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BLACK HISTORY

OCTOBER 2025

"STANDING FIRM IN POWER AND PRIDE"

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EVENTS, INFORMATION AND ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.



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What's Black History Month about?



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October marks the start of Black History Month (BHM) UK – a time to celebrate and remember African and Caribbean heritage peoples' achievements and contributions to the British economy, culture, and history. It's a chance to tell the stories of those less well-known Black Britons who we will forget if we don't showcase them.

WHAT IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH UK?

Black History Month UK began in October 1987 by Akyaaba Sebo, a special projects coordinator of the Ethnic Minorities Unit at the now defunct Great London Council. He wanted to boost the self-esteem of Black British children and young adults by educating them on the long history and achievements of Black people living in the UK.

Taking inspiration from Black History Month (also known as African American History Month) in the United States. The first event was held on 1 October 1987 at County Hall and was attended by American historian Dr. Maulana Karenga, who founded the African American holiday of Kwanzaa; and Kenyan women's activist Wanjiru Kihoro.

It has since evolved into a **national movement recognised by the British government and observed throughout the UK.** It is also recognised in other parts of the world during October in Ireland and the Netherlands. In the US, where Black History Month originated, the awareness month is held in February. It is alsocelebrated in Canada in February too when it was officially recognised in 1995. **Since the 1990s, the significance of Black History Month** has gradually increased throughout continental Europe and it is now observed in Germany, Belgium, and Italy in February.

WHAT ARE THE ORIGINS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH?

In 1926, African-American historian Carter G Woodson started national Negro History Week to advocate for the inclusion of American Black History in the US national public education system. Over time, and with the momentum and support of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s, the week gradually morphed into the month it is today. In 1976, US Black History Month (or African American Month as it's now regularly referred to) was officiallyrecognised by President Gerald Ford.



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THE THEME OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH UK 2025 "STANDING FIRM IN POWER AND PRIDE,"

WHY IS IT CELEBRATED AT DIFFERENT TIMES ACROSS THE GLOBE?

After visiting America in the 1970s, **Addai-Sebo created a British version of Black History Month in 1987,** but they are not officially linked. In the United States, Black History Month takes place in February to coincide with the births of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Addai-Sebo chose to celebrate Black History Month UK in October because of the month's importance in the African calendar. More importantly, it was the start of the British academic year.

WHY SHOULD WE SEPARATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS IN THE US AND UK?

When Black History Month UK started in the UK, there was a big emphasis on African American history. Over time the focus has moved to celebrating and recognising Black British history and key Black figures in the UK.
It's important also that we focus only on British Black history as the Black British community is a composite of peoples with different cultures and identities. Some individuals with a lineage beginning long before the **Windrush generation** and others with distinct and very different cultures rooted in the African and Caribbean continents.

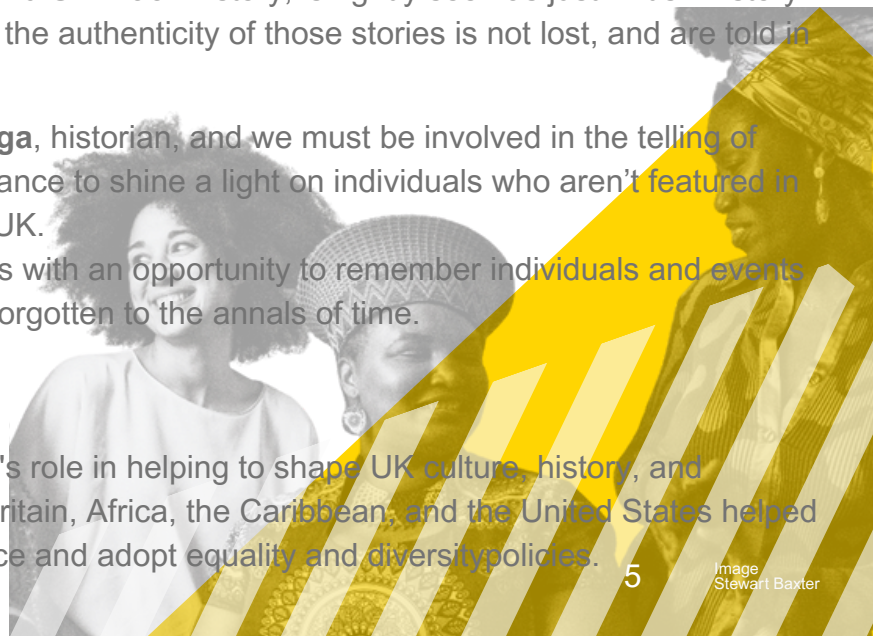
WHY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH UK 2025 NEEDED?

