In Collaboration with Mr Andy Johnson the Croydon Supplementary Education Project was founded in 1982.

With my experience in the boroughs of Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham I had first-hand experience of what really needed to be done to create an environment where the emphasis is on the enhancement of our young people in the mainstream education system.

I had the pleasure in seeing our children excelling not only in their R's but aspiring to cultural awareness and good attitude towards study skills.

I am thankful to these dedicated teachers who served with me for 17 years before i retired so that the project could be a success.

On reflection of the past years when CSEP started with only five students, one could not imagine that over twenty-five years later the zeal and commitment generated by dedicated teachers and parents would still be in operation.

This project grew out of the need to supplement our student’s education as we saw it necessary to equip them with more than the three R's. The project aimed to encourage our students to develop both mentally and physically, so that their performance in the mainstream would be improved and finally they would lead useful lives in the society.

We may ask ourselves **"Is this project still beneficial to our children?". A thousand times yes!!**

The project has made positive contributions in many areas e.g. developing good work habits, providing positive role models for black children, contributing to improved GCSE Exam results for Year 11 students, cultural awareness which leads to self-confidence and personal achievement.

The organisers of the project maintained that there was always room for progress. Many of the areas we dreamt about are now being put in operation e.g. the building is now being used every day for different activities relating to education. In particularly, we recognise the importance of teaching English as a second language and now it is now realty.

Over subscription is being addressed, in that on a Saturday the juniors are catered for in the morning session and the seniors in the afternoon.

Personally, i am pleased that the community has claimed the project and there are still dedicated citizens who are willing to run with the baton