

# Kemoy Walker's Newsletter

My Name is Kemoy Walker, Youth Worker and Ambassador for Manchester and Moss Side.



I do a lot of work in Manchester, helping young people, creating a voice and helping them with their aspirations especially around Performing Arts.

I met Her Majesty the Queen in 2012, then received a letter from the prime minister in 2017 for the work and effort in Moss Side and helping to change the image and stereotypes.

## Welcome to my June 2020 Newsletter!

The purpose of my newsletter is to keep you all updated on the events and opportunities I am involved in across the Region.

There are so much events and great opportunities that happens every month and I want to share this with all of you.

If you ever need me to post or add anything in future newsletters, let me know.



**Thank you for your support.**

*"Thank you for reading my monthly newsletter."*



# Happy June 2020.

My thoughts are with you and your families during these unprecedented times!

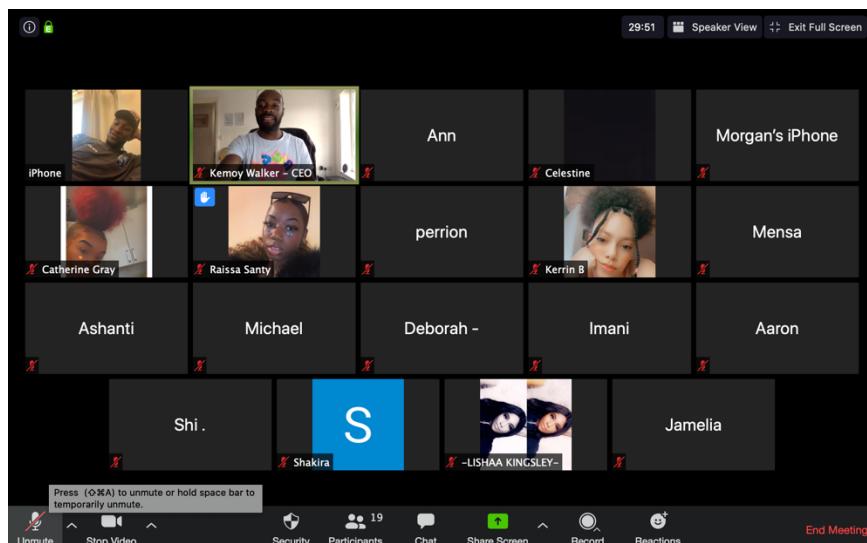
We can all appreciate the current challenges but staying connected to others is very important even though we cannot be together in person.

During this time, I continue to reach out through various forms of social media channels, I am doing Quarantine Games with my KYSO Group each week, giving young people a platform to get involved and talk part on Instagram, they get the chance to answer quizzes and showcase their talent.

Twitter: @kysoclub

Facebook: kysoclub

Instagram: kysoclub



We continue to use the powerful technology of Zoom to communicate regularly with young people. On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 – We had an inspirational talk from Denico Walters – Actor and Model, he shared his story and motivated many.

## Weekly Timetable



## INSTAGRAM ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER PROVIDERS:

### Mondays

DJ Kemoy B - Live DJ Session - 6pm - [@hideawayyouth](#)

84 Youth's got talent - 7pm - [@84youth](#)

### Tuesdays

Perrion/Catherine - Live session around setting up a youtube channel/makeup and much more - 5pm - [@kysoclub](#)

### Wednesdays

Quarantine Games Prizes with Kemoy B - 5pm - [@kysoclub](#)

Sports Workout with Courtney Wallace - 6pm - [@hideawayyouth](#)

### Thursdays

Live DJ Set with B00gz (Talent Show) (prizes) 6pm - [@kysoclub](#)

### Fridays

KYSO brum takeover Talent Show (Prizes) - 3pm - [@kysobrum](#)

1. No matter what happens in life, keep a good heart. A heart of trust & patience. Don't let the darkness of some people harden your heart.

Big up to Charlie for the photo - team hideawayyouth



11<sup>th</sup> May 2020

A documentary project looking into the impact of one of south Manchester's longest-running youth centres is airing on local radio.

A Moss Side Story on Unity Radio 92.8FM follows the youth workers of the Hideaway Youth Project in **Moss Side** and how it has been able to inspire and help change the lives of the many people who attend it.

The idea came about after Charlie Fyfe-Williams, 25, attended a talk by **Kemoy Walker**, a youth worker focused on creative arts and performances at the centre.

"The talk really inspired me - He spoke about the story of Hideaway and how it had impacted the community," Charlie told the *Manchester Evening News*.

You can read more here..

