



The Tutu Foundation (UK)

The Birthday Newsletter

(Autumn 2011)



*Director of the IOD
Picture by Malcom Alexander*

The Ubuntu Birthday Card- Celebrating Archbishop Desmond Tutu's 80th Birthday Embarking on transformative journeys in communities:

Malcolm Alexander and Sally Muggeridge, Trustees of the Tutu Foundation were invited as personal friends of Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Mrs Leah Tutu to attend the birthday celebrations. As Trustees of the Tutu Foundation UK, they took this message from the UK, to Cape Town South Africa.

Our Gift to you – speaks to our work – it has been produced by an artisan, a crafts maker and an artist, who are all deeply rooted in their community. We invited our supporters to help complete our gift, the 'Ubuntu Birthday Card' by tying their personal messages – in a rainbow of ribbons. These messages have come from the hearts of people whose age range is 3 to 90 years.

Kwabena Gyedu the artist, donated his work 'A Touch of Love', to us. This abstract work depicts a mother and child and

speaks to our interconnectedness and co-dependency. Kwabena Gyedu is a well regarded disability rights activist, who has campaigned for the civil rights and autonomy of disabled people. He has worked consistently to create a space for young people to bring their ideas and voice. Kwabena has also been involved in a range of community based projects which have focussed on creating murals with young people.

Nicki Rowling, Willow Weaver. The Willow work was created out of English Willow and Hazel – grown in Surrey, not far from Blenchingly, which was once home to Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The work was created by Nicki Rowling, who has worked in the local community, providing training in modern and ancient crafts for many years. Nicki is committed to lifelong learning and is a supporter of home based education. Nicki continues to support young people and their parents who are educating their children outside of school.

Annette Walmsley-Harris, artisan cake maker whose personal story captures the meaning of peace and reconciliation, approached us wanting to get involved in community mentoring. Annette has lived and raised her children in Torbay and though her father was English, her mother came to Torbay from Japan. Annette recognises that it was brave for her parents to come to live in Devon, shortly after the War, when people were still living in the aftermath of the horrors of the war. Annette now wants to play a role by sharing her skills with young people. The cake created by Annette captures the spirit of our Patron's life and work.



Image by Hugo Philpot

As Trustees of the Tutu Foundation UK, we make a new birthday pledge to you Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Mrs Leah Tutu, that we will continue to build a legacy, here in the UK.

- **The Tutu Foundation UK will bring our flagship programme Conversations for Change to a further 80 local community groups, third sector partners and networks by 2012.**
- **The Tutu Foundation will train 80 accredited community Ubuntu Facilitators; each affiliated to the Tutu Foundation UK by the end of 2013.**
- **The Tutu Foundation UK will train 80 emergent leaders, including Young Leaders – in Ubuntu by 2014.**
- **The Tutu Foundation will help to bring restorative justice to 80 communities.**

We can be human only together

Archbishop Desmond Tutu gets 80th Birthday Cake from Torbay Artisan Cake Maker.

When the Tutu Foundation UK heard about the work of Torbay artisan cake maker Annette Walmley Harris – they had no hesitation in inviting her to bake a birthday cake to mark their patron's 80th Birthday.

The work of the Tutu Foundation is built on the principle of 'Ubuntu', a traditional Southern African philosophy which puts emphasis on our common humanity; our connectedness and interdependence as fellow human beings.

Annette of Annie's Designer Cakes is passionate about her craft, taking great care and thought to design cakes which reflect the spirit, hopes and dreams of her customers.

Annette has lived and raised her children in Torbay and though her father was English, her mother came to Torbay from Japan. Her mother, was a local Japanese craftsman, who followed her heart to make her home in Torbay. Annette recognises that it was brave for her parents to come to live in Devon, shortly after the War, when people were still living in the aftermath of the horrors of the war.

"My mum was of course in a new country and she bravely faced all the challenges that scenario brought.

Thankfully the people of our home town Paignton, and indeed Devon showed a lot of what Archbishop Tutu refers to as 'Ubuntu': the generosity, thoughtfulness and respect towards others that enabled my mother to find happiness and settle in this amazing part of the world."

Speaking on behalf of the Tutu Foundation UK, Alexandra Ankrah its Chief Executive said:

"At the Tutu Foundation, we are privileged to have a patron who has done so much to bring global peace and reconciliation. Through his life experience Archbishop Desmond Tutu knows what it is to forgive and build communities. As Archbishop Desmond Tutu is going to be 80, we wanted to say thank you to him in a way that reflected our work, within our diverse communities.

