

## Statement of Dr. Joe Ukemenam

Dear Colleagues

Holborn and St Pancras CLP is one of the most important safest Labour seats in the land with immense economic, social and political dynamics which make it very important for the Party, the constituents, London and the international market. As it stands, the demographics of the area is more like a rainbow demonstrating that a perfect candidate should also possess the right knowledge base, appropriate skills, flair and flexibility that are reflective and suitable for current situation and the emerging aspirations of the people and area. As UN special envoy on Community Development I build bridges around the world between communities and statutory organisations, provide specialist interventions and advice to corporate and statutory agencies. I broker businesses and the involvement and access for the communities to service provisions in health, employment, training and social enterprise/processes. It is important that we manage and improve existing infrastructures in the area and be able to resolve the party members conflict situation that is currently destroying the party locally whilst coordinating and managing the current community rainbow nature situation of the area profitably. These and others are areas where I have significant comparative advantage over current aspirants.

My back ground is important - in Business; Development; Economy; Public health, Education, Foreign Policy; Democracy, Human Rights; Employment Law, Community and National Security all are most appropriate here and meets all person specification outlined by party policy, in particular **'the potential for making a significant and imaginative contribution to the development of Parliament and to the political, economic, social and cultural development of UK'**. With the current great need to attract investment in the Holborn and St Pancras CLP area, support for the development of businesses big, small and medium sizes etc is key and urgent. My analyses is that the CLP requires additionally, an internationally tested ability in a representative in order to manage the new emerging challenges around development and democratic themes plus the ability to promote Labour fair policies sustainably in the following key areas:-

□- achieving Living wages and building an economy for many not a few; business development interventions; Housing - including building the homes we need; saving our NHS; Child Care solutions and leaving something for the next generation; Crime and safer society; Education and skills development for the young; Immigration and Foreign policy amongst others.

It is important that we are able to resolve the party members' conflict situation that is currently destroying the Party locally. My neutrality is key here in achieving harmony that we desperately need without carrying the bitterness over to post election. The Liberal Democrats have been gaining strength, so are the Greens in Highgate, the numbers of actual voters are decreasing, 'Virgin voters' are not seriously being targeted; YouGov 2014 tells us, we need to take action to reverse the trend and that why I am here.

- Chi ONWURAH MP wrote (2014)... **'Jo Ukemenam has campaigned actively and energetically to improve the diversity of the party and to engage with groups and communities across the country. He has shown great dedication to the cause of progressive politics'**.
- Lyn Brown MP wrote (2013)... **'I write to support Dr Joe Ukemenam. Joe is a member of West Ham CLP and recently organised a very well-attended and successful event in Parliament'**
- Rt Hon Keith Vaz MP wrote (2013).. **'I have known Joe Ukemenam for 10 years. He is an outstanding campaigner on behalf of the Labour Party. He cares deeply about the values of the Party and has been involved in numerous campaigns that I have also been involved in.'**
- Claude Moraes MEP tweeted.. **'This month I spoke at a hugely well-attended Labour BAME African Diaspora event at the House of Commons with over 200 party members and other representatives from the African diaspora... I would like to thank (Joe Ukemenam) the organiser.'**