

## Work in the community:



a series of three ten day workshops for young male refugee and asylum seekers led by Daniel Tz

**FREEDOM VOICES  
MAX-I-MAN DRUMMERS  
MOMENTUM**

## RECOGNITION



The first **CULTURAL HERITAGE HOPE & OPTIMISM AWARD** recognised BAA's work in the arts and culture sector in promoting Black History Month

Receiving the honour was doubled when Daniel Tz was given the first **INSPIRATIONAL HOPE & OPTIMISM AWARD** for his work with the younger generation.



BAA acts as voice and lobbyist as a networking organisation. BAA's core activity relates directly to empowering and enhancing the professional skills of its members.

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ANNUAL GENERAL  
REPORT 2007 - 2008





# Black Arts Alliance

## Annual General Report 2007-2008

Formed in 1985 as an information network for Black artists, Black Arts Alliance (BAA) has developed into the largest proactive and diverse representative of Black artists in the UK.

In 2007-8, BAA continued to develop innovative projects aiming to support and promote the work of Black artists, and to interrogate and strengthen the connection between the arts and culture of Black communities and the wider society.

BAA's policy-making remains the remit of the Trustees, informed by the Cultural Director's reports on existing operations and the analysis of potential partnership and project work, with input from the members Development Group. This is a relationship of trust and shared vision that provides the framework and rationale for the Cultural Director to take the lead in ongoing management decisions.

**Dinesh Allirajah**  
Chair

### BAA Board

#### Trustees:

Chair Dinesh Allirajah  
Vice Chair Paul Max Alder  
Secretary Deepa Parekh

#### Board Members:

Arts Shobna Gulati  
Business Dominic Apenteng  
Community Donald Quayle

**Development Group:** Responsible for tracking art form development and feeding back the resulting ideas to the board.

Theatre Carla Henry  
Music Yinka Yesufu  
Vacancy

**Per annum, the board holds a minimum of quarterly meetings:**

June, September, December,  
February 2007 **AGM** March 2008



## ACTS OF ACHIEVEMENT 2008

Thirty-three programming partners united under the AoA banner to celebrate October's Black History Month.

Fifty-eight events were programmed across Greater Manchester into Lancaster. The launch event was hosted by Councillor Glyn Evans, Lord Mayor of Manchester



## PLAYERS

Cultural Leadership Programme

A series of three residentials for emerging and established Black leaders in the cultural sector



#### Facilitators

**Ms Sam Cook** Executive Director, Yirra Yaakin Dream-Team, Australia  
**E'vonne Coleman-Cook** Assistant Director, Office of Continuing Studies and Summer Session, Duke University USA  
**Hassan Mahamdallie** UK based Trinidadian Cultural Activist

## NOT JUST IN AMERICA

BAA's 'Players' Cultural Leadership Network in association with CLP and Powerbrokers



#### Facilitators

**Olive Strachan** FInst Smm FCIPD, Olive Strachan Resources/ Consultancy  
**Howard Raynor** MBA, BA (Hons) FRSA, Director, World Class Service Ltd  
**Dominic Apenteng** Marketing and Communications Director, ABC Foundation