Working with Annette, whose personal story captures the meaning

of peace and reconciliation, was rewarding. We hope that we will be able to bring our work to the West Country, but there is much we can learn from the people of Torbay."

As final preparations are being made for Archbishop Desmond Tutu's birthday lecture in Cape Town, as well as community events in Liverpool, Hull and London Annette says she will also raise a toast:

"I am of course thrilled that one of my cakes will be presented as a gift to Archbishop Desmond Tutu in South Africa. I hope the Archbishop will think about us in Torbay when he receives it and you never know, perhaps my small contribution might do a little bit to promote the Bay, to South Africa and world".



Guildford Cathedral

The Ubuntu Birthday Card

This was a labour of love, produced with the help of English Willow Artist and Weaver Nicki Rowling. We knew we

wanted to capture our patron's connection to Surrey and so to have willow and hazel grown near Dorking, helped make a connection with Archbishop's time in Bletchingley. When we took the ubuntu birthday card to Guildford Cathedral there were quite a few people who had a personal recollection of Archbishop Desmond Tutu's ministry in Surrey, in the 1960's. It was deeply humbling to hear about his legacy.

The image that formed the centrepiece of our card was given to us by the award winning artist Kwabena Gyedu, who kindly made available one of his works. We invited people from across England to join us in writing their own personal messages, on a rainbow of ribbons, which completed our Ubuntu Birthday Card.

No living British Artist better captures both the spirit of Ubuntu and Conversations for Change; the Tutu Foundation UK's flagship programme, than Kwabena Gyedu. Talking about his work, the artist says:

"The essence of my work is an instinctive reflection on non-objective representation, using figurative imagery and geometric substructures to evoke a dynamic creative vision. I seek to merge vivid imagery, rhythm, form and sometimes, complex dialogue, to present a personal view of contemporary society. I often draw out these complex thoughts from simple expressions and shapes that fuse figurative imagery and discourse on a rather impulsive, materialistic world of today. I aim to engender an objective conversation with the onlooker through imagery that challenges and pleases the aesthetic sensibility simultaneously."

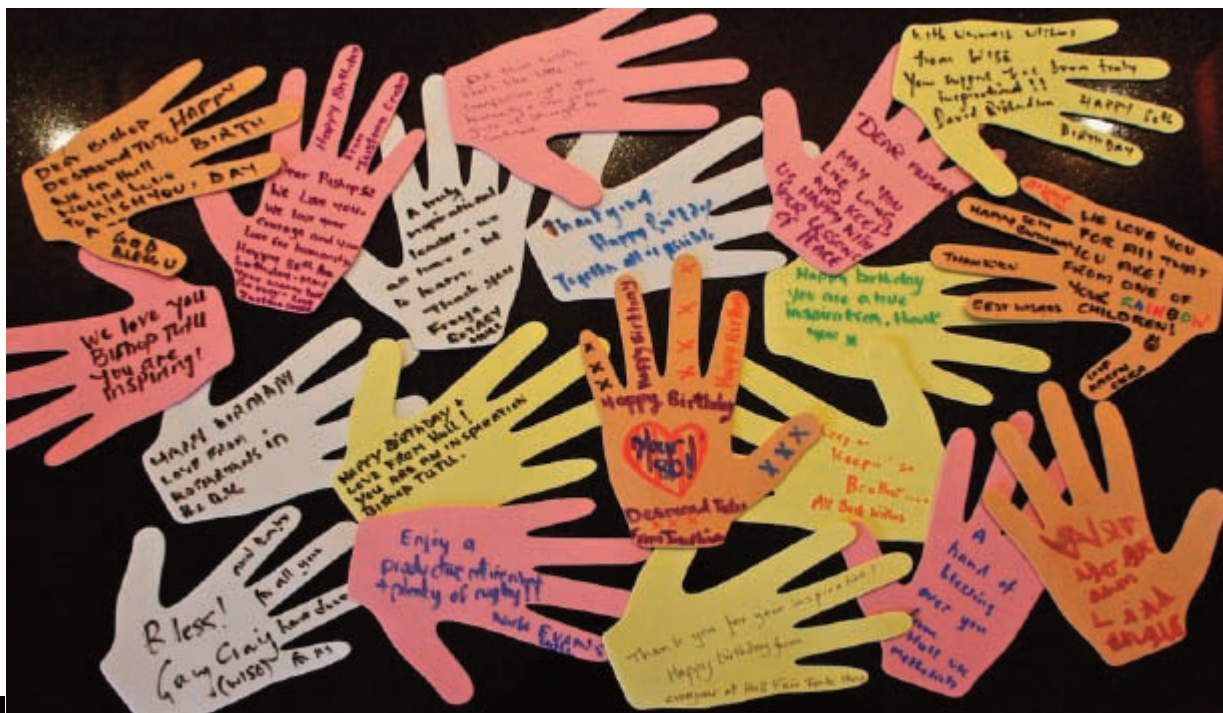
Kwabena Gyedu.



