

"Feel My Pain" –Young musician launches DVD to raise awareness of sickle cell disorder.

When 29 year old Adebisi Aluko (also known as the artist A.D.E- Africans Did Entertain) asked his employer if he could go home because he was having a sickle cell crisis, the response was that if he did so he should not bother coming back. Like so many, the employer was unaware of the effects of sickle cell disorder or the painful crises Ade was experiencing. Despite his pain Ade stayed at his desk, put pen to paper and wrote the following: ***"only God can feel my pain, wondering why I'm so afraid, that this pain may take me away to a place I rather not say"***. Thus began the lyrics to 'Feel my Pain', a song Ade hopes will help raise public and professional awareness of sickle cell disorder. The Sickle Cell Society are pleased to have supported Ade in the production of the 'Feel my Pain' DVD and to have hosted its launch in May 2008.



'Feel My Pain' can best be described as a 'Rhythm and Blues' song in which a young man poignantly describes life living with an often painful, long term medical condition. The unique music DVD features other young people, all of who have sickle cell disorder. This should help raise awareness of sickle cell disorder particularly among young people, as music is an ideal way of capturing their attention. Extra features include a short documentary featuring young people with sickle cell disorder, information on sickle cell by Iyamide Thomas, Regional Care Advisor with the Sickle Cell Society, statements by Adebisi Aluko (the artist) and Anthony Mason (health professional) about living with sickle cell disorder. There is also a statement of support by Dr Lorna Bennett, former Chairperson of the Sickle Cell Society. The DVD costs £5 and 40% of sales from each DVD will go to the Sickle Cell Society's Education Fund which provides financial support for individuals who miss out on school / college and need extra tuition. To order copies please download and return the order form.