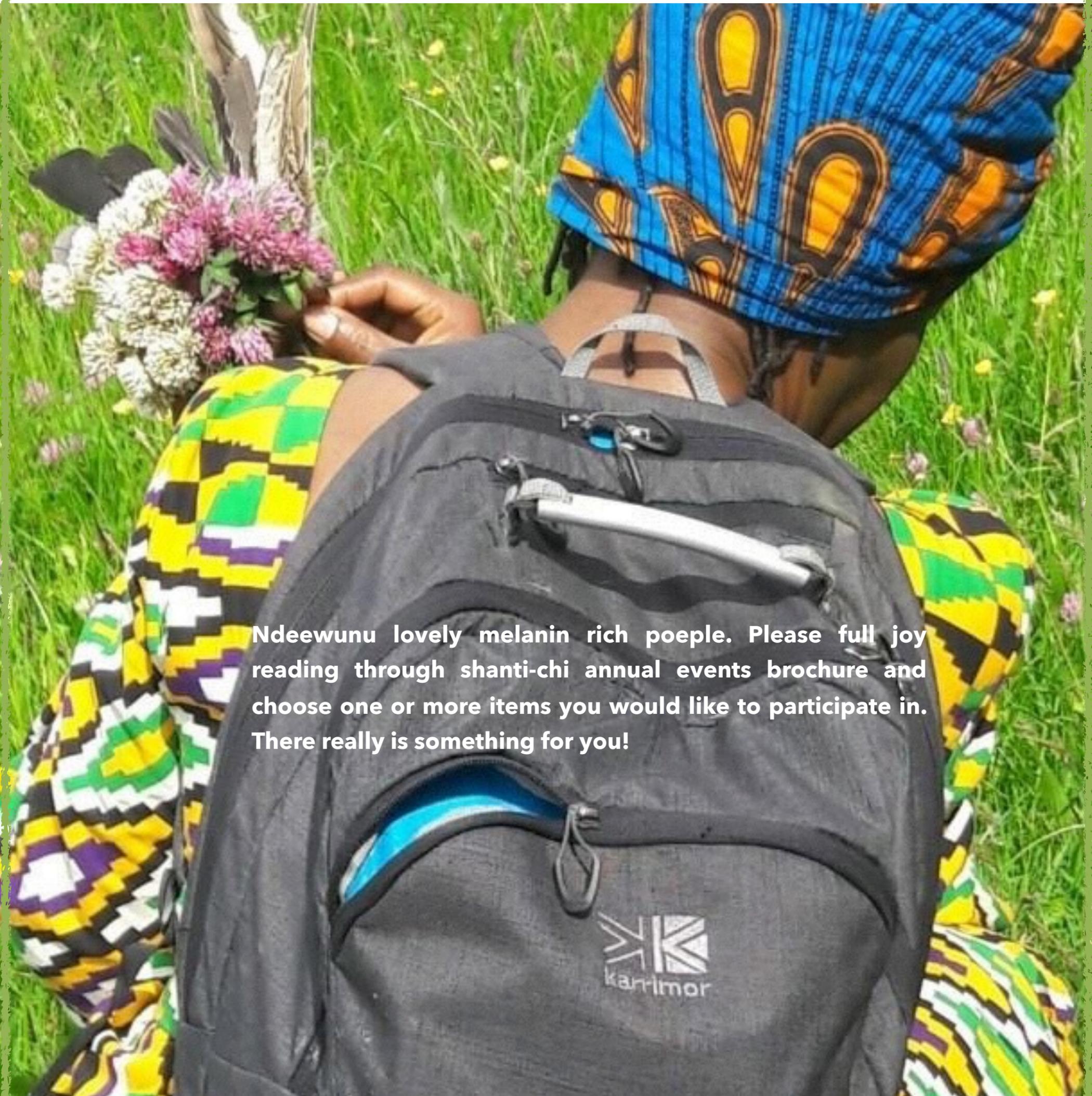


Shanti-Chi

annual events

2017/2018

"inspire visions with the oral traditions"



Ndeewunu lovely melanin rich poeple. Please full joy reading through shanti-chi annual events brochure and choose one or more items you would like to participate in. There really is something for you!

