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Nominee for the


National Diversity Awards
2013
Celebrating Unity in Society

What a year so far! The number of reports we have received has again increased and our work in schools is really taking off with several sessions having occurred and many more in the pipeline!

During this busy time we have had some excellent news that we have been nominated for the Community Organisation (Multi-Strand) award in the National Diversity Awards 2013! We will find out whether we have been shortlisted in July but until then nominations are still open – keep your fingers crossed as you nominate us! You can do so via this link [Nominate CACH](#).

It shocked us all when we realised it has been 20 years since the racially motivated murder of Stephen Lawrence, something that inspired many to fight for justice and equality. The anniversary acted as a reminder to us all about why we do what we do and how much work still needs to be done.



Stephen Lawrence
Charitable Trust



Stephen Lawrence
13 September 1974 – 22 April 1993

Most of you will recall the racially motivated murder of Stephen Lawrence twenty years ago. If not, you will more than likely have heard about the recent prosecution of 2 of his killers, 18 years later.

Stephen's family wanted to create a legacy in his name and have done so by creating the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust. The SLCT provide bursaries and training opportunities to assist youngsters with aspirations in the field of architecture.

"I would like Stephen to be remembered as a young man who had a future. He was well loved and, had he been given the chance to survive, maybe he would have been the one to bridge the gap between black and white because he didn't distinguish between black or white. He saw people as people."
Doreen Lawrence OBE

<http://www.stephenlawrence.org.uk/>

...and the winner is...

...Well we don't know yet but we do know that we are honoured and proud to have been nominated for a prestigious National Diversity Award. We have been nominated for the Community Organisation (multi-strand) Award which is a brand new category. Previously the award categories have only given recognition to organisations with specialisms such as racial or gender equality but as you know CACH deal with all types of hate crime.

Community Organisations that won their 'strand' category last year include The Anthony Walker Foundation (race), Disability Online and MindOut (LGBT). It is great that such a small organisation as CACH can be nominated and to be shortlisted is a dream to those involved. If you have ever got anything out of reading *Omnibus* please do consider taking 5 minutes to nominate us,

Whilst the number of nominations each nominee receives is not the main judging criteria, it does have some impact. Our hope is that enough people will put into words what we have done for them to ensure that we get a fair chance. There are no elaborate forms to complete. You really do just need to put a few words down about why YOU feel CACH deserves this award.

[Nominate CACH here!](#)



National Diversity Awards 2013 Celebrating **Unity** in Society **Nominate today!**
www.nationaldiversityawards.co.uk/nominate



Out and About



We have been out and about talking to lots of agencies and community groups recently but one that particularly sticks in mind is the work we have been doing with the incredible students at [Wightwick Hall School](#) (some of those who were less camera shy are pictured above left).

We have also provided enjoyable awareness sessions to community members and young people on apprenticeship schemes at [Stafford and Rural Homes](#).

New CACH Website – coming soon!

The Stafford Website Company has been working hard to develop the website CACH deserves! We have wanted to develop and improve it for some time and we are happy to say we are very nearly there! Here is a sneak preview of what is to come... If you want to be added to our list of partners please email your logo and a sentence about your organisation to admin@cachpartnership.org.uk as soon as you can!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The 22nd of May is World Goth Day! It does exactly what it says on the tin with thousands of events being held across the globe to celebrate all things goth from vampires and black nail polish to the very serious business of raising funds for the [Sophie Lancaster Foundation](http://www.sophie-lancaster-foundation.com). To find out what is happening near you check their website <http://www.worldgothday.com/>

10th-16th June is Huntington's Disease Awareness Week. Find out more at <http://hda.org.uk/>

Refugee Week returns 17th – 23rd June See what events are taking place near you or set one up yourself! <http://www.refugeeweek.org.uk/>

BEST PRACTICE

Next month we will be speaking at a meeting of Housing Professionals from across the Midlands at the Social Landlords Crime and Nuisance Group. In order to prepare we have been doing a bit of research into what good work is already being done out there by landlords and here is some of what we found:

Southdown Housing have set up their own community project:

<http://www.southdownhousing.org/services/community-services/hate-crime-community-project/>

The Wales Landlord ASB Forum have their own tool kit with lots of useful advice:

<http://resources.cohesioninstitute.org.uk/Publications/Documents/Document/Default.aspx?recordId=117>

Not of course forgetting our very own Staffordshire based Stafford and Rural Homes who allow a member of their staff to coordinate the work of CACH for 2 days each week.

The *impact* of HATE

In this section we normally share an example of what hatred can lead to. In this edition however we would like to share with you a poem we received from a member of the CACH partnership which retells their memory of hearing the name Stephen Lawrence for the first time.

20 years and 225 Miles

A time before Google, Facebook and Friends
A time before hatred led to such ends...

I recall the scene,
Right here, right now,
Recalling the scene of when, where and how.
Watching the news,
9pm sharp,
A young man in Plumstead,
Stabbed in the heart.
Stabbed with such venom it poisoned his
blood,
"Run Stephen Run!"
But it was no good.

To me in my home
So far away,
4 years younger, close to the day
Taking my blessings
Without too much thought
Not thanking my stars
As much as I ought.

A time before Google, Facebook and Friends
A time before hatred led to such ends...

"A young man in Plumstead"
Rang out from the news,
Day in day out; "They're looking for youths"
Perhaps what they sought they already feared
They feared for a poison already here
The poison of hate that entered his veins
Runs close to the surface
But mention no names.

Then me in my home
So far away,
I follow the news, closer each day
Counting my blessings
Much more than I thought
And thanking my stars
As this news had me taught

A time before Google, Facebook and Friends
A time before hatred led to such ends...

20 years on, the family stands tall
Such courage and strength
A lesson to all.



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