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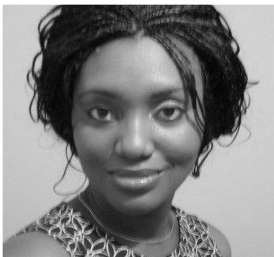
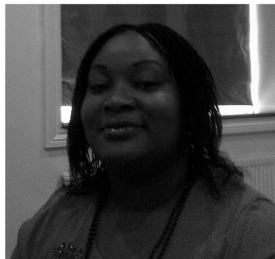
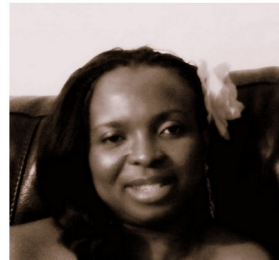
African Literary Evening

Date: 08 November 2014

Venue: The Proud Archivist, 2 - 10 Hertford Road, London N1 5ET

Time: 5pm to 8pm

Members of the Panel



Tolulope Popoola



Tolulope Popoola is an Author, Publisher and Consultant. She grew up in Lagos, Nigeria and moved to the United Kingdom in 2000 for her university education. It was assumed that she had a head for figures, so she studied BA Accounting and Business Economics and a Masters in Finance and Investment. But in 2006 she started blogging consistently, which rekindled her love for writing and telling stories. She now writes for a living, including short stories, flash fiction, and articles for many print and online magazines. She set up Accomplish Press in 2011 when she realised that there were not many mainstream publishers in the UK willing to take a chance on "ethnic" writers like her. She's the author of a novel titled "Nothing Comes Close" and a collection of flash fiction stories titled "Fertile Imagination". She's passionate about helping other aspiring authors to fulfil their writing and publishing dreams.

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Tundun Adeyemo



Tundun Adeyemo is an Author, Columnist, Radio Presenter and PR Consultant at BlackandOutspoken. She studied law at the University of Ibadan and upon graduating in 2001, she travelled to London, England where she has lived since. Tundun Adeyemo has published three books: **In Search of a Promise**, **The Immigrant**, and **Outspoken: a Collection of Articles**.

About her books

In Search of a Promise, a collection of poems is an anthology of poems and prayers around a period in the life of the author. Her second book '**The Immigrant**', describes what life was like for her in those early days. She shares her story using simple and every day words designed to appeal to anyone who has ever migrated anywhere. Her latest ebook: '**Outspoken: The Book**' is a collection of articles written over a four year period as a columnist for the Nigerian magazine, TELL. She lives in Bedfordshire with her daughter. She can be contacted for all enquiries and jobs which relate to marketing and promoting either a book or a person.

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Abidemi is an author of several books (including *Kemi's Journal*, *God Has Daughters Too* and *Zack's Story*), the founder of Ready Writer, a content creation and training agency, and the editor of Ready Writer Mag. Her critically acclaimed book *Eyo* was shortlisted for the Commonwealth Writers' Prize. She has written extensively for Christian magazines, *The Guardian*, *The Cabinet Office/No 10*, Unilever, Methodist Church, UN, Directgov and others too traumatic to remember. In her spare time, she loves cooking, running and photography. Born in Nigeria, now living in the UK, with dreams of emigrating to Zanzibar and never experiencing rainy weather ever again. She is represented by the fabulous Elise Dillsworth Agency.

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Kiru Taye



A lover of books, as a teenager Kiru Taye used to read novels under the blanket during lights-outs in boarding school. These days, with a young family to take care of, she's still sacrificing sleep for the pleasures of a good book.

After over ten successful years in the corporate rat race, she has chosen a different kind of creative challenge—transforming her wildly vivid imagination into sensual, atmospheric romance stories with passionate characters.

When she's not writing or reading, she'd hanging out with family and friends or travelling. Born in Nigeria, she currently lives in the UK with husband and children.

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Adura Ojo



Adura Ojo is an author, poet, blogger and a mother of two. She is the author of **Life is a Woman Breaking Eggs** – her debut poetry collection. She loves observing the world around her and teasing the voices within. In previous lives she was a graduate of English, Law and Social Work – not all at the same time. She also enjoyed work - as a lecturer, trainer and mental health practitioner. Her work has been published in Sentinel Champions, Sentinel Nigeria, The Poetic Pinup Revue, and a number of websites. She lives in the UK where she is currently working on her debut novel and a second poetry collection.

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Irenosen Okojie is a writer and Arts Project Manager. She has worked with the RSC, Apples & Snakes, The Southbank Centre, The Caine Prize and programmed for Duckie for their series of interactive nights. She was a selected writer for the Flight mentorship scheme for young writers run by Spread the Word and for the 30 Nigeria House Project by Theatre Royal Stratford East. Her work has been featured in The Observer and The Guardian amongst other publications. Her short stories have been published internationally. She is penning her first novel and a collection of short stories. She is the 2014 Prize Advocate for the SI Leeds Literary Prize.