Following the anti-black racism protests that swept the globe in 2020, there was a step-change in how racism was addressed by individuals and organisations. honest dialogues were opened, however, contentious, over Britain's colonial past, and diversity and inclusion became a key component of corporate policy,however per formative the action.
Change is happening but there is still a long way to go as stories enter the mainstream and UK Black history, is rightly seen as just British history. It must be ensure that the stories of lesser-known Black Britons are not forgotten and that the authenticity of those stories is not lost, and are told in their own words.

"[UK] Black history is a series of missing chapters from British history", **said David Olusoga**, historian, and we must be involved in the telling of these stories. Black History Month exists to tell these stories in our own voices. It's our chance to shine a light on individuals who aren't featured in the mainstream and whose contributions would be forgotten without Black History Month UK.
But Black History Month UK, like many other national and international events, provides us with an opportunity to remember individuals and events that would never be included in a racially inclusive national curriculum and would remain forgotten to the annals of time.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE UK?

To celebrate and recognise the achievements of African and Caribbean heritage people's role in helping to shape UK culture, history, and economic development. Educating the UK population on how the relationships between Britain, Africa, the Caribbean, and the United States helped create modern Britain. To encourage government, institutions, and corporations to embrace and adopt equality and diversitypolicies.



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Your guide to what's on...

1 OCTOBER TO 31 OCTOBER 2025

THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER 2025 FREE

Youth Aspire Connect (YAC) presents The Chatterbox
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
The Guildhall, 77 Lowgate, Hull, HU1 2AA
The Chatterbox, co-created by Hull's young people and parents through YAC, supports open mental health conversations and stronger families—highlighting the power of youth-led, community collaboration.

FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER 2025 FREE

Afro Drumming Workshop
4-6pm
Princes Avenue Methodist Church
Come and play, sing along to some afro rhythms with djembe drums and percussions.
Donations welcome, otherwise free.

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2025 FREE

Fashion Show by HANA
12 Noon
Hull Minster, Church Side
Come along and witness the amazing colours, styles and fashion from countries from all over the world.
For more info: hanaonline.org.uk
44 Portland St, Hull HU2 8JX
01482 491177

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WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2025 FREE

BEATS BUS Presents
Hip Hop workshop at Hull New Theatre
8th October

EACH THURSDAY DURING OCTOBER 2025

BEATS BUS Presents
Producer Giveaway FREE
Every Thursday at 5PM at Albemarle Music centre Members of the public can get free tutoring on all aspects of music production.

BEATS BUS DROP IN
Thursday for up to 16s at 6.45pm at Albemarle to come and learn how to rap, produce and perform fresh music live and we are giving away a FREE DJ controller!



FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 2025



FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2025





SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER 2025

Community Jerk it Up

ACES Bridlington Club and Friends by the Sea Charity. Saturday 4th October 2025 12pm to 3pm The Hub, 2A Marshall Avenue, Bridlington, YO15 3EE.

Event has free Teas, Coffee and Hot Chocolate with a minimum donation of £10.00 for food catered for by Roots Rum Shack Community.



Your guide to what's on...

FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2025

Jazz Night with William Cline Bailey Jazz Band
Upstairs at the Ritzy
8pm – 2pm - Get Tickets here £12



MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2025 FREE

Hull – A Fairtrade City
2pm – 4pm
The Guildhall, Alfred Gelder St, Hull
Come along and celebrate 20 years of Hull being a Fairtrade city.

