

# Vibrant Africa Day celebrations bring joy and unity to Castlerea

More than 150 people from diverse backgrounds gathered at the Trinity Arts Centre on Saturday, May 23rd to celebrate Roscommon Africa Day.

The family fun gathering filled the venue with an array of spectacular colours and traditional costumes. Performers of all ages took to the stage, treating attendees to energetic African drumming and rhythmic music that brought the entire crowd to its feet in joyous dancing.

Cathaoirleach of Roscommon County Council Cllr Liam Callaghan officially opened the celebrations. He congratulated the Roscommon Women's Network (RWN) on securing the vital funding needed to run the event, alongside several

other Africa Day initiatives taking place across the county.

Senator Garret Scahill also welcomed the large crowd to the Trinity Arts Centre.

Expressing his delight at seeing such a rich mix of cultures coming together, Senator Scahill encouraged everyone in attendance to start a conversation with someone they did not already know.

Mary Thebe, Development Worker with the Roscommon Women's Network, outlined the day's programme from the stage. She extended heartfelt thanks to the key organisations who worked with her to make the event possible, the Government and Roscommon County Council for essential funding and

planning support, Castlerea Community & Family Resource Centre for their close collaboration on the project and the Trinity Arts Centre Committee for providing the venue.

The event's success was heavily supported by local community efforts.

Attendees enjoyed food prepared and served by Chef Pinky and her team. There were also sweet treats from Nice Ice-cream by Noble.

Organisers expressed gratitude to the Roscommon Volunteer Centre, as well as all RWN staff and volunteers, whose hard work ensured the large-scale event ran smoothly.

The day concluded with a sense of community spirit, leaving attendees uplifted by a showcase of integration, culture, and mutual respect.



Kamillah at the Africa Day celebrations at the Trinity Arts Centre, Castlerea.

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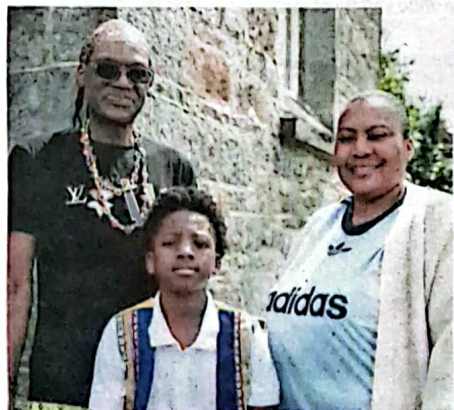
Lisa Holland, Mary Thebe, and Nora Fahy, Manager Roscommon Women's Network at Africa Day celebrations at the Trinity Arts Centre, Castlerea.

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Africa Day celebrations at the Trinity Arts Centre, Castlerea were a success.

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Bentley, Nicky, and Isabel pictured at Africa Day celebrations at the Trinity Arts Centre, Castlerea.

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Blessing and Mary Thebe pictured at Africa Day celebrations at the Trinity Arts Centre, Castlerea.

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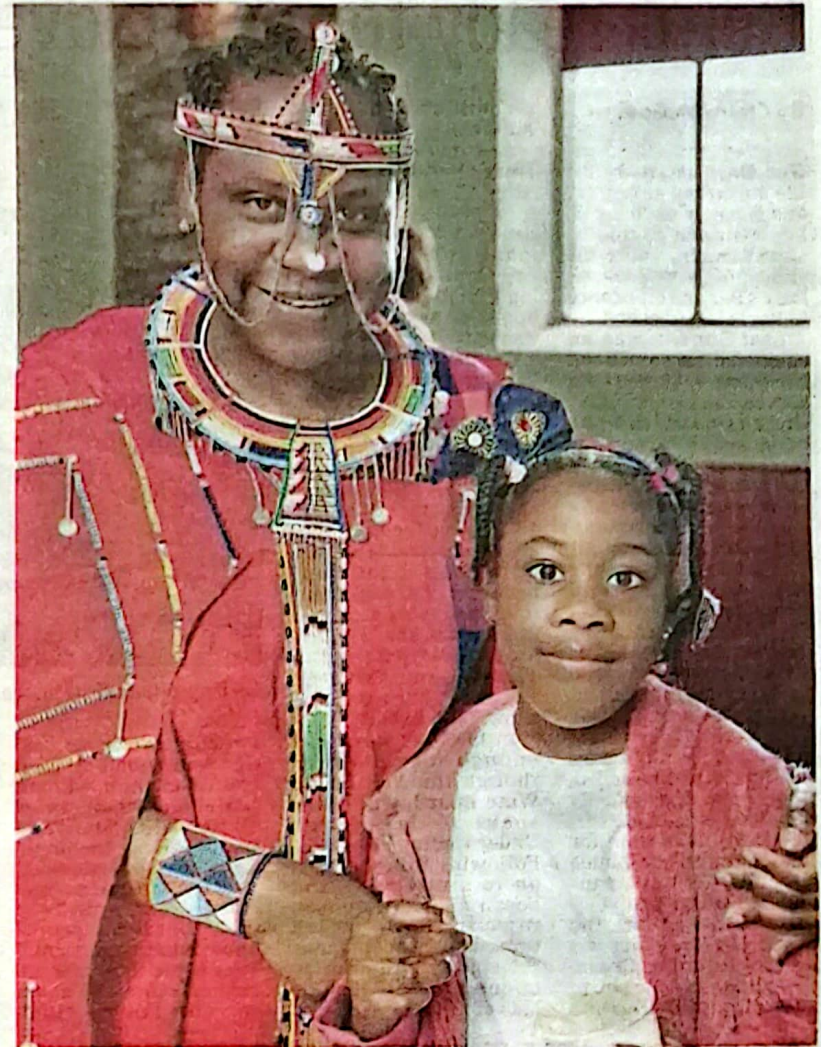


Taiwo, Kamillah and Amidat at Africa Day celebrations at the Trinity Arts Centre, Castlerea.

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Chef Pinky, Mary Thebe and Osasumwen Tender Ali pictured at Africa Day celebrations at the Trinity Arts Centre, Castlerea. Pic: Breda Durr



Dorothy Eshiwani-Ali and Micheala Eshiwani pictured at Africa Day celebrations at the Trinity Arts Centre, Castlerea. Pic: Breda Durr



Maeve and Marie Stenson and Ciara Lyons at Africa Day celebrations at the Trinity Arts Centre, Castlerea. Pic: Breda Durr



Gamna Dovbnya and Uelia pictured at Africa Day celebrations at the Trinity Arts Centre, Castlerea.

