

SHANGWE NEWS ISSUE 3 - July 2006

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1. Welcome

Welcome to the 3rd edition of Shangwe News – the quarterly newsletter that aims to keep you informed of past events and gives you a preview of future topical events, along with the opportunity to network, and/or contribute a poem or article. The purpose of *Shangwe News* is to promote new and diverse creative writing.

If you missed the 1st and 2nd editions of Shangwe News, please visit www.shangwe.com and click on News.

I hope that the newsletter proves useful to you as writers and readers. If you have any comments or information for the newsletter please contact me, Nicole Moore, on 0845 430 8760 or by email at nicole@shangwe.com

2. Shangwe Event – Thursday 3 August (8-10pm)

Shangwe Poetry Night on 3 August from 8-10pm on Thursday, 3rd August. An evening of poetry hosted by Nicole Moore. Featuring Nicola Greenwood, Louise Hercules and Grace Quansah – at the Poetry Café, 22 Betterton Street, Covent Garden, London EC2H 9BX. Tel: 020 7420 9887/8. Admission: £5/3. (See attached publicity flier).

3. Brown Eyes Reading Events held...

Saturday 3rd June (9.45am – 11. 00am)

Brown Eyes Reading on www.playvvybz.com an international based radio show on air from 6pm Thursday to midnight Sunday. Featured Nicole Moore as writer/editor on the speakeasy radio programme. The radio show started in January 2006 and aims to encourage, enlighten and inform its listeners.

4. Writers' Personal Development Sessions:

Are you a writer – or do you want to be a writer? Shangwe is offering tailor made writers' one-to-one personal development sessions to enhance your writing career. Whether you want to write articles, fiction, non-fiction, or poetry, you will feel empowered and able to develop your writing ideas and plan how and where to sell your words. Interested? Email: nicole@shangwe.com

5. New Anthology Submissions – Deadline 30 June 2006

To those of you busy writers who have already submitted your contribution – thank you. The creative and literary standard of most of the pieces was excellent. As you will recall, the themes for this anthology are sexual attraction and motherhood. If your contribution is selected you will shortly be hearing from Nicole Moore, Editor.

6. Words of Colour Productions – Funding News

Words of Colour Productions, a new community partnership established to nurture and train a new generation of writers from diverse communities, has been awarded a £5,000 grant from Awards for All.

Through tailored consultancy, workshops, online training, personal development and career advice, Words of Colour aims to boost the numbers of visible poets, authors and journalists from often excluded communities.

Words of Colour's Creative Arts Directors are Joy Francis and Nicole Moore. Joy Francis is the former editor of *Pride and Public Sector*, which was short listed for a CRE Race in the Media Award 2000. She has written and broadcast widely since 1992 from *Community Care*, *New Nation*, and the *Guardian* to *Radio 5 Live*, *GMTV* and *BBC1's Watchdog*.

Nicole Moore, the editor of *Brown Eyes: an anthology of creative expressions by black & mixed-race women* – is a published poet and creative writing tutor, published in *Poetry Today Anthologies*, *Public Sector* and the *Weekly Gleaner*. Nicole has taught creative writing as a writer in residence in primary schools, at the *Centerprise Black Literature Development Agency* in Hackney and as an associate lecturer for *Open University*.

For more information about the Words of Colour Productions creative writing programme, email wordsofcolour@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 07713 827372 or 07960 120468. The new website – www.wordsofcolour.com – will be launched in August. (See attached Press Release)

7. Shangwe News – next edition

Shangwe News is distributed to a target audience of black & mixed-race women of African & Caribbean descent in the UK and to other relevant and interested parties

If you would like to write an article of between 500 to 1000 words (max) or submit a poem (any theme) for the next issue of *Shangwe News*, the copy deadline date is: **20 September 2006** for the October edition.

Please email your submissions to: nicole@shangwe.com

