

An evening in solidarity with Lydia and Bernard



come and support them !

They must stay!

More information at: www.ipetitions.com/petition/lydia_and_bernard

Lydia Besong, playwright and a Cameroon national, and her husband Bernard Batey have had their appeal against the Home Office's decision to refuse them asylum turned down. Their solicitor is now seeking leave to appeal to the High Court.

In Cameroon, both Lydia and Bernard were tortured, suffering beatings and imprisonment as a result of their involvement with the SCNC and Lydia was raped by a uniformed guard. The SCNC [Southern Cameroon National Council] is a peaceful organisation that is fighting for the rights of the English-speaking minority of Southern Cameroon.

Lydia and Bernard have been living in the UK since 2006. In December 2009, Lydia was held in detention and she and Bernard were both due to be deported. Thanks to a massive effort by campaigners, including new evidence that has been brought to light by people made aware of their situation, Lydia was released and reunited with Bernard and their fresh claim continued.

Following another refusal Lydia and Bernard need all the support they can get to keep their campaign running and to give it a new lease of energy!

LYDIA IS A MEMBER OF **WAST** (WOMEN ASYLUM SEEKERS TOGETHER), AND AUTHOR OF THE PLAY '*How I Became An Asylum Seeker*'

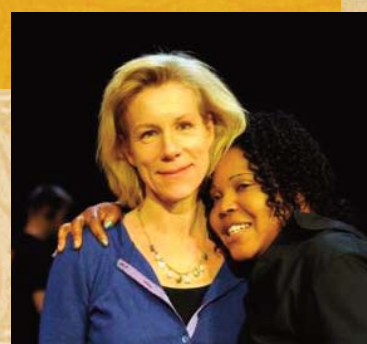
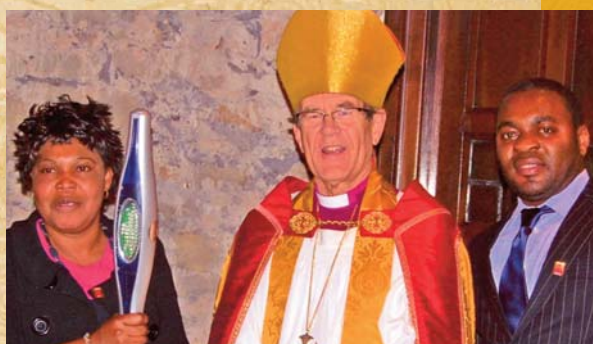
suggested donation: £5

DATE Friday 10th June
TIME 6.30 - 9.00 pm
VENUE The Mosses Centre
 Cecil Rd, Bury BL9 0SB

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programme:

- 6.30 pm - Welcome
- Live musicians
- **WAST** and **Bury AcaPeelers** Choirs
- **International Food** - Music and slideshow
- Speeches
- Lydia and Bernard's talk about their campaign
- Film: '*How I Became An Asylum Seeker*' followed by Q&A
- 9.00pm - Close



Jointly hosted by **EAGLES WING** and the '*Lydia and Bernard must stay*' Campaign Group