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Shanti-Chi is a community arts based African storytelling company based in London, established in 2010. It was co-founded by Griot Chinyere, to create beautiful healing spaces for members in which to spread the magic of storytelling and keep the oral tradition alive. Our values are to speak and act with a clear conscience, absolute integrity, honest intentions with a grace and dignity that honours our culture, heritage and ancient past. Use the artform to develop an economy based creative industry; To establish a safe space to explore the pain and the joy of the Disapora story. Our motto and mission, "**to inspire visions with the oral traditions**".

Griot Chinyere is the artistic director of Shanti-Chi and honours the energy of the ancestors, storytellers, artists, oral traditionalists, theatre makers, visionaries, guardians of creativity, expeditionists, pilgramers, keepers of culture, spiritual leaders, musicians and the Griot.

Shanti-Chi and the Nne Agwu Management committe have ambitions for the festival (see page 8) to grow. We are working toward buying 7-10 acres of freehold land in Britain to have a permanent place to run all our regular and one off eclectic events through out the year. This will better enable us to achieve our ambitions, improve our offer and fulfil our mission.

As a means to raising funds we have set up a 4 tier membership / sponsorship scheme:

Melanin diamond - £1000 (10 year membership 20% discount on all Shanti-Chi events)

Gold - £700 (5 year membership 15% discount on all Shanti-Chi events)

Silver - £500 (3 year membership 10% discount on all Shanti-Chi events)

Bronze - £300 (1 year membership 5% discount on all Shanti-Chi events)

Offer applies to Shanti-Chi events exclusively. Shanti-Chi events are open to non-members.

DAALU! (Give thanks)

Shanti-Chi would like to take the opportunity to give thanks to: Chineke the divine womb of creation for opening the pathways; the ancestors who protect us as we walk our path of purpose and our spirit guides for leading the way. Shanti-Chi would also like to give thanks to the dedicated Nne Agwu management committee, our volunteers, our sponsors and our participants who have supported us with time, energy, ideas, money, resources, airwaves, patience, inspiration, love and a generous heart.

ISE! (as it is spoken so shall it be)

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Concoct-a-Tale

"anticipate, participate and captivate"

Join Shanti-Chi for the return of their unique evening storytelling improvisation adventure. Hosted by the dynamic Griot Chinyere and her spirited storytelling posse. They will guide you through storytelling, improvisation and performance techniques. The bold will learn to captivate and the shy will find a confident voice. During the course of the evening your name will be called and you will participate in concocting a tale, myth, legend and/or story in partnership with your team. Concoct-a-tale is for anyone with an interest in storytelling, performance and full joying life. Aimed at complete beginners and professionals alike.

Join us on this oral adventure, where you will encounter all manner of subjects, characters, landscapes and accents! Guaranteed gasps and laughs for everyone with imagination!

4 Dates: Wednesday: 13th September; 11th October; 15th November and 13th December 2017

Venue: Albany Deptford, Douglas Way London SE8 4AG

Time: Doors open at 6.30pm

Cost: £3.50

Advance booking is advised however you can take your chances and just turn up, You will be welcomed!

Expedition walks 50-100 miles

"Walk your path of purpose"



Griot Chinyere; a trained and experienced expedition leader, annually organises a walk ranging between 50 and 100 miles. Join the next walk and camp expedition along the South coastline of England. The purpose is to reclaim a presence on the land, remember our ancestral heritage and walk our path of purpose. The walk, is a place to be bold, face challenges and develop stamina. Build your confidence, connect to self esteem & work towards self-actualization as you find your best self. In today's busy world let's find time to really commune with nature and reap the rewards.

You will receive: pre expedition training, guidance and life long skills: tent erecting, effective breathing techniques, equipment information, map and compass reading +more. Profits go towards the running costs of the Nne Agwu Afrakan Storytelling Festival!

Dates: Saturday 26th MAY - Friday 1st JUNE 2018

Venue: Along the South Coast of England, subscribe to online newsletter for updates

Cost: £1200 - **Early-bird** £1080 offer ends 18th March 2018

Ask people to sponsor you to step out of your comfort zone and step onto your path of enlightenment!

