

Appendix Nine: Ways of Being and Doing

What Maner of Man is My Father Part Five, Mandiani Time, is the full version of Ian Phillips presentation on Black Boys Ways of Being and Doing at the Heal, Create and Protect Symposia, Lift Up Your Head and Hold it Up High. I am in my best Cloth.

It is a practice that is very much 'live' and embodied. This is its true value and is integral to my living theory methodological toolkit (my loom). Therefore, it would be remiss of me not to show this quality, this practice, so critical to the uniqueness of my loom in a live form.

I would be able to see as a result of the audio-visual record, self in flow, seizing the storytelling moment and communicating Mandiani's vision for working with black boys on transforming their ways of being. The audio-visual record would also evidence the nature of my leadership and social action, as I communicate my valuing social living pedagogy (seeing Africa through the eyes of a lover, living Ubuntu and embrace of the Great Work) in the co-evolving of Mandiani.

I conjecture that I know when I am in my best cloth, for that is what I am seeking to describe in my presentation at Mandiani's 'Heal, Protect and Create' symposium, focused on 'Black Boys Ways of Being' and titled 'Lift Up Your Head and Hold It Up High'. It is being held at the Lewisham Civic Suite (July 2005).