

## ***FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER***

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**MONDAY 19 February 2018  
Stockwell Gardens Estate  
20 Eastcote Road  
Stockwell, London SW9 9JU  
12.00 pm to 2.30 pm**

### ***DEPORTATION OF ELDERLY PEOPLE AND FORCED REMOVAL***

**Speaker: Michelline Ngongo (Cllr for Islington)**

It was reported that Pauline Wilson (Guardian 29 November 2017) a grandmother who arrived from Jamaica aged 10 when there was no need to apply formally for leave to remain has been on the brink of deportation 50 years after she moved to Britain. In 2015 she was classed as an illegal immigrant and told to leave. In October she was put in Yarl's Wood Detention Centre before she got out, helped by her MP and a local charity. Hers is just one of the tragic stories of victims of the Prime Ministers vow of creating a 'hostile environment' for illegal immigrants.

Come and join in the debate about the need to speak up for people who have been classed a 'illegal' immigrants after living and working legally in the country, having paid their taxes and the impact of living under this threat. Tea coffees, biscuits, raffle.

Reminder: If you not yet paid your subscription. Please do so at the meeting

## **January Open Meeting Organise, Mobilise Activate**

The meeting was given over to working groups, **Fundraising, Events, Communications, Campaigns and Events**. The aim of the meeting was for us to pool our ideas, experiences, and skills on what and how we need to work together to build our pensioners' group. Each group was led by a facilitator who gathered ideas and strategies presented by group members. There was a recognition that group members would be called upon to work together across groups from time to time. The premise is that we all have a role to play. While the committee is the steering group, we the members are the drivers. Each facilitator will be working towards achieving the group objectives. There is still room for members to contact facilitators to join their group i.e. **Fundraising, Bola Oyedele, Campaigns & Communications Ted Knight, Events , Ellen Lebethe. (See report overleaf)**

### **1 February Dignity Action Day**

Thank you to members who assisted at the LAMPAG Dignity Day event. The event was held in the Knowledge and Information Centre at St Thomas' Hospital. We were joined by the Dignity Champions Team who demonstrated the various aids and incentives used to encourage and assist patients with Dementia to eat healthily and easily. Our ability to highlight the event and the message was somewhat restricted by the fact that our stall was at the back of the Knowledge and Information Centre and we were not allowed to leaflet in the corridor. The Trust could not approve our flyer. Notwithstanding we managed to invite people to the tea and cakes party which was put on by the Dignity Team. We thank St Thomas' Hospital for the space and this fine gesture.

### **3 February NHS Day of protest.**

LAMPAG members joined the thousands of health workers, union members, parents, and activists in one of the nationwide marches to demand an end to the NHS crisis. The call was for 'more beds, better staffing, increased funding and for fixing the crisis **now**'. The NHS will mark its 70<sup>th</sup> birthday this year and now more than ever we need to fight to defend it. Anuran Bevan said when the NHS was first set up "**The NHS will last for as long as there people willing to fight for it**". We are the people. We need to reverse the tide of cuts and we need to end pay restraints for NHS staff. What we need is a fully funded, publicly owned and provided NHS and Social Care system. **We need it now.**

### **Health Conference.**

The Health Conference will be held in the Governors Hall in July. Date to be confirmed.. In an attempt to involve members in the decisions regarding topics at future meetings members are asked to submit health topics which we might want consultants to address. While there is no harm in re-visiting certain topics, bear in mind that we have covered a range of topics in the past. Also bear in mind that we would like the consultants to address us on health conditions that they treat in the hospital themselves.

### **LAMPAG AGM**

The AGM will take place in March. Could members start thinking of some of the positions that they are likely to want to take up. We need a full and active committee which will work towards taking the group forward. Please consult the respective roles when deciding which position to go for. AGM papers will be sent out early next month.

### **Dates for your Diary. These are annual events. Some dates need to be confirmed**

<b>1 February</b> Dignity Action Day	<b>July</b> Lambeth Country show
<b>1 May</b> Day Rally	<b>1 October</b> International Older People's Day
<b>June</b> Pensioners Parliament	<b>December</b> Xmas Party
<b>July</b> Health Conference	Other dates will be added as they are announced.

**Committee meeting Monday 26 February St Matthews meeting Place 11am to 1 pm.**

