



Patricia Jones

Inspirational ❖ Blessed ❖ Talented

Patricia Jones is a very talented woman. She is always ready to rise to a challenge. Twenty-seven years ago, perceiving an inequality in the way that the African-Caribbean community in Chapeltown, Leeds, was represented in the news locally, she began the Community Highlights Magazine ‘as a vehicle for positive news’.

She collected and wrote many of the stories herself, but in addition she wrote poetry which she published in the magazine. That feature was so successful that she eventually published many of the poems in a book, as well as on a website. She led poetry writing classes at the West Yorkshire Playhouse for children, as well.

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Later, as the magazine became more popular, she engaged the services of previously unpublished writers as assistants. A few of them went on to become published poets in their own right, and partly attribute their success to their start at the magazine.

Patricia writes seasonal and personalised poetry for events, celebrations bereavements, and parties, and is an inspiration to many.

Eventually, the magazine became known outside of the community - by the very print media that, Patricia felt, had urged her to begin publishing it in the first place ‘because of their negative news reporting of events in Chapeltown’. As a result, she was asked to help with a what’s on a column in the Yorkshire Evening Post, to which she still contributes.