Places are free but must be booked in advance no later than 20th October, by emailing Sharon.clay@hullcc.gov.uk or by telephoning Sharon Clay on 01482 613 281

SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2026

Red Roses by Cecil Jones CJ
7.30 – 12 midnight
The Goodfellowship, Cottingham Road ,Hull
Tickets £15

An evening wrapped in music, roses and amour. Music, food and raffle.
Dress code with a touch of red.



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OCTOBER ONWARDS ...

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HANA

Promoting the well-being of Black minority (BME) and migrant communities throughout the Hull and Humber since 2002."



SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2025
Fashion Show 12 noon

FREE

The Humber All Nations Alliance (HANA)'s address in Hull is 44 Portland Street, Hull, HU2 8JX.

Visit the website hanaonline.org.uk for more information.

HANA DAILY PROGRAMME

Mondays: 9 – 11am	Community Group Support
Wednesdays: all day	Advice and Support Service
Thursdays: 8 – 10am	Breakfast club
Fridays: 11am – 1pm	Funding application support

Humber All Nations Alliance HANA

ASWAD

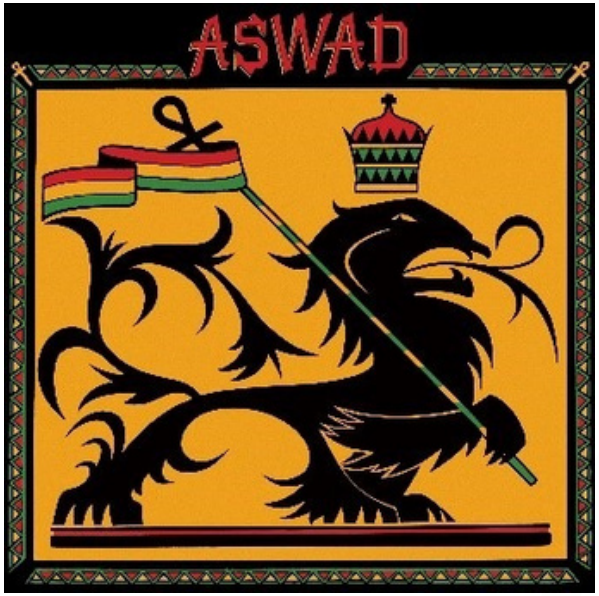
Buy yours here: Vinyl LP - Island Records

Aswad are a British reggae group, noted for adding strong R&B and soul influences to the reggae sound. They have been performing since the mid-1970s, and have released 21 albums. Their UK hit singles include the number one "Don't Turn Around" and "Shine". "Aswad" is Arabic for "black".

Members: Tony Robinson
Origin: London
Genres: Reggae, Hip-Hop/Rap
Active from: 1975

What does Aswad stand for?

Aswad is a male Arabic given name that means "black" (also used for people of black complexion). Aswad. Gender. Male. Language(s)





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BRAFA - BRITISH REGGAE ARTISTS FAMINE APPEAL TEAM

The British Reggae Artists Famine Appeal Team (BRAFA) is a group of musicians who recorded the charity song Let's Make Africa Green Again in 1985 to raise money for famine relief in Ethiopia. The song was recorded at Hive Studios in Stoke Newington and featured many leading reggae artists, including Aswad, Dennis Brown, Janet Kay, and Trevor Walters. The song was released by Island Records in April 1985.



In the 1980s, Ethiopia was devastated by famine. Musicians led global fundraising activities, such as Band Aid and Live Aid, to raise money for famine relief.

Hackney reggae artists Leon Leiffer and GeneRondo came together in January 1985 to form The British Reggae Artists Famine Appeal Team BRAFA) with fellow musicians including Courtney Carr, Raymond Dangarembizi, Ras Elroy Bailey, Jah Bunny, Tony Douglas, Ken Kendricks and Fay.

Genre:Reggae
Style:Reggae,
Roots Reggae
Year: 1985



On 24 February 1985 over 200 singers, musicians, local residents, and school children joined the BRAFA team at Hive Studio in Stoke Newington to record the charity song Let's Make Africa Green Again. The recording session featured many leading reggae artists including Aswad, Dennis Brown, Janet Kay and Trevor Walters.

