

Tribute to Maada – Press Statement

‘One World Link Mourns Sad Loss in Sierra Leone’

The Chairman of One World Link (OWL) in Bo, Sierra Leone, died suddenly on the 17th December. The news that Alfred Maada Fobay (known to friends as Maada) came as a tragic shock to his family and friends in Bo but also to the OWL community in Warwick and Leamington.

OWL is a friendship organisation, which has prospered for nearly 40 years in the Warwick district area and is well known in the local community. It promotes links between communities in Bo and this area and the sharing of knowledge about cultures. There are 15 schools in the area with links to schools in the Bo district, with regular exchange visits taking place between them. There are also links and shared projects related to Planning, Waste Management and Health.

Maada was a well-respected figure in his local community but was also admired and respected in the UK. He played a lead role in many of the activities with which OWL is involved and made many visits to the UK. He will be remembered not just for his intelligence and sound advice in understanding cultures but will be sadly missed for the friendship he gave to many and for the person he was.