

Visit to Warwick from Bo by Maada Fobay, Alpha Bah, and Catherine Kamara in June 2009

EXCHANGE

EXERTION

EXHILARATION



Every one who has ever gone on one of our exchange visits in either direction has had a wonderful, rewarding, and exciting time that they treasure. However it has been earned in each case by hard work in preparation, during the visit, and on return to their own community. These visits play a critical part in maintaining and developing a real partnership link; so we want to say a very big thank you to Maada Fobay, Alpha Bah, and Catherine Kamara, who worked their socks off during their 3 week visit in June, and to Chris King, Joanne Fisher, Ben Wesson, and Jane Knight who have just returned from Bo. You will learn more

about the latter visit at our AGM on 28th November and in our next newsletter. We would also like to say thank you to all of you who put yourselves out to meet with and entertain our visitors from Bo in many different ways. We are sure you will get something valuable from this, but that includes our gratitude.

Highlights Of Visit From Bo (among others)

Interschool concert marking the International Day of the African Child 2009 on June 16

6 linked schools each brought a song and 1 school brought drummers. Our visitors explained the meaning of the day. The Mayor opened the event. Communal singing led by a Salonian and the County Music Service. A similar simultaneous event in Bo addressed by the Mayor of Bo



One World Youth Group Film Show, Barbecue, and World Music day

A showing of Sierra Leone Refugee All Stars documentary West African Barbecue. Visit by Sierra Leone Rap Star Bammy Boy – hear him at <http://freetownsociety.org/2007/06/23/hiv-dangerous-remix/> Cooperation of SLAWAD Coventry. Lots of fun and community involvement on World Music Day

One World Link Away Day

A the Sydni Centre in Leamington. Making sense of the present and planning our joint future. This was a very ambitious, hardworking, and satisfying day. A report of the day is available on request or on line at: http://www.oneworldlink.org.uk/documents_1/archive_2009.htm



The Graft

Schools: many primary and secondary schools visited, one new partnership initiated. Joint planning meeting. Visit to TIDE and ISA Awards. Womens group: joint discussions and planning, social events, visits. Youth: joint planning meeting, Youth Parliament, visits to groups and activities, and key agencies. Local Government: joint planning meetings, visit to Hull Link, Council Meeting, Civic Reception, visit to BUILD. Community: community forum meeting, visits to community facilities and events

Spin Offs

Attendance at a Transition Towns showing of Age of Stupid has resulted in a showing of Age of Stupid Global Premiers in Bo and led to a proposed Climate Change Awareness programme in Sierra Leone.