Released by Island Records in April 1985, all profits from the record went to the charity Save the Children Fund for long-term development projects in famine-affected areas of Africa.

BRAFA's hugely successful benefit concert was held in Shoreditch Park on Bank Holiday Monday, 26 May 1986. Over 10,000 people watched top reggae and soul performers, including many of those featured on the BRAFA charity record.

BRAFA raised thousands of pounds for Save the Children Fund's Ethiopian famine appeal.

"The crowd was excellent but with the amount of people who did turn up it should have been held in a place like Wembley Stadium."

Gene Rondo on the BRAFA benefit concert, Hackney Gazette, 30 May 1986

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The Brafa Team

Explore the discography of The Brafa Team. Shop for vinyl, CDs, and more from The Brafa Team on Discogs.

Discogs

Lyrics

"People are starving
There must be something we can do ...

Let us give what we have
And just that little bit more
To make it a rich and fertile land
One love is our goal
Let's make Africa green again
We can do it if we try
Rain food for Africa"

Lyrics by Leon Leiffer, Tony Douglas, Gene Rondo and Fay Addison. The benefit concert

Following the Let's Make Africa Green Again charity record, BRAFA organised a benefit concert, Hackney's answer to Live Aid.

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BEATS BUS RECORDS

Beats Bus Records is a multi award-winning Social Enterprise that teaches and raises awareness of Black History and tackles issues around racism all year round with their work in schools and community's in the Yorkshire and the Humber region teaching the values, elements and history of Hip-hop.

Black History Month 2023 Beats Bus piloted a 'hip-hop' School of Excellence in for young people excluded from school and/or in Youth Justice system.







SIGN UP HERE.



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HEKIMA - CREATE AND EXPRESS

Hekima is a Hull-based musician and the Founder/Director of Create & Express Ltd, a non-profit organisation using arts and culture to address social issues and celebrate diversity. With a passion for music as a tool for change, he has led projects that tackle health inequality, mental health stigma, and community cohesion.

He currently leads the Damu – Thicker Than Water project, funded by NHS Blood & Transplant, which uses music, storytelling, and workshops to raise awareness about sickle cell disease and encourage blood donation in African and Caribbean communities.







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OPEN DOORS

We are a registered charity founded in 2000 working alongside refugees and people seeking asylum in Hull and the East Riding. Providing a safe and warm welcoming place for socialising:

What we do
At Open Doors, we are dedicated to providing support and guidance to people seeking asylum. Our foundation serves as a beacon of hope and assistance for those in need, offering a safe space and resources to navigate the asylum process with care and compassion. Through our collaborative efforts and expertise, we aim to empower people seeking asylum by helping them understand their rights, access essential services, and build a new life free from fear and uncertainty.

Our purpose
Our mission at Open Doors is to ensure that every person seeking asylum receives the support they need to navigate the complex asylum process with dignity and respect. We strive to be a source of strength and empowerment for those in vulnerable situations, advocating for their rights and providing a platform for their voices to be heard.



A dedicated team of kitchen volunteers cook fresh food and servenearly 50 to 60 clients weekly. A dedicated group of volunteers work hard to produce a variety of vegetables from their allotment, vegetables used for the Thursday Lunch.

Open Door provides Used Clothing and household items donated by the public: befriending and advocacy, Basic English and spoken Language, Raising Awareness to the problem through events and talks and opportunities for Volunteers from various backgrounds and cultures. These types of products are donated by the public or organisations. They are put out on tables for clients to take according to their need.



Cecil Jones CJ
Open Doors Co-ordinator

Learning in informal classes I through music is helping people who are going through loneliness, isolation, stress, depression and may have gone through various kind of traumas. This class brings them enjoyment and relief, and help them to manage their frustration and stress.

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admin@open-doors.org.uk

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LOST PILOTS OF THE CARIBBEAN

PRINCE ALBERT JACOB (JAKE)

The 100th birthday of a World War Two RAF veteran will be celebrated at an event organised by the Royal British Legion. Prince Albert Jacob, known as Jake, will mark his "incredible milestone" with family and friends at the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley on Friday.

