



Towards a National Afrikan Black People's Parliament

Milestones & Goals

The attached paper outlines progress that has been made to establish a National Afrikan People's Parliament (UK)

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Background

1. This year, 18 January 1981, represented 30 years since 13 young people died in the New Cross Fire in South London. Many people in the Afrikan community believed the fire was started deliberately by racists.
2. The New Cross Fire investigation became a point of contention between the state and black communities and supporters. Rather than calling relevant witnesses who reported they saw a fire incendiary device being thrown into the house, the state, aided by the police focussed on trying to frame youngsters who had attended the house party. To date, there have not been any arrests of those who perpetrated the crime that claimed the lives of 14 and blighted the lives of many
3. On 2 March 1981, 25,000 (plus) people marched on the streets of London to protest against state injustice. Black people were supported by many other communities and trade unions who recognised the injustice that had been perpetrated by the state against black communities.
4. The aftermath of the New Cross fire continues to be symbolic manifestation of the state's relationship with black people.

National Black People's Day of Action 2 March 2011

5. Early this year a call went out to activists to meet in order to consider a response to the 30 year anniversary of the New Cross fire and the demonstration that took place on 2 March 1981. There were two public meetings and a consensus was reached that
 - a. There has not been any change in attitude or behaviour in the way the state interacts with black/Afrikan communities
 - b. There is evidence that continually demonstrates that UK are incapable of treating black/Afrikan people with respect and fairness
 - c. Black/Afrikans are the only people who do not have an institution that acts in their interest
6. Members of the black/Afrikan community agreed to
 - a. Organise a National Black People's Day Of Action on 2 March to pay tribute to those who perished and suffered as a result of the New Cross fire and those who went on to organise and protest against the injustices

- b. Recognise that the New Cross fire and the action of the state was a stark manifestation of how the state believed Afrikans in the UK should be treated
- c. Move towards looking to the future with a view to establishing a movement to counter the injustices Afrikans continue to experience at the hands of UK institutions
- d. Embark upon a programme of action to
 - i. Establish an organisation that is able to act as a counter force to respond to the negative excessive impact of UK institutions that impact on Afrikan's, psychological, cultural, spiritual and economic well being.
 - ii. Provide a framework for nation building that provides a positive reference point for Afrikans – particularly young Afrikans
 - iii. Lift Afrikans out of the downwards spiral predicated by state institutions
 - iv. Establish programmes that help provide stability to build sustainable economic upwards mobility
 - v. Achieve these objectives by building and establishing the National Afrikan People's Parliament

The National Afrikan Black People's Parliament

- 7. The NAPP will form the framework for
 - 1. Nation building
 - 2. Seek redress for the injustices that have been perpetrated against Afrikans on a humanitarian, spiritual, psychological and economic basis
 - 3. Building sustainable socio-economic foundations
 - 4. Building a positive future for Afrikan people and their children
 - 5. Reconnecting Afrikans on a global basis to speak and move forward with one voice

National Afrikan Black People's Parliament Action Plan

National Afrikan Black People's Action Plan - Milestones and Goals

- (1) Following on from the successful Black People's Day of Action 2 March 2011, as agreed by members of the Afrikan community, throughout 2011, there have been a series of consultative community meetings where various ideas have been made in relation to establishing the National Afrikan People's Parliament.
- (2) Plans involving new technology communications methods are being developed to ensure there is regional participation at level in developing plans for the National Afrikan People's Parliament.

