

# 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 October 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.

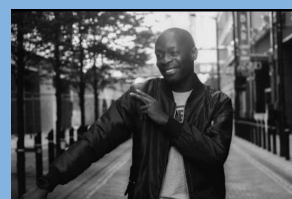
There are so much events and great opportunities that happens every month and I want to share this with all of you.

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 October 2020.

Proud to be featured in the Advocate Newspaper for Black History Month. - we need to continue showing our young people and others positive role models in our community.

for the full newspaper - drop me a message and I will send you a copy. God is good.

## Black, brilliant & Manc

**Kemoy Walker** - recognised by the Prime Minister for establishing projects that bring together and inspire young people in the local community.

After seeing the devastating effect that gang violence have in the local area, he was inspired to bring about positive change in the community.

For the 15 years, he has done Youth Work in the community, running a popular youth club for young people, setting up activities to keep young people off the streets.



Kemoy also founded a Performing arts group called KYSO, which is made up of around 89 young people from Moss Side. The group provides a purpose and an inspiration to troubled young people, and my role provides pastoral support, advice, and lessons in entrepreneurship. He is a Moss Side Ambassador, and was also the driving force behind the foundation of the Manchester Youth Council, prompting young people to engage in their community.

Prime Minister David Cameron at the time said.

Kemoy has shown himself to be a real community champion, supporting and empowering Moss Side young people to get the skills and opportunities they need to shape their own lives and make the changes they want to see in their city. He has achieved many things such as meeting Her Majesty The Queen in 2012; Received a letter from the Prime Minister in 2016 ([www.kemoywalker.co.uk](http://www.kemoywalker.co.uk)).

Kemoy is now a Head of Year in a large Catholic school in Manchester where he is responsible for Year 9, which consists of 276 students.



**Louise Da-Cocodia** - tending to the sick and fighting for the needy.

The invitation to Commonwealth citizens to help rebuild the country, battered after the war, was the defining event in the story of Manchester's modern-day black community. Veterans, professionals and students, seamen, factory workers - and many nurses - made the city their home in the 20th century.

Louise Da-Cocodia MBE, who arrived in Britain from Jamaica as a 21-year-old in 1955, overcame the overt racism of the time to become the first black senior nursing officer in Manchester, before becoming a dedicated anti-racism campaigner.

She was massively committed to the wider community as well as campaigning for equality in education, health and housing for black people, serving as a JP and Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Manchester. A lifetime of high-level civic service ended when she died, aged 73, in 2008. (Credit to MEN)

Pg 6 >>>

Page 3

If you want to feel rich, just count all the gifts you have that money can't buy. ❤️

**27<sup>th</sup> September 2020 - Kemoy settles in new role as Head of Year.**

On a Friday - the headteacher always sends an email to all staff, I'm so happy this Friday to see an amazing comment from one of our parents regarding the great communication to parents from myself, it has a rippling effect across the community and parents to show they are pleased and feel we are doing an excellent job especially during this time. 🤝🤝🤝

*I have to add that Mr Walker, Head of Yr 9 is also doing a wonderful job of spreading positive messages among year 9 parents with his text messages. So, just to say well done to all your staff. I'm sure there was a huge amount of effort made and I'd like to reassure you that it is paying off.*

*Kind regards,*

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Isn't that just lovely!!

**27<sup>th</sup> September 2020 - Kemoy and school completes Litter Picking on a Saturday.**

Community work is key and building relationships in our local community has been a fabulous thing my school prides it's self with. We have done an amazing deed over the weekend and it's always great to share!

We have a fantastic school with amazing students and on a Saturday which is a day of rest for all - these students from Year 9/10/11 gave up their time to give back to the community and made a difference. We also teamed up with (Year 11) to create an even bigger team as we did some litter picking in a Manchester park - all the visitors and staff were impressed with our school and they gave us a shout out and a round of applause for the community work the students completed, they were really pleased students would do this on a weekend, many shocked that young people can do community work and not be on their computers etc..we are changing that stereotype.

We will thank the students in the week and give them an achievement points.



**Lakeside Community CIC**



14 m · Public

Massive thank you to everyone for the amazing big Boggart Clean up this morning.

Fantastic turnout and plenty of bags were filled up, not to mention the shopping trolley and bike picked up.

Thank you to Walk2Run, Nmfitness, Boggart Hole Clough Stakeholders, St.Matthews, Friends of Boggart Hole Clough, Booth Hall Estate, King William IV Anglers, Greengate Neighbourhood Watch and of course MCC parks for the organising and Biffa for collection.

Such a great community in Boggart Hole Clough, we are so pleased to be part of it.

Also... over £300 was raised for Macmillian. Donations are still welcome.



19th September 2020

Just want to reach out and thank Rick Rowe, you are a great person, you reached out asking if people knew young people/families who could do with a parcel of items to help them out and you done what you said and delivered, today I was able to go around and deliver some hampers to young people in the local community. Thank you for your support and good will, we need more people like you.

Giving back to the community is one of the best things in life.



Thank you for reading my latest newsletter.

Kemoy Walker 😊