

## SHANGWE NEWS ISSUE 4 - October 2006

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#### 1. Welcome

Welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 have any comments or information for the newsletter please contact Nicole Moore, on 0845 430 8760 or by email at [nicole@shangwe.com](mailto:nicole@shangwe.com)

#### 2. Shangwe Poetry Nights Held at the Poetry Café

Shangwe is the vibrant and energising monthly performance poetry space, hosted by Nicole Moore, which showcases and promotes fresh emerging artists' talent in a supportive atmosphere.

##### **Shangwe now held at the Poetry Café, Covent Garden:**

During August 2006, the Shangwe Poetry Nights took on a new dimension when on **Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August** they moved to the well known Poetry Café in Covent Garden. The evening featured Nicola Greenwood, Louise Hercules and Grace Quansah, (aka 'Akuba') with open mic performances from Sharon Daly and 'Talent'. It was a great night and fantastic vibe.

On **Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> August**, Shangwe Poetry Night featured Nicola Greenwood, 'Talent' and Julia Hendricks, with open mic performances from 'Akuba', Zara Bailey, Rocky, Metis and Sharon Daly. Yet another great night!

On **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September**, Shangwe Poetry Night featured 'Talent', Patricia Foster and Nicole Moore, with open mic performances from 'Akuba' and Jade. As the event was held near to National Poetry Day (5<sup>th</sup> October), the showcase featured poems with an identity theme. Another lovely night (despite the rain!)

### 3. Shangwe Poetry Nights – Coming Soon

**Shangwe Poetry Night on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November** - featuring Nicola Greenwood (Resident Poet) and Janet Plummer at the Poetry Café, 22 Betterton Street, Covent Garden, London WC2H 9BX. Tel: 020 7420 9887/8. The theme is '**Freedom**'. Open mics 7.30pm, Showcase 8.00pm. Admission: £5.00 Concessions £3.00. Come along for a FUN and INSPIRING evening!

In case you are wondering why there isn't a Shangwe Night in October and December, this is due to other poetry events being pre-booked and being unable to book the venue. However, Shangwe Nights in 2007 are all safely booked...

#### 2007 Shangwe Dates for your diary:

Shangwe Poetry Night will be held at the Poetry Café, Covent Garden on the **last Thursday of the month** during the year 2007.

### 4. Brown Eyes – Update

#### SKY TV Interview with David Chen – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2006:

As part of Black History Month, Nicole Moore will be appearing as a guest on BEN TV's Breakfast Show hosted by David Chen between 10.30-11.30am on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**. The interview will feature *Brown Eyes: an anthology of creative expressions by black & mixed-race women* along with other relevant news and events. To tune in switch on to **SKY 148**.

#### Launch Anniversary:

It is now just over a year since the *Brown Eyes* anthology launches were held (14/09/05 in Wellingborough, Northants; 23/09/05 in London). 500 books were published and to date there are only 30 copies left! So to get a copy before they are all sold out, please email me your order! Book costs £11.50 (inclusive of postage & packing).

### 5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Anthology - Update

Selections of poetry and autobiographical essays from a diverse group of black and mixed race women from all over the UK have now been made for Shangwe's second anthology title.

Congratulations to those contributors who were selected! Nicole Moore will be busy editing the book's manuscript over the next few months. The aim is to publish and launch the book in February 2007.

### 6. 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](mailto:nicole@shangwe.com)

### 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<sup>th</sup> December 2006** for the January 2007 edition.

Please email your submissions to: [nicole@shangwe.com](mailto:nicole@shangwe.com)

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