

THE REAL ME

Kwesi Salih

Principled, determined, confident and understanding. Kwesi strives to live a balanced and disciplined life. While living in a correctional community, he has taken the opportunity that its environment provided, to grow and transform himself into an educator and leader among his peers.

As a community organizer, Kwesi is certified as an anti-racist advocate, intercultural collaborator and volunteer facilitator for several non-profit programs. For over a decade, he has been a member and legislative liaison for the Black Prisoners Caucus of the State of Washington. His role in the BPC is to lead other criminal justice involved in policy change and education reform for the communities that they are absent from but still belong to.

Kwesi is also the founder and chairman of the Diaspora Initiative. The Vision of the Diaspora Initiative is to see balance in the lives of men and women of Africa Descent through holistic and contextual education. As part of its Mission, the Diaspora strives to provide educational platforms that strengthen and further develop the mind, body and soul of African/African-American Communities. Adhering to the Islamic faith, Kwesi believes that working in service to humanity is a duty conferred upon him as part of his purpose for life.

Currently, Kwesi is studying to earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in Social and Human Services, with a long-term goal of achieving a Bachelors Degree in Applied Behavioral Science. In traveling down this educational path, Kwesi is confident that with his determination and drive, he will be able to effectuate change in the lives of those who he is blessed to touch. In preparing to transition and reenter society, Kwesi is both humbled and encouraged for the life ahead of him.