



# Sirelda Jackson

## Pan African Activist

Oranjestad, Aruba

### Skills

Counseling individuals  
/families / groups of African  
Ascent in coping with PTSS

Communication Skills

Ability to Work in a Team

Leadership

Hands-on / Pro-active /  
Solution based

Analytic / Strategic

Awards

Knight Oranje Nassau (2006)

Honoured Lady of Breda  
(2011)

Phenomanal Woman Award  
(2012)

### Languages

Papiamentu

English

Dutch (Netherlands)

Spanish

Srananton (Surinam)

French

## Profile

Life long Pan African Activist within the diaspora. Driven by integrity, justice, equality and people's power. Experienced counselor of individuals, family systems and groups of African descent in coping and transforming psychological abuse and trauma (PTSS). Active on local, regional and international level. Multi linguistic autodidact. Knowledge of (African) History, Cultures, Philosophy & Spirituality, Sociology and Geo-politics.

## Employment History

### Co-founder / Boardmember, PNHSA (Plataforma National Herencia Sclavitud Aruba), Aruba

January 2024 — Present

The mission of this foundation is committed to: ▯

Initiating or promoting the process of creating awareness, (transgenerational) trauma processing, recovery, and identity formation concerning the impact of the legacy of slavery in and from Aruba and other mentioned areas for the specified target groups. ▯

Establishing one or more physical and permanent national monuments that represent the history of slavery and serve as memorial points. ▯

Protecting the cityscape of Aruba (street names, statues, etc.) in such a way that it honors the history of slavery and the descendants of enslaved people. ▯

Establishing a national institute that documents the narrative of the legacy of slavery through (formal and informal) research, documentation, and education, with a museum function in collaboration with (existing) stakeholders. ▯

Contributing to the decolonization of education. ▯

Paying necessary attention to all matters concerning restorative justice, reparations (decolonization, combating institutional racism, discrimination, marginalization, “reparatory justice and reparations”) in collaboration with (existing) stakeholders. ▯

Performing all further actions that are related to or can promote the aforementioned in the broadest sense.

Portugese

German

**Board-member , LPS (Landelijk Platform Slavernijverleden),  
Netherlands / Aruba**

January 2001 — Present

Establishment of NINSEE (Netherlands Institute National Slavery Heritage)

Realization National Monument Commemoration Slavery in Amsterdam,  
Netherlands

Advisor Teleac/NOT School TV production on Slavery

Organization of a wide range of work-shops, town hall meetings, lectures on Black  
& African awareness

**Co-founder and Co Owner Afro-Caribbean Food-court, Breda /  
Netherlands**

January 2008 — January 2011

Entrepreneurship by starting an Afro-Caribbean restaurant in the city of  
Breda. Empowerment of the marginalized queens/refugees of Africa and the  
Afro-Caribbean who worked in the restaurant as the best cooks, hostesses etc.

**Project Coordinator, Direkshion, Eindhoven / Netherlands**

2001 — 2006

Realization of housing with guidance for homeless girls /young mothers. Offering  
assistance and guidance in every aspect of their lives, Continuous and intensive  
communication with all relevant local and national government institutions

**Social Worker, Hoenderloo, Rotterdam / Netherlands**

1984 — 1992

Surveillance and coaching of young delinquent men with a Caribbean background  
in the process of re-integration

**Social Worker, Divers Employers**

1979 — 1984

**Volunteer, Municipality Breda, Breda / Netherlands**

1986 — 2009

Development and lecturing at the Peoples University on the African Civilization

Co-initiating Forza Futuro

Advisor Couscous and Appelmoes

Breda Curazon

Initiator Plataforma Antiliano & Arubano

## **Board Member , SGI (Soka Gakkai International) South-West Netherlands Region, Netherlands / Aruba**

1979 — Present

Soka Gakkai International is an NGO with the mission to realize a peaceful and just human civilization on earth based on the principles of the Buddhism of Nichiren Daishonin.

As a volunteer member and in diverse leaderships and board position.

Organization of the UN anti-war exhibition on the 'abolishment of Nuclear Arms' at the town hall of the municipality of Breda

Responsible for United Colours the chapter in Breda North

Co-organizing activities with Amnesty International, Globus, The Earth Charter.

Co-organizing the Human Rights exhibition in The Hague

Organization of intercultural and inter religious dialogue meetings, workshops, weekends and activities on a grass root level.

## **Education**

### **Master, Autodidact, Earth**

1957 — 2024

Life long curiosity/hunger for knowledge and wisdom through countless courses, books, films, docu's, video's, podcasts, seminars, congresses, work-shops and last but not least person to person exchange.

### **Social Sciences Bachelor, Avance Hogeschool, Breda / Netherlands**

1973 — 1977

### **Higher Education, Collegio Arubano , Oranjestad / Aruba**

1968 — 1973