The former Great Britain athlete was 17 when he joined the forces in 1943, but like many Black servicemen, he would have to wait decades for official recognition, said the RBL, only gaining the medals he was entitled to in 2023. Garry Stewart, RBL's community engagement officer, said it was important to "come together as a community to celebrate and pay thanks to Prince Albert Jacob on his momentous 100th birthday".



"Victory would not have been achieved without the courage and fortitude of our greatest generation, to whom we owe our freedom and way of life," he added. After signing up for the RAF, the teenager from Trinidad travelled to America for specialist training before arriving in Britain to begin military service during the height of the war. As part of the ground crew, Jake played a vital role in keeping aircraft airworthy and ensuring the flow of supplies. When the war ended, Jake returned to Trinidad hoping his RAF skills would help him find work at the airport but was rejected. He returned to Britain in 1947, a year before the arrival of the Empire Windrush.

He met his wife Mary, and the couple married in 1953 despite fierce disapproval from her family, who refused to attend the wedding. Their early years were marked by hostility, facing racist abuse. He has previously described being treated as a "nonentity". After the war, Mr Jacob became a post office manager and settled with his wife in Knowle, Solihull. He also achieved success as an athlete, representing Great Britain as a runner in the 1950s.

Watch "Jake's" story here





Jake and his wife.

Lost pirates of the Caribbean



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ARTLINK

Artlink Hull is a community arts charity dedicated to bringing the creative arts to everyone, especially people who haven't had the chance to get involved before. We're based at our beautiful 87 Gallery in the heart of HU5 in Hull: a hyper local visual art gallery with a
national outlook, rooted in the communities we serve and developing world-class talent.

Since 1982 we have played a key role in Hull, leading creative workshops, learning programmes and events that are inclusive and reduce barriers to entry. Much of our work takes place in community venues such as libraries, care settings and youth centres across the city, as well as our home at 87 Gallery.

Our visual art exhibition programme prioritises commissioning early career artists from under-represented backgrounds, encouraging experimentation in the production of ambitious new work. We achieve a balance between supporting artists based in Hull and East Yorkshire and those from other locations around the UK, to nurture a healthy arts ecology in our city.

In 2024 we launched Our Community Gallery, a flexible, creative space in which we platform the outcomes of our community, outreach and learning programmes and celebrate the artists who participate in these strands of our work. In 2025 we extended this to include Our Children's Gallery so that children and young people feel welcome and can celebrate their artistic achievements on the walls of a professional art gallery.

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Emma Prempeh | The Nearness of Elsewhere' exhibition launch and tour at 87 Gallery, Artlink Hull.

Artlink Hull invites you to The Nearness of Elsewhere, a new commission of paintings and digital projections by London-based artist Emma Prempeh. Reflecting on her London upbringing and her African-Caribbean heritage, Emma Prempeh consistently returns to the theme of home. Utilising magic realism, she re-examines diasporic identity through storytelling and myth, commenting on the circularity of time and memory. Her work assesses her personal relationship with place and highlights the stories of others who share similar experiences.

Curated in collaboration with Tiwani Contemporary, this exhibition is inspired by research visits to Hull, where Emma has led workshops and attended community gatherings to incorporate the stories of local people and places. This summer, Prempeh invited people in Hull to contribute creatively to the canvases, encouraging reflection on interiors and natural environments that hold personal significance. Flowers from local greenspaces are merged with blooms from Prempeh's native South London. Interiors featuring bay windows, such as those commonly seen in terrace houses around Hull, collide with views of the Humber Bridge as seen from the Humber Bridge Country Park, a marker of returning home for many who live here.

Celebrate the launch of this exciting exhibition with us:
Public launch event (free to attend): Friday 3 October 2025, 6-8pm (quiet hour: 5-6pm).

Exhibition tour with Emma Prempeh (free to attend): Saturday 4 October 2025, 11:30am – 12:30pm.

