

## Support Letter Re #8

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To whom it may concern

My name is June Tuitt. I am one of the Acting Chair of Haringey Community Against Violence, Vice Chair of Haringey Independent Stop and Search Monitoring Group. I am a facilitator and also mentor and present workshops in schools and colleges. I have several hats in the volunteering sector. Quintessentially my aim is to bring about peace and healing in our communities, to bring cultures together regardless of race, sexual identity, socio-economic status and so on.

We support families, individuals in the Haringey area and beyond .The aim of the groups is to end violence. I have worked very closely with Mr. Ian Steele over the last few years and he has allowed us to use his premises to facilitate our projects and also social events.

He offers a space that is safe, discreet, a meeting place for families individuals can attend. Due to it's location we have managed to safely bring young people from opposing boroughs into a space were we can work with them. One of the greatest aspects is music and performance. We have been able to bring young in particular in a space surrounded by elders to explore their issues. This is no easy task but Mr. Steele has work closely with myself and others who are experts in gang mediations. We have even used the space for couples to have mediation.

We have held meetings where we have been able to mediate and reduce violence across the boroughs. The establishment is also a space where we have been able to allow families and young adults to let their hair down in fact have a break from the stresses in life, especially those experiencing hard times, violent situation etc.

Culturally we are have been experiencing loss after loss of premises where we can go and be ourselves - where we can maintain our cultural identity and embrace and teach our youngsters, through games, food and entertainment, workshops, social events. Yes there is a good mix of cultures.

We facilitate projects that raise self esteem and network with other groups. Mr. Steele has been instrumental in allowing us to use his space and we have plans to use the space for future workshops but also planned evening entertainment.

Recently we have been able to honour one of our community stalwarts at Club No 8, it was a fantastic night of culture and recognition . We've been able to provide a cross generational experience where we exchange knowledge, culture behaviour in a positive environment. Mr Steele has been a valued contact and host who has offered his knowledge, expertise on some of our projects as well as providing the physical space. We have had birthday parties christenings even a hen night. One of the greatest moments was when young people showcased there and the adults could celebrate later on.

As a group we have managed to bring some young people to the membership karaoke event that have allowed them to have a little fun and laugh at themselves, whilst also giving them opportunities to show their talented skills, we have also been able to have young people from Haringey, Hackney and the surrounding boroughs to some Sunday events where experienced and witnessed poets, aspiring musicians, orators where they've been able to showcase their talents and feel safe in a comfortable setting. The young people and adults have made valuable links and it has made a small breakthrough in the post code rivalry. With young people and the families from different areas and cultures seeing and appreciating both their differences and similarities .

Mr Steele has provided such a beautiful space and should be highly commended for his support and the work that he does for the community and beyond. I fully support and endorse his application. We intend to work collaboratively with our group to set up more workshops more evening events where young DJ's have been able to have an opportunity to play to their crowds.

For the more mature members the location is so accessible for the bus and train. Having an extended licence allows us to continue to celebrate our culture and history and share our culture with the surrounding communities from young to seasoned veterans.

Please do not hesitate if I can be of further assistance.

Kind regards

Ms.June Tuitt

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