

THE LONDON FORUM OF ETHNIC ARTS OFFICERS & MAAS
c/o MAAS, 2 Warwick Crescent, London W2 6NE, 01-286 1854/8

18 February 1986

To Forum Members

Dear Friend,

The next meeting of the Forum will be held at MAAS on THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 10.30am.

May I inform you on developments vis. GLAA inquiry and Forum worker.

1. I would like to propose THURSDAY MARCH 6 for the first meeting of the inquiry members with Forum members to outline the work of the inquiry (we have to delegate a Forum member to the inquiry). Persons who have accepted are: Black Dance Forum, Imogen Forster, Naseem Khan, Ken Little, Prakash Daswani, Laxmi Jamdagni.

Persons who have not as yet reply: Praveen Dahl, Parminder Vir, CRE, Farrukh Dhondy, Louis Mahoney, Joan-Ann Maynard, Shan Nicholas, Black Theatre Forum.

The following persons have declined due to pressure of work : Dianne Abbott, Tony Banks, Herman Ouseley, Race Today.

Both Tony Banks and Herman Ouseley expressed their support for the Forum's independent inquiry. Linton Kwesi Johnson, who replied from Race Today since Akua Rugg is away, says he was to be kept informed.

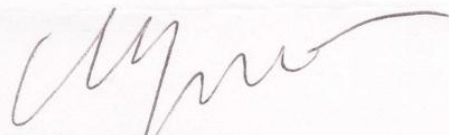
2. Forum Worker: Nathaniel Styles was chosen for the Forum Co-ordinator's job in interviews taken by Shweeta and Nina. Ken Williams was the second choice. The problem is GLC finance which has yet to be approved. The problem is the new priorities of GLC (forward funding) which delays our application.

My apologies for not being able to contact you earlier - due to a road accident - but I hope you will be able to attend the meeting even if you have to leave early. Please let me know if you have any item(s) for the Agenda.

AGENDA

1. INQUIRY
2. FORUM CO-ORDINATOR
3. REPORTS
4. AOB.

Warmest Regards,



Nick Axarlis
MAAS LONDON CO-ORDINATOR

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On behalf of the Forum I would like to thank you for your interest and your willingness to participate in the independent inquiry on alleged racism in GLA.

We feel this is a necessary and most important task and the Forum is confident that the inquiry will be most objective.

The Forum will provide the administrative back-up, although of course this is up to the inquiry's discretion.

I must apologise to you for taking so long to reply. I have had a road accident which kept me out of work for four weeks.

The Forum would like to invite you to the first meeting of the inquiry on WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH, 1986, 10am, at the Brixton Recreation Centre, 27, Brixton Station Rd, SW9, telephone 274 7774.

It is not up to the Forum to fix the business of this first meeting, but we are proposing an up-to-date account on the affair and then inquiry members could decide the agenda and whatever else you consider necessary.

I hope you will be able to attend the meeting. If it is impossible for you to be present please do let me know.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Axarlis
MAAS LONDON CO-ORDINATOR

Enc. List of participants

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PERSONS WHO HAVE ACCEPTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INQUIRY

Black Dance Forum representative
London Forum of Ethnic Arts Officers & MAAS representative
Prakash Daswani
Imogen Forster
Laxmi Jamdagni
Naseem Khan
Ken Little

PERSONS WHO HAVE DECLINED DUE TO PRESSURE OF WORK

Dianne Abbott
Tony Banks
Herman Ouseley

[Both Mr Banks and Mr Ouseley express in their letter their support for the enquiry. Linton Kewsi Johnson have replied from Race Today as Akua Rugg is away declining the invitation but wishing to be kept informed.]

PERSONS WHO HAVE STILL TO REPLY

CRE
Praveen Dahl
Farrukh Dhondy
Black Theatre Forum
Joan-Ann Maynard
Louis Mahoney
Shan Nicholas

[The above persons are being contacted again]