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/hideaway-radio-documentary-moss-side-18146831>



Charlie said Kemoy Walker (pictured), a youth worker at The Hideaway Youth Project, inspired him to create the radio documentary

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16<sup>th</sup> May 2020

As you all know the lockdown period has really affected many young people and due to strict government guidelines we are not able to do face to face youth work, so many activities have been taken place online using Zoom, Instagram live and much more, most of our young people live in communities where they don't have resources for them to connect online - I am so grateful that we have amazing people from the local community and on here who recognises the barriers and can give an helping hand - a huge thanks to Selwyn Stephenson for donating some tablets to our KYSO young people in Moss Side and beyond

thank you so much!

God will bless you forever! Team KYSO are grateful, when I delivered one yesterday, a parent nearly cried - they had no electronics in the house. Thanks.



18<sup>TH</sup> May 2020

Happy Mental Health Awareness week!

This year the theme is kindness and [#speakyourmind](#). Obviously in the current situation it's never been more important to talk, so the emphasis is on talking about how you have overcome difficulties in this time or sharing a positive, motivational message to help others. It would be great to share some messages with our young people, you can take part and inbox me something to share in our youth groups.



I recorded one and shared it with others. You can watch it here...

<https://www.facebook.com/658540592/videos/10163532545650593/>

2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

Before the lockdown and temporary closure of the youth clubs - we worked together with OddArtsUK and our amazing young people, they created a collaborative poem regarding institutional racism, an issue they felt had the most impact on their lives & futures. It was powerful then, even more so now!!

This is the Poem created by our young stars. #blacklivesmatter #BLMprotest

**I am not...**

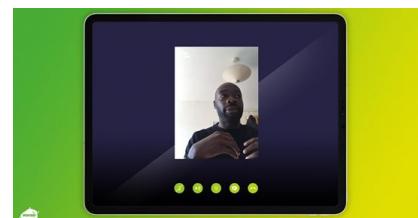
I am not a madman  
I am not a slave  
I am not inferior like you think.  
I am not strange  
I am not ugly  
I am more than a box, ticked on a form  
  
I am not what the media portrays  
I am not a terrorist  
I am not stupid  
I am not a violent person  
I am not inexperienced in life  
I am not easily influenced  
I am not you.  
I am my best  
  
I am not your scapegoat  
I am not less intelligent  
I am not ok with being interrupted  
I am not something you trample on  
I am not weak  
I am not sad or moody  
I am not something I don't want to be  
I am everything a person can be  
  
I am not a minority  
I am not an unstrong race  
I am not for your consumption  
I am not your master  
I am not a monster  
I am not bossy just because I know what I want  
I am not a depressed person  
I am not lost  
I am ready...

2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

Lockdown is impacting us all, but for some young people it has been particularly tough. We spoke to Kemoy Walker, Incoming Head of Year at St. Matthew's RC High School, about some of the mental health challenges being made worse by lockdown, why he never gives up on young people, and why mental health support needs to be a top priority as lockdown eases.

<https://www.power2.org/kemoy>

#MentalHealthAwareness



7<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### Black Lives Matter Protest

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020 - I was proud to speak at the Black Lives Matter Protest in St Peters Square, Manchester. Enough is enough and real change is needed. I am tired of seeing people being mistreated because of the colour of their skin. I am tired of how people stereotype me and others because of where we come from (Moss Side).

I am tired of people not listening when we speak for change. Today and the last few days we have been standing and speaking for change. I won't allow us to be silenced anymore.

I am black, I am proud and I matter.

Thanks to the organisers for giving me a chance to speak.  
Thanks Medi

Akemia Minott - thank you



9<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Top morning spent in moss side with BBC North West Tonight crew.

Done some great filming with the Camera Man and Abbie from BBC.



9<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Thanks to everyone who tuned in BBC North West Tonight on this date - you have heard some real life stories and experiences which many people face regularly. Enough is enough - change needs to happen.

Well done to the amazing young people, proud of them.

Thanks Time, Olivia, Carla for taking part. Thanks to Simone Riley for the opportunity.



#blacklivesmatter

I am a BLACK MAN!..... I build .... I don't tear down other BLACK MEN! ....I have felt the pain of being torn down and I have decided I will be deliberate about building others! All too often, we men find it easier to criticize each other, instead of building each other up. With all the negativity going around let's do something positive!!🌟 Upload 1 picture of yourself...ONLY you. Let's build ourselves up, instead of tearing ourselves down. ❤️❤️❤️❤️ [#kemoyb](#) [#dj](#) [#blm](#) [#proud](#)



Thank you for reading my latest newsletter.

Kemoy Walker 😊