Monthly Night Rambles

"embrace your fears with love"



The night walk ramble is primarily to take a walk for health and well-being in the natural environment. These walks have been designed as either a stand alone event or you can choose to challenge yourself to taking the first steps to being a night walk expedition leader. Learn to walk confidently amongst the trees at night and clear your mind, cleanse our spirit and energise our well being. Nature is ultimately to make us feel balanced, empowered and free. Rambles are led by Griot Chinyere a trained and experienced expedition leader.

8 FRIDAY NIGHT RAMBLE DATES!

22nd September 2017 meeting 7pm; 20th October 2017 meeting 7pm; 17th November 2017 meeting 7pm; 22nd December 2017 meeting 7pm; 19th January 2018 meeting 7pm; 9th March 2018 meeting 8pm; 20th April 2018 meeting 8pm; 4th May 2018 meeting 8pm

Join the free spirit night ramblers and make it a regular monthly habit from September 2017 to May 2018. Our night walks last about 90 minutes and cost £10.

INITIATION 1

Challenge yourself to do all 8 rambles over 8 months and on the 9th ramble, which we organise separately, challenge yourself to take a short walk alone in the dark with community support close by. The 8 walks will encourage you to get to know the lay of the particular woodland and build your confidence. The aim is to feel confident enough by the 9th ramble to walk solo through the woodland for between 15 and 30 minutes. These walks challenge you to face yourself and embrace your fears. By joining the free spirit night ramblers for regular walks you can achieve night walk initiation 1. Just to note you can take as many walks as you need to feel ready for the solo walk.

VENUE

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FOOD

Bring drinking water, fresh fruits, dried fruits, nuts, seeds and generally healthy snacks.

PUNCTUALITY We can not wait for late comers. Do yourself a favour, give yourself plenty of time to arrive at meeting place. Better to arrive early and wait. Please do not call after the walk begins on the day as forest reception is often ineffective. The focus must be with those who are present and punctual.

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Feminine Rise Retreats

"reclaim, repair and realign"



The Feminine rise annual retreat is a 3 day equinox programme utilising ancestral knowledge and wisdom to heal mind, body and spirit. It draws upon the ancient feminine art of Chigwa: an exploration of our spiritual landscape through affirmation chanting, conscious movement and visual meditations. By engaging in a sequence of simple yet effective moves and sacred chants we can unblock and clear pathways, improve circulation, build physical strength encouraging good health and spiritual well-being. This practice re-ignites our ancient story and guides our inner divinity. Within this inner sacred space our ancient story connects us to our purpose. Join kindred sister spirits in a cosy cottage in the English countryside, weaving healing tales of power and magic. Tasty nutritious meals will be provided, making this an holistic experience.

GREAT PRICE £250

EARLYBIRD £225 offer ends 19th January 2018

including guidance in Chigwa: (tree and walking meditations, sacred chants), map and compass skills, food and accommodation.

Read course curriculum online!

Dates: Friday 16th - Sunday 18th March 2018.

BOOK NOW

Deposits and payment plans acceptable

WOMEN ONLY!

Programme Leader:

Griot Chinyere the Chigwa Storyteller

Venue: To Be Confirmed - please subscribe to online newsletter for updates

Transport is a separate cost. We normally arrange a minibus which is a private service and it gives us a chance to connect and travel together. London pick up!

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Twilight leadership walks

"the dawning of bold leadership"



The twilight leadership walk is a leadership experience with a difference. Aspiring and established leaders who wish to reconnect with their purpose are invited to complete a night walk in the woods. Each route is carefully selected to enable participants to step out of their comfort zone and expand their leadership zone while utilising the natural resources of the night. The walk will include courageous conversation at the fireside where leaders hold themselves and each other accountable for their future behaviour. The twilight leadership walks are informed by the latest research on leadership development and are highly effective both as stand-alone activities and alongside institutional interventions.