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Nuzo Onoh



"Every single thing created by man began with a single thought. Whatever the mind can conceive can become reality. All you need are your thoughts, faith, expectation, hard work and a damned lot of prayers."

This amalgamation of quotes more or less sums up my philosophy in life, a belief that good things can come my way if I believe, work hard to make that belief reality and pray with everything I've got for a success. I wake up daily in Coventry where I reside, grateful to God for my 52 years on earth, my two wonderful daughters and good health. I've been given the amazing opportunity to live my dream as a writer and publisher after obtaining my Masters degree in Writing from Warwick University in 2012, where I'd also obtained my Law degree over 27 years ago!! I presently run my own self-publishing company, Canaan-Star Publishing, with writers from around the world. Best of all, I've finally discovered that Holy Grail of every writer...Voice!

With my last book, *The Reluctant Dead* (28th June, 2014), I finally found a voice and a genre that flows naturally and effortlessly, feels right and sits well with me - African/Igbo horror! As a working lone-parent, I continue to hope for literary success, inner contentment and a life finally free of stress! I believe and it shall be!

Abimbola Dare



Abimbola Dare commenced her writing career as a blogger in 2006. Her hilarious blog which documented the life of an immigrant learning to adjust to life in the UK soon became one of the most visited blogs in Nigeria at the time. In 2008, she took a maternity break-which essentially became an opportunity for her to write her first Inspirational (christian) novel, 'The Small Print'. Having sought for, and finding no Christian fiction publisher in the UK, she decided to establish her own company. 'The Small Print' was released in 2011 and became one of the best selling e-books in Religious romance genre on Amazon UK-for more than six months. For a self published author in a relatively unknown genre within the UK, the success of 'The Small Print' was a welcomed surprise and driver for exploring a niche with potential for massive growth. She has written a number of short stories, including the hugely popular, 'The Nonsense wife' which instantly became an internet sensation. In January 2013, she was nominated as author of the year by the Women4Africa panel. Her second novel, 'When Broken Chords Sing', peaked at number 2 spot on the kindle bestseller list for Christian Fiction in the UK. She has been featured in major newspapers and magazines across Nigeria, and juggles novel writing with working full time for one of the largest publishing firms in the world.

Kemi Ogunniyi



Kemi Ogunniyi is an author, editor and communications consultant. Her most recent project is 'Tales of Mr Tortoise', a not-for-profit children's book she has published in partnership with 1Child1Book.org to improve UNESCO literary figures for Africa, starting with Nigerian children who cannot afford books. She has also written four full-length adult novels awaiting publishing and popular weekly blog fiction series.

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Ola Nubi



Ola Nubi attended intermediate and advanced writing courses at the Centerprise Literature Development project in Hackney, London before studying for an MA in Creative writing and Imaginative Practice at the University of East London.

In 2008 her short story *The Pink House*, won first prize in the National words of colour competition and another short story of hers *The Go- slow Journey*, won the first prize in the fiction category for Wasafiri's New writing prize 2009. Some of her short stories feature on African writing.com, StoryTime, This Reading Life, TheSiren.co.uk and naijastories.com

She had another short story – *Green Eyes and an Old photo* published in the 2013 African Roar Anthology and her short story – *Illusion of Hope* was published in the NS Publishing short reads series – Wiping Halima's Tears. She is currently working on a collection of short stories based on the African experience in the Diaspora, and a novel – a cross cultural romance that explores the social, political, cultural and historical ties that bind and divide the cultures. She has a romance novel due for publication by Ankara press – the Romance imprint of Cassava Press, Abuja. Nigeria.

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Amanda Epe



Amanda Epe writes articles, essays, poetry, fiction and self help; her work has been featured in publications and anthologies in the U.K, U.S and in Saraba Literary Magazine Ng. A Fly Girl is her debut book, an inspirational memoir of her days working with BA; travel tales through the lens of a black African perspective. She has a Masters in Education, Health Promotion and International Development and her blog focuses on promoting health and literary art for women at www.msroseblossom.org.

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Sade Adeniran



Sade recently completed a postgraduate degree in film at Staffordshire University run by Raindance. She's a self-published author and her debut novel *Imagine This*, won the 2008 Commonwealth Writer's Prize. A book she has adapted into a script and she is currently looking for finance to fund her feature film. Sade made her first short film last year - *More Cake* - also an adaptation from one of her short stories. *More Cake* was shown at the Molodist & Raindance film festivals in 2013. Sade has also written pieces for Radio 4, BBC World Service the Lyric and Bush theatres. In her spare time she also produces short story podcasts promoting African literature and writers (SWoSSP). The first series along with her own short story podcasts can be found on iTunes, SoundCloud, Mixcloud or her website www.sades-world.com/podcasts.

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