The exhibition will then be open at 87 Gallery from 4 October – 19 December 2025. Gallery address: 87 Gallery, 87 Princes Avenue, Hull, HU5 3QP. Opening times: Thursday – Saturday, 10am – 4:30pm.

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RICHARD GBADAMOSI
NIGERIAN COMMUNITY LEADER

My name is Richard Gbadamosi, I am one of the lead for the Nigerian community Hull.

Nigerians are some of the world's smartest people. We are hardworking, visionary and responsible. With over 250 million population, we love making positive impacts wherever we are. We speak through our music, art, entertainment, entrepreneurship, sports, research and skills in different professions.

In the city of Hull, we are supporting the city development via the above contributions and many more. Nigerians are in the health and care field strengthening quality health and wellbeing. We are enriching the cultural status of the city via our fashion, music and tradition without infringing in other people's right and the law of the land.

Through the practice of our faith, we support spiritual enrichment of the city and her people. In the field of education, we are one of the top three nationalities in the city studying at the university of Hull, and in extension one of the most educated nationalities in the country.

In the field of sports, we are glad to say that we have Nigerians already signed to play for our darling Hull City FC. Consequently, we are glad to be a part of the city, contributing to her development and making lives better.

As we mark the 65th independence anniversary of Nigeria. We would like the council to support us more as a people who are happy to live here. We would welcome different future collaborations, partnership and support that can enhance our relationship and give us the hope of a better tomorrow as a people living in the city.

Finally, we are grateful for the support given us in the past. We surely welcome more of such for our protection and development as a people.



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YOUTH ASPIRE CONNECT (YAC)

YOUTH ASPIRE CONNECT
Inspiring Empowering Mentoring

Just Ignore It is a film about racism. We worked with young people in Hull to create this animation based on their real life experiences of racism and racial prejudice. These are true stories that have effected everyone who took part.

The young people, who are part of our Anti racism Campaign group at Youth Aspire Connect wanted to make something that gave a positive message, that empowered people to challenge racism and brought people together. They wanted to make a difference and the film is full of tips and advice on how to challenge racism in a safe way. Both in the classroom and in the wider world.

We want teachers, schools, pupils and students to watch the film and make it apart of conversations about racism. The group has also written an Anti-Racism Policy for schools that we hope will be adopted across Hull, Yorkshire and beyond. We hope that this film can bring people together, to encourage them to talk about race and to encourage them to challenge racism.

The vision of the young people is to build an inclusive society, where every child regardless of their race can thrive and reach their full potential. The film was produced with My Pockets an award winning production company based in East Yorkshire and supported by Hull City Council.

If you need a copy of the policy, kindly send us an email at info@youthaspireconnect.org.uk or youthaspireconnect@gmail.com

We are seeking for more support to help us create more resources. If you or your organisation can help, your donation and support will go a long way to help our young people achieve their vision of building an inclusive society that works for all.



MY POCKETS

YOUTH ASPIRE CONNECT (YAC) THE CHATTERBOX

Youth Aspire Connect (YAC) presents The Chatterbox
Thursday, 2nd October 2025
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
The Guildhall, 77 Lowgate, Kingston Upon Hull, HU1 2AA

The Chatterbox is a powerful tool co-created by Hull's young people and parents through YAC's community-led mental health initiative. It helps normalise mental health conversations and strengthen families—showing the impact of meaningful youth and community collaboration.

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CECIL JONES (CJ)

SINGER, SONG WRITER, SAXOPHONIST

Cecil Jones CJ is a multi-instrumentalist and solo artist from Freetown, Sierra Leone, now based in Hull. He blends jazz, classical, pop, gospel, and traditional music, inspired by his life journey.

A graduate of Hull University, Cecil has performed with bands and choirs across London and Hull. He leads music workshops in schools and coordinates the Open Doors Project in Hull.

In 2021, he launched the CLAAFRO JAZOP CONCERT, raising funds for a community music centre twinned with Freetown. He also advocates for climate action through his video Save the Planet, Save the World CJ.

For Black History Month, Cecil will host a free Cultural Drumming Session, open to all.

