



West African Empowerment Association (WAEA)

Community Group Declaration

We, the members and supporters of the **West African Empowerment Association (WAEA)**, unite to affirm our shared purpose and vision.

Rooted in the rich heritage, cultures, and histories of West African peoples, we stand together as a community committed to **empowerment, inclusion, equity, and justice**.

Our Purpose

To promote the social, economic, educational, and cultural empowerment of individuals and families of West African descent, and to contribute meaningfully to the wider society through unity, advocacy, and positive action.

Our Core Commitments

1. Community Empowerment:

We will create opportunities for leadership, skills development, and self-determination within our communities.

2. Cultural Pride and Heritage:

We celebrate and preserve the diverse traditions, languages, and histories of West Africa as a source of strength and identity.

3. Solidarity and Inclusion:

We foster unity among all people of West African descent and stand in solidarity with other communities working towards equality and justice.

4. Youth and Future Generations:

We invest in the next generation—supporting their education, wellbeing, and confidence to lead with pride in their heritage.

5. **Voice and Representation:**

We advocate for greater visibility, recognition, and participation of West African communities in public life, policy-making, and institutional leadership.

6. **Equity and Justice:**

We challenge racism, discrimination, and social inequalities that affect our communities, and we work to build a fairer and more inclusive society for all.

Our Vision

A thriving, resilient, and united West African community—confident in its identity, empowered to lead, and engaged in shaping a just and equitable future.

Together, we declare our commitment to uplift one another, honour our heritage, and forge a future where **West African voices are heard, respected, and empowered.**

Adopted 12th February 2024 – ALL WAEA MEMBERS.