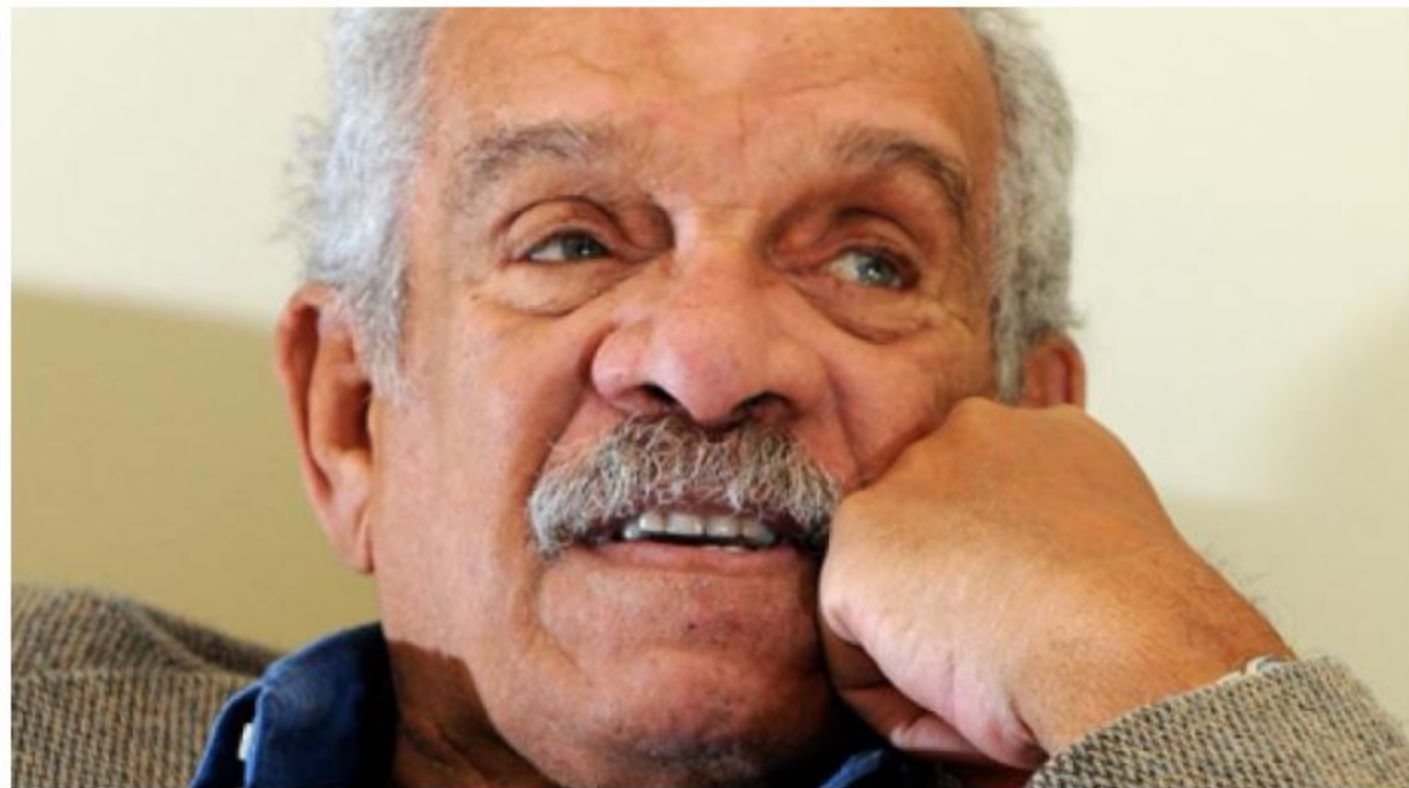


UWI Socialist Student Conference makes call for a Derek Walcott national heritage site

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They are calling on the Ministry to do as much with a proposal to host a week of secondary school cultural activities and symposia highlighting the power of Walcott's plays and poetry and its significance to Caribbean cultural identity. They are also asking for the Trinidad Theatre Workshop to be made into a national heritage site.

In a release issued on Monday, the group said that Walcott was the most distinguished poet and playwright the Caribbean ever produced.

"He [Walcott] is internationally recognised as the winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1992 and the T.S. Elliot Prize for Poetry in 2011. He, however, spent a significant part of his professional life in the Caribbean – in Jamaica as a student, in Trinidad as an artist and residence in his native homeland, St. Lucia. In 1959 he was a founding director of the Trinidad Theatre Workshop.