

## Information & contact details for organisers

ALD is being organised on coalition between the **PASCF** and the **AAPRP Britain Chapter**. The theme this year is **"Rise Up Africa"** - *How long can African Leaders continue to ignore the structural roots of Africa's perpetual crisis?*

We hope you can join in the commemorations this year on the **2<sup>nd</sup> May Bank Holiday Weekend**.

### **PASCF's Events & Year-Round Activism**

**Planning Meetings** (Every other Monday evening)

These are open meetings and the community are invited to attend.

### **Workshops**

These sessions regularly held on Fridays throughout the year, are aimed at conscientizing and politicising the Afrikan Family. Sessions are FOC and also make a vital contribution to mobilising, organising, nurturing and unifying us as an Afrikan Family. *Held via Zoom during lockdown and social distancing.*

### **Other events planned by the Pan-African Society Community Forum:**

#### **Marcus Garvey Annual Memorial Lecture (MGAML)**

**The 11th MGAML will be held on Wednesday 10th June 2020** [via Zoom]

The Lecture commemorates the phenomenal contribution of Marcus Mosiah Garvey to Afrikan organising, organisations, and liberation. PASCF expresses thanks to Goldsmiths College, University of London for their hosting/support of the 2019 MGAML and ARML Lectures.

#### **14th Ayiti Revolution Memorial Lecture [ARML] - Sunday 23rd August 2020**

The annual ARML commemorates the Afrikan Liberation Process known as the **Ayitian Revolution**. It continues to serve to re-invigorate, re-energise and re-empower us in our unwavering fight for and insistence upon our Afrikan Liberation.

#### **Marikana Massacre [8th] Vigil & Commemoration - Sunday 16th August 2020**

This Vigil is held outside South Africa House, Trafalgar Square, London WC2N 5DP. It is held to protest the deliberately planned massacre of 34 striking miners at Lonmin's Marikana platinum mine, by South African police for London mining company Lonmin, whose directors included Cyril Ramaphosa, now President of South Africa. No one has been prosecuted for the murders and the protest calls for justice and compensation for the workers' families. It is held in collaboration with several community and other forces.

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More details on ALD Worldwide - <https://africanliberationday.net/>



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Your History series:

# What is ALD Afrikan Liberation Day?



**STRONG BOND OF  
NKRUMAH & TOURE**

**Osagyefo Kwame Nkrumah** (left) - 1<sup>st</sup> President of Independent (1957) Ghana & **Sekou Ture** (right) - 1<sup>st</sup> President of Independent (1958) Guinea. The unity they sort in government led the way for the Pan-Africanist Movement and the creation of African Freedom Day (15<sup>th</sup> April 1958) and then African Liberation Day (25<sup>th</sup> May 1963). Great servants of the Revolutionary Pan-Africanist struggle.

### **ALD 2020 events:**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 3-6pm - <https://dynamykevents.lpages.co/ajamu/>

For other ALDs – please see: <https://africanliberationday.net/>

We understand that ALD is as relevant today as it has ever been. We know how important it is for us tell our story. The Honourable Marcus Garvey said, **“A people without knowledge of their history, is like a tree without roots”**.

History is also an important tool of resistance. We must know what others have done before us to help us with our struggles today. Our problems in England are directly linked to the oppression in Africa. When Africa is free & strong again, we will all be proud & strong again. We hope the 50 year history of ALD inspires you to do more for your people.

**On 15th April 1958**, in the city of Accra Ghana, African leaders and political activists gathered at the first Conference of Independent African States. It was attended by representatives of the governments of Ethiopia, Ghana, Liberia, Libya, Morocco, Sudan, Tunisia, The United Arab Republic (which was the federation of Egypt and Syria) and representatives of the National Liberation Front (FLN) of Algeria and the Union of Cameroonian Peoples (UPC). This conference was significant in that it represented the **first Pan-African Conference held on African soil**. It was also significant in that it represented the collective expression of African People’s disgust with the system of colonialism and imperialism, which brought so much suffering to African People. Further, it represented the collective will to see the system of white rule permanently done away with.

This conference gave sharp clarity and definition to ***Pan-Africanism - the total liberation and unification of Africa under scientific socialism***. The conference as well laid the foundation and the strategy for the further intensification and coordination of the next stage of the African Revolution, for the liberation of the rest of Africa, and eventual and complete unification. The Conference called for the **founding of African Freedom Day**, a day to, “mark each year the onward progress of the liberation movement, and to symbolize the determination of the People of Africa to free themselves from foreign domination and exploitation.”

Five years later after the First Conference of Independent African States in the city of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia another historical meeting occurred. On 25<sup>th</sup> May 1963, leaders of thirty-two independent African States met to form the Organization of African Unity (OAU). By then more than two thirds of the continent had achieved independence from colonial rule. At this historic meeting **the date of Africa Freedom Day was changed from April 15th to May 25th and Africa Freedom Day was declared African Liberation Day (ALD)**. African Liberation Day has been held on May 25th in every corner of the world since.

ALD as an institution within the Pan-African movement reflects the growth and development of Pan-Africanism. When Pan-Africanism was faced with fighting colonialism, the focus of ALD was on the anti-colonial struggle and the fight for national independence. As **Pan-Africanism grew stronger** and developed, ALD activities reflected this progress.

**ALD has contributed to the struggle** to raise the level of political awareness and organization in African communities worldwide. It has further been used as a tool to provide a platform for many African and other oppressed peoples to inform the African masses about their respective struggles for true liberation and development. Particularly for Southern Africa, ALD played a critical role in the defeat of white rule and apartheid.

**It inspired others** to support through various progressive organisations, liberation and movements both in Africa and the socialist countries around the world; the building of anti-colonial and national liberation movements by generating arms for the freedom fighters; offering a platform where the world could receive political education on the nature of the struggle; and providing public rallies to reinvigorated us all in our local struggles & for Africa.

**ALD continues to expose** American, Israeli and European attacks and exploitation of Africa. Many people have tried to distance ALD (and the African Revolution in general) from the struggle for socialism. Remember that it is capitalist America and Europe that occupied, colonised and still exploits Africa. Our friends continue to be China, Cuba, Venezuela, North Korea, and Vietnam – all socialist countries. All the brutal and corrupt governments in Africa are supported by the West & are capitalist in nature.

**ALD stands committed to the struggle** for national independence, African redemption, African liberation, African unification and scientific socialism.

**We demand:** that African Governments commit to unify the continent and implement the Trans-Continental Agreement; form a common currency and remove all monetary ties to France ending the CFA franc arrangements; that has made Africans subsidise the French economy for over 60 yrs. We also demand the return of all our stolen African land; the elimination of borders & African continental citizenship; equality of women; end to military conflicts & all forms of foreign occupation (incl military bases) in Africa; and the cancellation of all the bogus debts from the World Bank or IMF.

***Join an organisation now!***