

THE WALK OF HOPE, THE WALK OF PEACE, THE WALK OF DIGNITY

STEPS TO ATONEMENT & REDEMPTION



**26th August 2008
London - Birmingham
131 miles**



Even the journey of a hundred miles starts with a single step

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OUR VISION

The youth are the future reservoir of talent that this country must utilise if it is to survive and compete in the modern age. We are tired of the debilitating and destabilising effect of inner city crime and deprivation. We believe that they blight the future prospects of this nation - too much potential has already been wasted. Gun and knife crime, and the untimely death of another young person reminds us of our failure to deliver a better today to all of our children. We acknowledge the breaks and fractures in our society but together we can help make a positive change.

S.T.A.R aims to:

- Build and develop initiatives to engage young people in positive dialogue to contribute and become integrated within the community
- Engage all sectors of the community: including local businesses, community based organisations and the public sector to develop initiatives that affect positive social and economic change
- Raise awareness on the detrimental effects that knife and gun crime has within our communities
- Acquire funding for sustainability and continuity of charities and local groups, which show commitment to the community
- Provide targeted funding for specific charities and local groups which already have a proven track record in this field.

On the 26th of August 2008, 3 young men will commit to completing a 131 mile walk (211 km) over the course of four days, from London to Birmingham (the equivalent of 5 marathons). This walk is an indication of our desire to highlight the problems facing our community and a statement of our resolve to provide solutions. This walk is the walk of hope, the walk of peace and the walk of dignity.

**Through Discipline, Diligence and Commitment
We WILL make a difference**



The walkers: Shani (34 year old IT business analyst), Kio (16 year old GCSE student) and Mathieu (23 year old University Student)

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WHAT WE WILL DO

We believe that every child and young person should have the best possible start in life, as every child matters. Through high profile events and campaigns, we will raise money which shall be distributed to carefully selected charities and a local group that aim to make this happen. This contribution from S.T.A.R, and our supporters, will help make a significant difference in improving the lives of many young people in the UK who come from disadvantaged backgrounds.

These charities are:

From Boyhood to Manhood Foundation:

Based in London and Birmingham, the charity runs educational, self-development and social fabric development programmes. It aims to empower young people to change their negative lifestyles by caring for them. They believe that this is love in action, which is a positive example of adulthood.

www.usatfbmf.com

Yaa Asantewaa Nanny Project:

Based in Birmingham, this is the charitable arm of the African Caribbean Self Help Organisation (ACSHO). ACSHO is a community based organisation formed in 1964, which provides a broad range of specialist services-advice and support to individuals.

www.acsho.org.uk

We also believe that part of our work is going to be about creating something new. Many of the existing structures have failed or are failing and so support is equally needed for new projects that work on the root causes which blight our cities. We will work with experienced professionals and earmark funds to support a new innovative initiative, the "100 Mother's Movement"

100 Mothers Movement:

This is a new initiative, which asks women-the mothers of the community, and the first teachers of the youth affected by knife and gun crime to contribute financially to support community programmes that will ensure the welfare of the generation to come. It also aims to act as a forum for one voice and one community, circulating information and promoting community businesses.

www.100mothersmovement.org.uk

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

Be part of the future! Show your support by helping us raise £200,000, a mere fraction of the cost that crime and poverty has on our society. S.T.A.R's aim is to ensure that our contribution-the money we raise-will open new opportunities for young people and have the maximum possible impact in the fight against inner city crime and deprivation.

By supporting this project you can help to make a change happen. We need your financial support to begin.

Remember:

- Never before has such a program been suggested,
- Never before has such a program been created,
- Never before has such a program been organised,
- Never before have 3 young men come together to walk from London to Birmingham for such a cause.

HOW TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

- Write a cheque to:
S.T.A.R. or Steps to Atonement and Redemption
- Make a payment to
S.T.A.R. or Steps to Atonement and Redemption
Account: **HSBC**
Account number: **61656821**
Sort code: **400715**
- Make a donation online:
Visit our website for details:
www.thestarproject.co.uk
- Please contact us regarding other ways you may like to show your support.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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