Finding common ground in a strange land: Collaboration by Caribbean Diaspora Voluntary and Community Organizations

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Migration to the United Kingdom perpetuates an often exploitative and conflicted relationship between the region and its former colonial master. The Caribbean Diaspora in the United Kingdom while enriching the culture here and back home faced challenges. A strategy used by the Caribbean Diaspora Voluntary & Community Organisations (CDVCOs) is collaborative action.

The research uses a qualitative engaged research methodology, with a mix of semi-structured interviews, focus groups, meetings and activities with thirty (30) CDVCOs and their collaboration partners.

The research offers two contributions:
1. Expands the knowledge on the role of diasporic identity in collaboration.
2. Adds to the literature on the collaborative practice of Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) and diasporic VCOs.

RESEARCH QUESTIONS
1. What is the role of identity in managing inter-organisational collaboration CDVCOs and their partners?
2. How do CDVCOs and their partners manage interactions between the different identities to achieve collaborative advantage?
3. What are the strategies put in place by the CDVCO and their partners to reduce the possibility of collaborative inertia arising from conflicting identities?