

Diaspora Case Study – Brave Mnyayi

Brave Mnyayi is one example of someone who typifies the spirit of the Malawian diaspora here in Scotland. He says:

Born and raised in Malawi, I had a successful acting/music career with 'Nyasa Guruz'. Malawi is such a warm, friendly country and it was difficult to leave but it was the right time to move to Edinburgh.

One thing which made it easier was discovering the Scotland Malawi Partnership and Diaspora links/events they promote. I was excited to teach Chichewa lessons, I love talking about my country and language/culture as it makes me feel closer to home, and I was able to make useful contacts.



These have led to invitations to perform at numerous events, which makes me happy to be singing again and raising money for Malawi. I perform Chichewa and English songs, some I've written here which tells the story of my journey.'

Scotland Malawi Partnership Membership

SMP membership is open to any organisation or individual based in Scotland (or with links to Scotland), which has -or is interested in- links with Malawi.

The Partnership's greatest strength is the scale and diversity of its membership. All are welcome to join and become involved. The SMP is committed to working with all Malawian-led NGOs, associations and individuals in Scotland for the benefit of strengthened Scotland-Malawi links.

For example our commitment/services include:

- Promote and support active membership of the SMP amongst members of the Malawian diaspora.
- Help promote good partnership working between the SMP and the various organisations and institutions representing the Malawian diaspora in Scotland.
- Raise awareness amongst the Malawian diaspora in Scotland about:
 - The nature of Scotland's relationship with Malawi,
 - Scotland's current involvement with Malawi,
 - The close cooperation and consultation that underpins the Scotland-Malawi links,
 - The role and purpose of the SMP,
- Support social events (in addition to the Independence Celebrations) to engage with, and raise awareness amongst, the Malawian diaspora in Scotland in an informal setting.
- Where necessary, promote and facilitate the production, compilation and dissemination of information about the nature of the relationship between Scotland and Malawi and the work of the SMP, to members of the Malawian diaspora.
- Gather and disseminate amongst the Malawian diaspora examples of best practice where Malawians in Scotland have worked with, and added value to, Scotland-Malawi projects.