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Wole is a seasoned Accountant and a Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants (FCCA). He has several years' of Senior Management experience attained in the Finance Departments of various organisations within the UK social housing sector, including two of London's largest Housing Associations (Circle 33 Housing Group & Network Housing Group). For the past decade, he has headed the Finance & IT function of ARHAG Housing Association and has overseen a period of rapid growth in property acquisitions and significant investment in digital technology by the Organisation. Outside of work, Wole is passionate about giving back to his community and has been instrumental with the development of the vibrant old schools' network, NSF (UK), where our members have raised thousands of pounds for school projects back in Africa. Wole is an alumnus of Igbobi College Yaba Old Boys Association (ICOPA EUROPE).

Service to the Nation

Wole has been a formidable driver in the formation of The NSF- Nigeria Schools Foundation(UK), a grassroots organisation, which is a collaboration of Nigerian Alumni or organisations with Nigerian connection based in London UK. NSF is a platform for members to showcase important work being done in support of education, particularly back in Nigeria.

NSF sports day, an annual flagship event, was inspired by the London 2012 Olympics. The event was based on an initiative started by one of the founding members, Igbobi College Old Boys Association. Wole engineered the metamorphosis of an Igbobi college family sports event to a Nigeria National sports event comprising of over 20 Nigerian Schools and Colleges.

NSF (UK) has since evolved to be more than a sports day and is now addressing a variety of Nigerian diaspora community needs. This includes activities in support of education but particularly promoting our culture, healthy living and financial inclusion.

His School years at Igbobi College 73/78 set

Wole showed his early career promise in many ways than one. Amongst his classmates at IC, Wole was the only one that could be entrusted with the weekly "Mama Put" fund which was a collection of five Naira contribution from each participating boy, to be gleefully spent collectively at the "dodo" shed or tuck shop!

It has been generally whispered (yet to be confirmed) that Wole, as a Finance Director of one of the UK companies he worked in, once recalled a set of £10 million financial statements due to be filed with Company House because it was out by one pound. Such is Wole's legendary dexterity and accountability!

A fine Gentleman and an Accountant's Accountant!