Professor Gary Craig holding the birthday card in Hull at Wilberforce Institute for Slavery and Emancipation WISE

Our Ubuntu Birthday Card, together with a DVD montage highlighting the work of the Tutu Foundation, toured local communities between 20th September to the 7th October 2011. The DVD provided highlights of our flagship programme, Conversations for Change, which is successfully helping to transform communities across England and is based on the

global work of Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Our Ubuntu Birthday Card was taken to South Africa, by Malcolm Alexander and Sally Mugeridge. Sally and Malcolm are founding trustees of the Tutu Foundation and friends to the Tutu Family. Our birthday gift was personally presented with all our blessings, to Archbishop Desmond Tutu.



Card Signings were held between the 23 September to 7 October 2011 at:

- Guildford Cathedral
- Liverpool, the Black-E Arts Centre - The Black-E is located just downhill of the Anglican Cathedral, on Great George Street, Liverpool L1 5EW
- Westminster Central Hall, by invitation 3 October 2011.
- The Institute of Directors, Pall Mall.
- House of Lords, as guests of Lord Walker.
- Hull University – Wilberforce Institute for Slavery and Emancipation. 7 October 2011

Key Dates:

NHS C4C Induction

London, SW1. 3 Feb, 2012

On-Line NHS Induction 27 to 29 February

C4C Sutton & Merton 15 to 17 February. (10.30 to 2.30) (5.00 to 8pm)
18 & 25 February 2012.
4 April Capacity Building Session

C4C Liverpool 26 January & 23 February

+Followed by Cluster Conversations from March to October 2012 led by various artists and crafts people.

C4C London North 14 & 15 March 2012 (Weekend)

C4C Tower Hamlets March April May

C4C Hull - Yorkshire 24 & 25 April

C4C West Mids NEW: Cluster Sessions Tbc

C4C Hastings Tbc

Ubuntu On-line coaching programme.

On-line with ITOL - passwords allocated - January onwards – completion by July 2012.

Ubuntu - Training the Trainer.

Croydon 13 & 14 January

Birmingham 8 & 9 February

London 8 & 9 March – NHS

Liverpool 13 & 14 April

Hull 22 & 23 May

London & South East June September 2012 Tbc

Mediation (Regent's College London)

26/27 March and 2/3/4 April

IACM

10 to 15 July 2012

House of Lords

5 October 2012 – tbc

Liverpool – Black-E Arts Centre

October 2012

A National Seminar and Festival of Ubuntu Games – speaking and listening with young people (Supported by Paul Hamlyn Foundation)

Capacity Building Surgeries

Arranged in response to requests made by groups who have taken part in C4C. These take place at local community venues. Please contact Rukiyah Khatun at the Tutu Foundation UK for dates and times.

Working Dates for Meetings of the Board of Trustees and Annual General Meeting 2011-2013

Meeting	Date
Board of Trustees	7 or 14 December 2011 -TBC
Board of Trustees	7 March 2012
Board of Trustees	7 June 2012
Board of Trustees	6 September 2012
Board of Trustees	6 December 2012
Board of Trustees	7 March 2013
Board of Trustees	6 June 2013
Board of Trustees	5 September 2013
Board of Trustees	5 December 2013
Annual Conference	Liverpool October 2012



Westminster Central Hall Birthday signing.
Image by Hugo Philpot

FREE Community Coaching Flyer for those who have already done C4C

The Tutu Foundation (UK)
Community Peer Coaching handbook

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Taking Ubuntu Into Your Community...

Having heard about the peace and reconciliation work of Archbishop Desmond Tutu – why not get involved in the Tutu Foundation UK's Conversations for Change programme? We would like to invite you to become part of our Community Coaching course.

This is a fully accredited course, which will help you develop new skills. This course can be done at home, on-line and does not include any exams.

Our community peer coaching is based on the principles of ubuntu and will help you develop the speaking and listening skills used as part of Conversations for Change.

Cost: Free to most people taking part in Conversations for Change or who have completed a C4C programme.

To Join Up: e-mail us at RKhatun@tutufoundationuk.org

NEXT: C4C – EVENTS

Sutton and Merton new dates across 15 to 18 February 2012.

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