

**EDUCATION – TIME FOR CHANGE**

**A SEMINAR**

# **Empowering Black Governors**

**Making schools & education governance relevant & accountable**

**Building effective empowerment & networking programmes for  
BME governors**



**DATE:**

**Saturday 22nd November 2008**

**10.30am - 4.15pm**

**VENUE:**

**Croydon Town Hall**

**Park Lane**

**Croydon**

**CR9 3JS**

Seminar organised by  
Communities Empowerment Network,  
The Gus John Parent Partnership,  
The Asian Health Agency & The Croydon  
Parents Association



# Empowering Black Governors

## INTRODUCTION

Communities Empowerment Network (CEN) and The Asian Health Agency (TAHA) share identical views about the role of Britain's Black communities in empowering themselves & in determining that services are genuinely egalitarian & anti-discriminatory in terms of access to, treatment within & outcome in meeting needs & realising potential.

We also share a view of existing governance as deficient in terms of including an informed & representative Black presence which is at the same time accountable to its various constituencies/communities characterised by a rich diversity in ethnicity, language, culture & faith as well as a powerful sense of inclusivity & belonging.

## SEMINAR AIMS

The seminar aims to develop school governing bodies that reflect Britain's multi-ethnic, multilingual, multicultural, multi-faith communities by enrolling Black men & women who are willing to work with teachers, parents & pupils to create schools as welcoming, inclusive & integrated learning communities. It will also focus on:

- Recruitment, induction, training, support & retention of Black school governors
- The role of Black governors in creating schools as inclusive, integrated and welcoming learning communities characterised by congenial conditions for pupils to learn, teachers to teach, governors to 'govern' & parents to participate
- formulation & implementation of policies & practices to provide a comprehensive equal opportunities anti-discriminatory education service.
- Black empowerment programmes including training, support & networking, pupil self-government & parent activities.

*Exhibitions to be mounted by CEN, TAHA & The Gus John Parent Partnership.*

## Costs per delegate

£85 statutory agencies

£30 grant aided voluntary/community groups

£10 unfunded groups, individual governors and parents

Limited subsidised and FREE Places

# PROGRAMME

**10.00 Coffee & registration.**

**10.30 Welcome & Context Setting by Chair**

Gerry German, Director, Communities Empowerment Network

**10.45 Poem: Black School Governors** Raoul Dero, Resident Poet Laureate for Communities Empowerment Network

**10.50 Recruiting and empowering Black school governors as a force for urgent radical change.**

Professor Gus John, The Gus John Parent Partnership

**11.40 Comfort Break** & opportunity to submit written questions.

**12.10 Questions & Answers**

**12.55 Poem: Calling All Youth** Raoul Dero, Resident Poet Laureate for CEN

**1.00 Lunch**

**2.00 Workshops**

All workshops will consider 3 key themes:

- key barriers facing Black governors in making schools & educational provision relevant & accountable
- training, support, networking etc. needs of Black governors & elements of an effective Black empowerment programme
- Developing a pan London Black Governors Network

**3.00 Plenary session: Feedback from Workshops**

**3.45 Next Steps: An Action Plan to facilitate Black school governor empowerment.**

Balraj Purewal: The Asian Health Agency

**Launch of Croydon Parents Forum**

**4.15 Poem: It's Now or Never!** Raoul Dero, Resident Poet Laureate for CEN

**4.20 Tea, departure & networking.**

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### BOOKING Form

First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held \_\_\_\_\_ Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Payment

I/We enclose a cheque for \_\_\_\_\_ (enter no. of places) making a total amount of £ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to 'The Asian Health Agency'

*Please treat this booking form as an invoice.*

Please state any particular requirements e.g. food, disability access, language etc.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Photocopy and complete for each additional participant*

#### COMPLETE and post this form to:

The Asian Health Agency, BME Leadership & Engagement Project, Unit B, Fairfield Works, Fairfields Road, Hounslow, Middlesex TW3 1UZ

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