority. Throughout the evening we will share and learn more about each of the schools as we celebrate and appreciate the work of many of our elders and young people during the last 50 years.

The schools we are celebrating are:

- * WIOCC- Carmoor Road Longsight 1966- 2017
- * STEP - St John Centre, Old Trafford - 1986- 2017
- *Aquarius Community Centre- Hulme Established 1974 -2016 , Spelling Bee 2013-2015
- *GIFT- Alexandra Road Moss Side- 2006-2017
- *Highway Hope- Levenshulme 2013-2017
- * MEAP – formed officially as a consortium in 2015-2017

There will be presentations, entertainment some wonderful Caribbean food which will be later served in the Gallery followed by more music.

We hope that you have a great evening as we look forward to what this evening has in store.

Our first presentation will be from a representative from the first school formed in 1966 which is West Indian Organisations Co-ordinating Committee (WIOCC) Supplementary school who provide an Opening Remark from Mr Smith and Mr Washington

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Background Information for GIFT

GIFT was established in November 2003 with the GIFT Academy setting up in 2006 to increase the educational achievements of young people particularly boys. The service strives to engage young people with education as a way of improving their educational attainments, self-esteem, confidence and

personal development. The aim is also to inspire and encourage our young people to persist in achieving a solid educational foundation and provide them with valuable insight into the importance of working hard to achieve their goals. We provide a range of services to students from age 8 to 16 years old which includes;

- Saturday School/After school Learning Support
- Mentoring- positive role models
- Family mediation service

More information will be given during GIFT's presentation.

Background Information for MEAP

Making Education a Priority (MEaP) was formed in 2013 following a conference of the same name

The consortium of supplementary schools, social providers, cultural providers and educational providers from across the Greater Manchester area. Our consortium consists of Highway Hope Supplementary schools, W.I.O.C.C. Supplementary School, Grace Incorporation Faith Trust (GIFT), Highway Hope Social Enterprise, Strategies To Elevate People (STEP) and former Aquarius Afterschool Project

The main aims are:

- To share teaching, capital and human resources across the hub
- To focus on teaching core curriculum subjects (English, Maths and Sciences)
- To use digital, media and creative industries education and training as a medium for teaching core curriculum subjects
- To provide high quality academically relevant enrichment (extra-curricular) activities across the hub
- To support volunteer teachers across the hub with their Continuing Professional Development and Initial Teacher Training
- To form partnerships with various educational, cultural and social providers so that the hub can strengthen its educational provision within the communities it serves

More information will be presented later by Dr Ornette Clennon.