

Dear NSV Community,

As we move into a new quarter, we want to take a moment to reflect on what we've achieved so far this year, and share some exciting plans.

Highlights from the Last Quarter (Q1, 2025)



- **NSV Executive Team's First Meeting** – The new leadership team came together to set goals and plan for the year.



- **Launch of the Monthly NSV Newsletter** – Keeping you informed about events, opportunities, and community updates.
- **Nigeria Sports Event (March 1, 2025)** – A fun and engaging event celebrating our culture through sports, music, and networking.



What's Coming Up This Quarter (Q2, 2025)

- **NSV Passport Intervention & Children's Day Celebration (May 23–25, 2025)** – A key event to assist with passport renewals, plus a fun Children's Day celebration on May 24.



- **NSV Online Webinars** – We're launching a new webinar series covering topics like career growth, business development, and community empowerment. Stay tuned for details!



Building Stronger Partnerships – NSV is working with key organisations to support our community, including:

- Ambulance Victoria – Health and safety awareness
- Volunteers Victoria – Community engagement and support as well as training for all
- Small Business Victoria – Helping members grow their businesses
- Code Like a Girl – Encouraging women in tech



Monthly NSV Newsletter – Keeping you updated with important news and upcoming events.



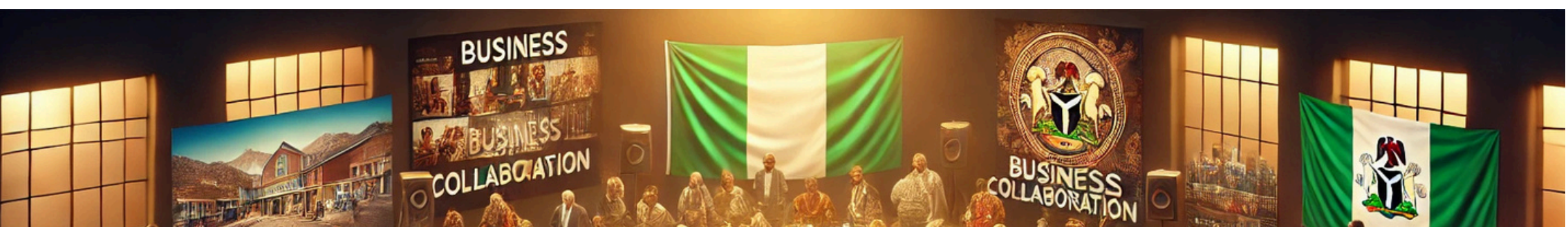
More Community Engagement – More opportunities to connect, learn, and grow together.

**BETTER
TOGETHER**

We encourage you to stay involved, share your ideas, and take part in upcoming events.

Together, we can make this quarter even more impactful!

Warm regards,
NSV Executive Team





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Upcoming Events



PASSPORT INTERVENTION

PROGRAM

&

Children's Day

CELEBRATION



Featuring:

Passport Consultation & Processing Assistance,
Gifts & Refreshments,

Fun Games for Kids,
Photo Booth & Face Painting

Passport Intervention

Children's Day Celebration

MAY 23RD - 25TH, 2025

MAY 24TH, 2025

Time: 08:00AM - 05:00PM

Venue: Sandridge Community Centre: 1, Tucker Avenue, Garden City

Save the Dates:

Expression of Interest Deadline: 15th April 2025

Offer of place and Payments: Starts 20th April 2025

Allocation of time slots: 1st May to 20th May, 2025

Passport Intervention Program: 23rd – 25th May 2025

Children's Day Celebration: 24th May 2025

Let's spread the word — tell your friends, families, and networks. NSV remains committed to supporting you and making life easier for our Nigerian community in Victoria.