The twilight leadership walks last for approximately four hours and includes: Walking etiquette; Opening circle; Twilight walk (silent contemplation); Fire lighting; Challenging Fire side conversation; Night time walk (consideration); Preparing for a bold new dawn (action plan); Closing circle; Farewell

Twilight leadership walkers can expect to: Link the leadership roots of their past to the leadership routes of their future; (Re)discover hidden strengths and talents - no torches or phones allowed; Develop the confidence to take control of their leadership trajectory; Trust in their own ability to overcome external barriers to leadership; Articulate their leadership vision with clarity, commitment and passion; Feel invigorated by the night time environment

Facilitators:

Griot Chinyere, internationally renowned storyteller, facilitator & expedition leader
Jannett Morgan, leadership development trainer and coach

Two levels of nightwalk:

DARE TO LEAD (for aspiring or newly appointed leaders):

Cost: £60.00 per person per night walk - **Dates:** Friday 3rd November 2017 and Friday 2nd March 2018

BOLDLY LEAD (for senior leaders):

Cost: £85.00 per person per night walk - **Dates:** Friday 12th January 2018, and Friday 11th May 2018.

Location To Be Confirmed - please subscribe to online newsletter for updates

Time: 7.00pm

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The Griot Way Storytelling Training

"nurture your nature"



The Griot Way offers an inner-standing of African storytelling; it's structure, its symbolism and the role of ancestral energies in storytelling. Harnessing this power gives you the space to develop performance skills, build self-esteem and vision your purpose. The training is set over 9 days and we invite national and international participation.

The Griot Way is designed to fulfill personal and professional storytelling needs. If you want the confidence to tell stories to your children and extended family then we cater to you. If you are a teacher, lecturer or a professional who presents public speeches regularly this course can build your self esteem or if you want to be a storyteller and or improve your performance skills or you want a clearer connection to the archetypes, the dieties and the spirits that mould and hold the energy of a story, this course will open the storyteller within. You will establish your own storytelling dynamic and devise an original Afrakan story. *Read course curriculum online!*

Griot Chinyere delivers the residential Griot way training over 9 intensive days for those who are serious about storytelling and wish to take their storytelling deeper, greater, higher!

Cost: £1000 - **EARLY BIRD** £900 offer ends 18th February 2018

Duration: 9 days of training, food and accommadation

Dates: Friday 30th March until Sunday 8th April 2018.

Venue: To Be Confirmed - please subscribe to online newsletter to for updates

Far from the madding crowd in a place of Natural Beauty, wonder and magic.

This leads to the opportunity to perform at the Prestigious Nne Agwu Afrakan Storytelling Festival. Exceptional Path way to realising your vision!

ONLY 9 SPACES AVAILABLE

BOOK NOW!

REQUIRES SERIOUS COMMITTMENT

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Nne Agwu Storytelling Festival 2018

"step out of the box and into the vision"



Ndeewunu to the Nne Agwu Afrkan Storytelling Festival

Inviting exclusively melanin rich African / African Caribbean families to join us on a 4-day camp. Over the years and evolution of the Storytelling festival, the vision remains constant: To celebrate, promote and preserve the art of the oral tradition of storytelling; Create a mainstream artform that reflects our story, our culture, our heritage, our ancestry and our reason for being; Use our artform to develop an economy based creative industry; To establish a safe space to explore the pain and the joy of the Disapora story.

In keeping with the vision it is right and fitting that the next festival honours the "*stories of Grenfell*". The Nne Agwu team seek funding to enable 5 previous residents of the Grenfell tower to participate in the Griot way training and attend the festival with the skill to tell their story to the wider community of the diaspora. We also seek funds to buy weekend passes for Grenfell fire victims, to attend the Nne Agwu Afrkan Storytelling festival.

Nne Agwu (Mother of Wisdom / healing), 2018 will be the 7th annual storytelling festival produced by Shanti-Chi presenting the finest artists, workshop leaders and craftspeople to share their talents and knowledge with the community. We affirm to keep doing so with continued support, locally and globally.

Dates: Friday 27th - Sunday 30th July 2018

Cost: Adult £120; Young people £60; Child £10; 6yrs and under FREE

Early bird: Adult £108; YP £54; offer ends 18th May 2018

Venue: To Be Confirmed - please subscribe to online newsletter for updates

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