

Independence logo competition in UK

A competition among school children to come up with a logo for the events and celebrations in the United Kingdom (UK), to mark Jamaica's 50th anniversary of Independence in 2012 is one of the proposals from the UK Planning committee.

High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Anthony Johnson, who is patron of the Planning Committee made this announcement at a community meeting in Manchester on October 27. The meeting was hosted by the Jamaica Society Manchester, at the West Indian Sports and Cultural Centre in Moss Side, Manchester. "We have a committee which is meeting in London looking at the various options of the things we want to do. One of the things we are trying to get is a logo that we will be using throughout the year 2012. And, we will have a competition in schools for youngsters to come up with a logo that will be used on all our stationery and at all the events which we will host," the High Commissioner said. Mr. Johnson encouraged the UK Jamaican community to start preparations, planning and fund raising for 2012 independence activities. "The year 2012 is a big, big year and we would hope that all Jamaican descended persons will be involved in 2012, in one way or another. Three things are happening in that year - Jamaica is celebrating 50 years as a nation state; the Olympic games are on in London; and Her Majesty, The Queen will be celebrating her jubilee marking 60 years on the throne," he said. High Commissioner Johnson urged the community to consider investing in Jamaica and to also look at importing goods from Jamaica to sell in the UK, as there is a growing demand for products from Jamaica. The High Commissioner and his wife, Pamela, were in Manchester for an official visit to that northern city and the adjoining Borough of Trafford. During the two-day visit, Mr. Johnson called on the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Councillor Mark Hackett and the Mayor of Trafford, Councillor Kenneth Weston. He also met with the Dean and executive members of the School of Business of the Manchester Metropolitan University, local Black business leaders and members of the Diaspora youth association.