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Passport Intervention Program

Why It Matters for Our Community

The Nigerian Society of Victoria once again organises Passport Intervention Program, scheduled to take place from the 23rd to the 25th of May 2025 in Melbourne. This initiative, in collaboration with the Nigerian High Commission in Canberra, is one of the most important community support services of the year — and we want to ensure every Nigerian family in Victoria takes full advantage of it. We have also included Children's day celebration as a way of celebrating and recognising the young age group as part of our community. We also want to use the opportunity to emphasize that any of the support service we organise is not just a mere event but an opportunity to interact with ourselves and improve our socio-cultural well-being as Nigerians.

Why Is This Program So Important?

For many Nigerians in Victoria, securing or renewing a Nigerian passport typically requires travel to Canberra or even Nigeria. The **Passport Intervention Program** brings the service closer to you — saving time, reducing cost, and easing stress for families, students, and professionals alike. For people who will be obtaining their passports for the first time, it is a significant milestone in asserting their roots and origin. We are bringing all these closer to you.

Whether you're:

- Applying for a **new passport**,
- **Renewing** an expired one, or
- Getting a **first passport** for your children born in Australia,

this is your opportunity to do so without leaving the state.



Expression of Interest: Don't Miss the Deadline!

To ensure a smooth and efficient process, **all interested individuals must submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) by the 15th of April 2025**. The EOI helps us to prepare adequately and allows the High Commission to plan logistics based on the number of applicants.

No walk-ins will be accepted, so please act early. The EOI link has been shared on NSV platforms and here it is once again: <https://forms.office.com/r/tAv515pnRr?origin=IprLink> —don't delay!

NIN Is Now Mandatory

One critical requirement for your passport application is the **National Identity Number (NIN)**. If you do not yet have your NIN, we strongly encourage you to begin the process **immediately**.

NIN registration can take time, and having it ready before May will prevent delays or disappointment.

Need help with your NIN? Contact NSV for guidance on how and where to apply in Australia.

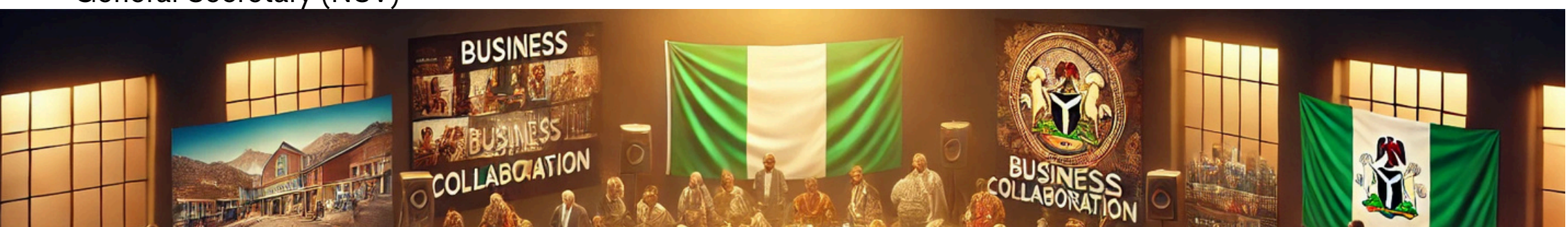
Children's Day Celebration – 24th May -In the spirit of community and culture, we're excited to announce that our annual Children's Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, 24th May, right in the heart of the Passport Intervention weekend!

Expect a day filled with fun activities, music, games, cultural education.

Warm regards,

Dr. Eze Peter

General Secretary (NSV)





The History of Nigeria: A Short Story

Once upon a time, in the heart of West Africa, there was a land of diverse cultures, rich traditions, and ancient civilizations. This land was called Nigeria, a name that would one day unite over 200 million people, speaking more than 500 languages.

Long before the country we know as Nigeria came into being, various kingdoms and empires flourished. The Nok civilization, which began around 1000 BCE, created intricate terracotta sculptures and made iron tools that influenced many in the region. To the north, the powerful empires of Ghana, Mali, and Songhai controlled vast trade routes, exchanging gold, salt, and knowledge with traders from across the world.

