

## High Commissioner Meets Nationals in Birmingham

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**Birmingham, ENGLAND:** H.E. Mr Cenio Lewis, High Commissioner for SVG and the Counsellor Ms Carolin de Freitas-Sawh attended a meeting organised the Caribbean Council for High Commissioners, business and Caribbean Diaspora in the West Midlands. Discussions concerned several topics of importance to the development of the region and how the Caribbean diaspora could assist.

The Vincentian diaspora in the UK was also represented at the meeting by Mr Vibert Cornwell, Chair of SVGA Coventry, Mr Lennox DaSilva, Chair of SVGA Birmingham and Mr Steve Maingot, member of the Caribbean Board. The Chair of the National Executive Committee of SVGAs was also invited but unfortunately was unable attend.

After the Caribbean Board's meeting the High Commissioner, Counsellor and the other Vincentian representatives attended a meeting with members of SVGA Birmingham. The High Commissioner explained various matters of concern to Vincentian nationals in the UK as well as explaining the Mission's charity projects which included the idea of long term sponsorship of individual needy schoolchildren in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

The members of SVGA Birmingham expressed their gratitude to the High Commissioner and Counsellor for arranging to see them and said that they felt the meeting was positive.

The High Commissioner told the audience that he was pleased to see that one of our most recently formed associations was growing with such enthusiastic and dynamic members'.

The Caribbean Board has revealed it is their intention to organise similar meetings with the Caribbean Diaspora in other locations in the UK.

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