

## **BZS AGM 16 October 2021 Programme**

**AGM plus speakers Councillor Joy Laguda, first black Councillor in Newham, and Spiwe Chakawa, Chiedza Childcare Centre, Mbare. All welcome.** About this event

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### PROGRAMME

14.00-15.00 AGENDA: BZS 40th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Welcome and introduction

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of AGM 10th October 2020: Online via Zoom
3. Matters arising
4. Chair's report
5. Treasurer's report and accounts
6. Secretaries' reports
7. Reports from other officers, national committees and regions
8. Motions for debate
9. Election of officers and executive committee members
10. 2022 Programme
11. Any other business

15.00-16.00 DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

After the AGM Agenda we will welcome two Distinguished Speakers:

Councillor Joy Laguda, the first black Councillor to be a Civic Ambassador and a first citizen of London Borough of Newham, London

Ms Spiwe Chakawa, Director of Chiedza Child Care Centre in Mbare, Harare

### MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

#### **Hon JOY LAGUDA MBE.**

Joy, a Zimbabwean, is the former Mayor of Newham and is currently a Labour councillor in Newham. She played a pivotal role in ensuring good accommodation for the Zimbabwean Olympic+ Paralympic Teams at the 2012 London Olympics. Joy is one of the first Zimbabweans to have really done well in their adopted country [UK]. She's been here a long time and has seen how the UK has changed [or not] over the decades.

Joy was a nurse for 30 years and worked in various hospitals in the North of England and London. She worked in intensive care, accident and emergency, and eventually specialised in older people's nursing. She obtained a degree in 2004. She was a ward manager in an acute elderly ward and afterwards became a clinical development nurse teaching student nurses on clinical placement and assisting qualified nurses with their professional development

Joy retired in 2006 to take up a cabinet post in Adult Social Care in the London Borough of Newham, serving for seven years. She made a lot of difference to elderly people and the community and was awarded an MBE for her contribution. Until very recently she was the Chair of Newham Council in London, and remains a Councillor.

**Ms SPIWE CHAKAWA** has been the Director of Chiedza Child Care Centre in Mbare, Harare, since 2013. She is a development practitioner with a focus on vulnerable women and children and has contributed to many of the national women and children's programmes in Zimbabwe, such as the National Action Plan for Vulnerable Children. Chiedza is an entirely 'home-grown' organisation, established in 2001 through the contributions of local business and professional people in Harare, to respond practically to help orphans and vulnerable children infected by HIV and AIDS.

In response to the complexities of dealing with HIV issues, Chiedza began to broaden its remit to include other interventions, among them: education assistance (school fees payment), health services, nutrition, sports development, counselling, youth skills training, household economic strengthening, sexual reproductive health training, recreation and early childhood development services, as well as paediatric, treatment, care and support. Currently, the Centre is working with over 20,000 orphans and vulnerable children in Mbare, Chitungwiza, Rushinga, Bindura and Zvimba districts in three provinces of the country. Its approach is community based, believing that if communities are strengthened they have the capacity to care for the vulnerable groups in their areas.