In the southern part of the land, the Yoruba kingdoms, including Ife and Oyo, were known for their art, religion, and political organization. The Benin Empire, rich in culture and skilled craftsmanship, was famous for its bronze plaques and art. Across the Niger River, the Igbo people built sophisticated communities with a focus on democratic decision-making and communal living.

As the centuries passed, European explorers began to sail along the African coast. In the 15th century, Portuguese traders arrived, seeking to buy slaves and precious goods. Over time, the British, French, and Dutch would follow, and the transatlantic slave trade brought devastation to many African communities, as millions were captured and shipped to the Americas.

By the late 19th century, the British, seeking to expand their empire, colonized the land that would eventually become Nigeria. They brought together the diverse groups into one territory, creating a complex web of governance that did not always respect the local traditions and political systems. In 1914, Nigeria officially became a British colony, with the British controlling trade, administration, and most of the economy.

But the people of Nigeria were not content to be ruled. Over time, a movement for independence grew stronger. Leaders like Nnamdi Azikiwe, Obafemi Awolowo, and Ahmadu Bello worked tirelessly to bring about a free Nigeria. The quest for self-rule intensified after World War II, as Nigeria's educated elite pushed for change.

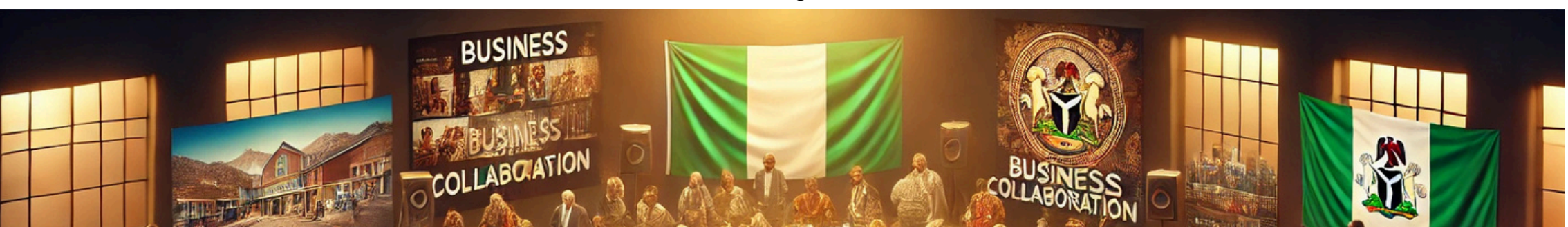
Finally, on October 1, 1960, Nigeria gained its independence from Britain. It was a moment of joy and hope, but also one of challenges. With so many different ethnic groups and religions, Nigeria struggled to find unity. Tensions led to conflicts, and in 1967, a civil war broke out. The war, known as the Biafran War, lasted for three years and caused immense loss of life, but ultimately Nigeria remained united.

Through years of military rule, coups, and struggles for democracy, Nigeria eventually transitioned to a civilian government in 1999. The country began a new chapter, embracing democracy and striving for development in a world that was rapidly changing.

Today, Nigeria stands as one of the most influential nations in Africa, rich in resources, culture, and potential. It is a country of contrasts, where modern cities like Lagos and Abuja stand side by side with rural communities. Nigeria's history, shaped by resilience, conflict, and hope, continues to inspire future generations as it seeks to fulfill its promise as the "Giant of Africa."

And so, Nigeria's story is still being written—a story of a nation that overcame challenges, celebrated its diversity, and dreamed of a brighter future for all its people.

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Interested in joining a Committee, being a Regional Rep, Sponsorship, Passport Intervention? send your expression of interest to

