

RULES OF POW Alumni WHATSAPP GROUP

The group is set up solely for the purpose of bringing together former pupils of the POW School, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Administrative Arrangements

The group is being administered and facilitated on behalf of the Trustees and members of the Alumni organisation POWAA UK who reserve the right to restrict or deny access to the group.

The names of the administrators of this forum can be found at the top of the participant list in the forum.

The administrators are responsible for maintaining access and they are collectively responsible for the ratification of all decisions that might result in the suspension or removal of a participant.

Guidelines

The main purpose of the forum is to facilitate information exchange and keep alumni connected in a positive way.

The Administrators expect subscribers to apply discretion and good sense in determining what material they choose to share in the group.

Subscribers must take personal responsibility for the accuracy/veracity of material they post on the forum.

The following categories/types of post are not allowed:

1. Politically partisan posts: POW Alumni is a politically neutral forum and cannot therefore be associated via WhatsApp postings with support of or opposition to any political groupings in Sierra Leone or elsewhere. Audio and video clips implying support or criticism of political groups in Sierra Leone are therefore not to be posted. There are other groups on the Internet with more overtly political leanings and members with such priorities are advised to seek out those outlets instead.
2. Pornographic material
3. Depictions of graphic violence (images or text)
4. Tribalistic, racially offensive or LGBTQ-phobic posts
5. Uncivil or rude posts (i.e. there must be civil discourse at all times even where there are disagreements)
6. Any posts deemed unbecoming to Princewaleans by the Administrators and/or other subscribers.
7. Please do not spam the group with unnecessary chains and forward messages, music videos and clips etc. That includes multiple messages of prayers and religious clips which are not specifically POW alumni-related. Please keep such messages for your personal interactions and do not forward to the group.

Administrative Sanctions

We recognise that people make mistakes and inevitably there might be postings which inadvertently infringe or violate the rules. The Administrators will endeavour to show understanding in such circumstances. but Immediately a member realises that they have accidentally posted inappropriate material, every effort must be made to delete it (for all) without delay. This could render further enforcement action unnecessary. If in doubt, run the material past the Admin via private message and get clearance to post it.

Enforcement of the guidelines will take the form of:

1. Private messages by an administrator in the first instance to members who violate the rules, warning them of the possible consequences.
2. A failure to respond appropriately to such warnings might result in a more public “cease- and-desist” request.
3. Repeat violations will result in the Administrators agreeing to suspend participation.
4. There might be instances where administrators might take urgent temporary unilateral decisions to protect the integrity of the forum and the organisation.

Please note that by agreeing to continue to use the POW Alumni Association WhatsApp Forum you are also agreeing to keep to WhatsApp general terms and privacy policies.

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