Consultation Process

- (3) The National Afrikan Black People's Parliament central organising committee have listened to recommendations made at community meetings that have called for a consultation paper outlining plans to consult and seek endorsement of a constitutional and democratically base National Afrikan Black People's Parliament
- (4) The draft consultation paper will provide the framework for the National Black People's Parliament, setting out
 - a. Aims and objectives
 - b. Structures
 - c. Officers and roles
 - d. Membership
 - i. Organisations
 - ii. Regional
 - iii. individuals
 - e. Elections & Voting rights
 - f. Internal governance
 - g. Legal and Constitutional status
 - h. Relationships with external bodies
 - i. Financial Management

Stakeholders Engagement/Involvement

- (5) A list of black Afrikan led organisations, including churches are being identified stakeholders who should be invited to participate in the consultation process.
- (6) The consultation paper will be sent out for community amendments by September 2011.
- (7) The consultation paper will be for a period a 3 months.

- (8) The consultation paper will be redrafted to take into account amendments that can be incorporated into the final draft.
- (9) The final draft with incorporated amendments will be circulated for a second consultation period no later than 31 December 2011.
- (10)The final consultation paper will form the bases for debate as a major priority and activity as one of the activities that will take place on the second Black People’s Day of Action that will take place 2 March 2012
- (11)When you receive the draft. Please read and pass on a copy to anyone to interested parties for comment.

Skills Audit – Community Support & Engagement

- (12)The National Afrikan Black People’s Parliament is for the benefit of Black Afrikan People in the UK. There are many Afrikans within our community that have an abundance of skills that can help develop and reach our objective to establish a National Afrikan Black People’s Parliament.
- (13)It is important therefore that everyone who has a skill that can help to
- a. establish the NABPP to volunteer those skills to help establish the Parliament
 - b. arrange next year’s National Black People’s Day of Action
- (14)In order to fulfil the aims of community engagement, the NABPP Central Organising Committee has identified there are a number of skills that are vital to achieve the above objectives. The immediate skills identified involve,
- a. communications
 - b. constitutional and
 - c. fundraising

Communications

- (15)An effective communications strategy is key to raising awareness and building support for the establishment of the National Afrikan Black People’s Parliament.
- (16)The more Afrikan people support the objective the stronger the movement will become and facilitate a consensus to endorse the establishment of a National People’s Parliament.
- (17)The Communications Team will be responsible for developing and sending out key messages about the National Afrikan Black People’s Parliament.

(18) Various forms of media will be used to deliver that message. The Community has a number of people who have campaigning skills

(19) The Communications Team will be formed of two components

- a. Publicity (drafting press releases, articles for newspapers and magazines, interviews)
- b. Marketing (designing material, identifying sponsors, negotiating free advertising, etc)

(20) If you have marketing and publicity skills and would like to be part of the Communications team, please express your interest by completing the skills audit.

National Afrikan Black People's Parliament Constitution

(21) In order to obtain legal status, it is important that a draft NAPP constitution is developed.

(22) There are members within our community who have the necessary skills to help develop a constitution.

(23) It would be much appreciated if people who have the requisite skills and are able to develop the NAPP constitution volunteer their services by completing the skills audit

Fundraising

(24) Independent finances will be crucial to building a sustainable National Afrikan Black People's Parliament

(25) People with fund raising experience and/or ideas are required to form part of the NABPP fund raising/events team

(26) A fundraising team is in the process of being set up. People who would like to be part of this team should express their interest by completing the skills audit

(27) The intention is to identify a suitable venue to hold another National Black People's Day of Action on 2 March 2012

(28) Funds are required to pay for the venue and any other ancillary costs associated with the day, eg, publicity, postage and packaging

The Way Forward

(29) Community meetings will continue as the involvement of community members is important to increase awareness and support for the NAPP

(30) Everyone has an important part to play. Encourage anyone you to attend the meetings

(31) When the consultation paper is published, respond, comment and amend where necessary and endorse the general principles.

(32) Attend all community meetings to help plan for the next Black People's Day of Action that will be used to endorse the consultation paper and set out the parameters for the inaugural meeting of the National Afrikan Black People's Parliament

“ Rise up you mighty people”

The National Afrikan People's Parliament will be at the heart of nation building, that focuses Black Afrikans on self determination to empower Black Afrikans to reclaim their rightful place as equals amongst the powerful.