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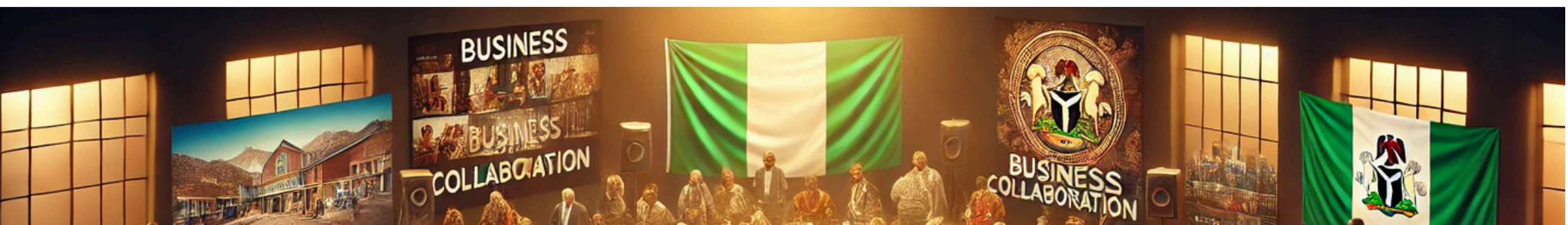


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For more Info:
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Nigerian Society of Victoria Inc

Unlock the Power of the Community!

Pay your dues today & become a financial NSV member

Dear Community,
We invite you to strengthen our collective voice by becoming a financial NSV member. Your membership dues contribute to the growth and success of our community. Together, we can achieve greater impact and unity!

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Dues Information:

Annual Dues:

\$40/Single
\$75/Family

Payment Options:

Bank Transfer:

BSB: 193-879

Account No.:

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(please always include reference information: Membership dues+ your surname & initials)

OR Visit:

<https://www.nigeriansocietvvic.org.au/plans-pricing>



Welfare

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FORMS OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Food relief organisations: such as Foodbank Victoria provide thousands of meals for people.

Ozharvest Contact: (03) 9999 5070, Foodbank Contact : (03) 9362 8300

Emergency/crisis accommodation: housing is provided by government-funded agencies or charities to help people find somewhere to live immediately.

Housing Victoria Contact: 1800 825 955 (free call) or (03) 9536 7777, Launch Housing Contact: 9288 9611, Flagstaff Crisis accommodation Contact: (03) 9329 4800, Frontyard Youth Services Contact: (03) 9977 0077

women's shelters: provide refuge in the form of safe, secure, short-term accommodation for women and their children to escape violence and abuse at home.

Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre (Women and Children Contact 1800 015 188, 1800 825 955 (free call) or (03) 9322 3555 and

Lifeline: provides 24-hour access to crisis support, suicide prevention and mental health support services. Services include a 24-hour telephone crisis support service. A range of services are provided through local Lifeline Centres across Australia that meets the needs of local communities. These services may include, in addition to suicide prevention, financial and gambling counselling, family and mediation services, and counselling services for children.

Lifeline Australia Contact: 131114, Corporate Lifeline Contact: 1800 621 308

Christian social welfare organisations: include the Salvation Army, with a range of programs addressing homelessness, drug addiction, domestic violence, disability programs, emergency relief and family support.

Salvation Army Crisis Service Contact: (03) 9536 7777, Uniting Care Contact: (03) 9251 5200,

The Brotherhood of St Laurence works to alleviate and prevent poverty focusing on people who are at risk at four critical stages in their lives: children and families in the early years, both at home and in school; young people in the years through school to work and further education; adults seeking employment and training; older people facing the challenges of retirement and ageing.

The Brotherhood of St Laurence Contact: (03) 9483 1183, (03) 9387 9519

Anglicare Victoria: provides a range of programs including foster care, food and material aid, care for children with disabilities, family and financial counselling, assistance for victims of child abuse and neglect, parenting advice and support, residential and crisis accommodation for young people, and advocacy.

Anglicare Contact: (03) 5135 9555

Australian Red Cross: through Extreme Hardship Support Program – Victoria provides Financial relief to meet urgent needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. An application can be made every 2 months and will be assessed against eligibility criteria at that time. Emergency relief payments are **not income support**. They are **limited** and we know may not meet all needs that you have.

Australian Red Cross Contact: (03) 5174 3798

Asylum Seekers Resource Centre: provides wholistic support to migrants on bridging visas seeking asylum in Australia

Asylum Seekers Resource Centre Contact: (03) 9326 6066