When: Friday 25th October
Time: 4pm to 6pm



CECIL JONES (CJ)

Click to watch on Youtube
Claafro Jazop Concert

Save the Planet, Save the World
C.J's video is about Climate Change



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BORA SHABAA

STORYTELLING

THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 2025 FREE



Bora Shabaa Black History Event
Oasis Hub Hull
310 Newland Avenue,
HU5 2NB

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WILLIAM CLINE BAILEY

JAZZ MUSICIAN | SONGWRITER | DRUMMER | RADIO HOST



William Cline Bailey is a British contemporary jazz artist and drummer, born in Islington, London to Sierra Leonean parents. After years of studio work, he released his debut single Solitude in 2020, gaining airplay on JazzFM and other stations.

He has since released 3 EPs and 3 albums, known for blending jazz with other genres, influenced by legends like Herbie Hancock and Grover Washington Jr.

His groove-oriented style is gaining traction across Yorkshire and the Northeast. William has performed live in Scarborough and contributed to CLAFRO JAZOP 5, promoting cultural cohesion through music in Hull.

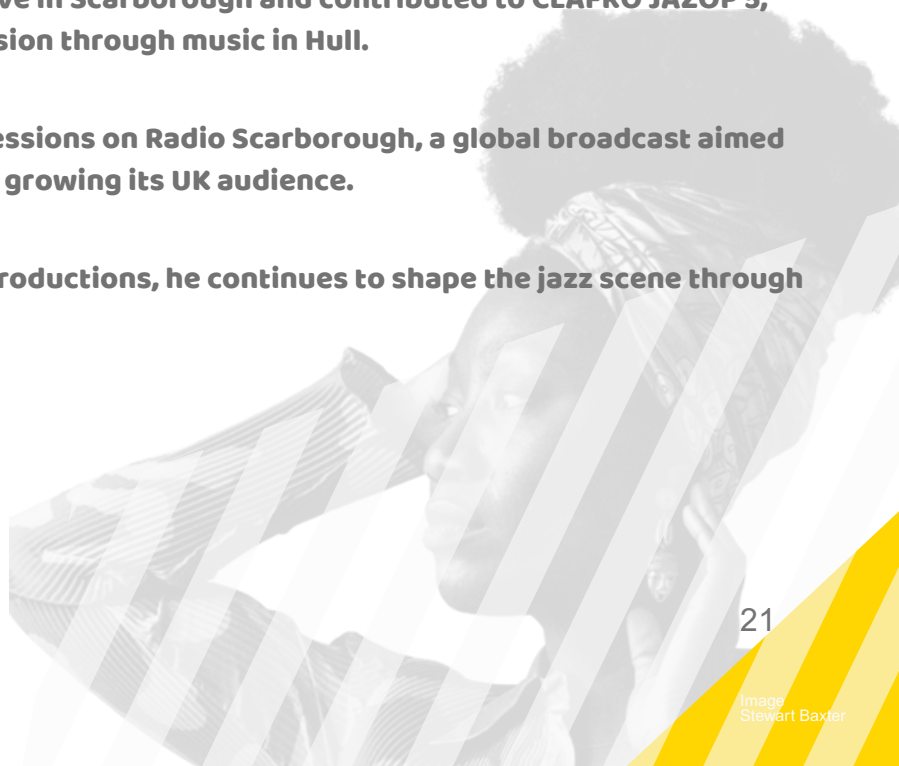
He also hosts The Jazz Sessions on Radio Scarborough, a global broadcast aimed at demystifying jazz and growing its UK audience.

Founder of ClineBailey Productions, he continues to shape the jazz scene through music and media.

Catch him live on Jazz Night, 21 Nov 2025 at Upstairs @ The Ritzy, Brixton.

Get Tickets via The Ritzy box office.

www.clinebailey.productions



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WEAR RED DAY

EVENTS

The City Centre Public Realm Lighting, will illuminate RED on Friday 17th October 2025 – in support of "Wear it Red Day".

Hull University Students Union will join the city in marking the day.

For further information contact
Karen on 07523947495 alternatively
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To keep up to date on social media please follow and use this hashtag: **#HullBHM25**



To show your support
wear something
RED
Friday 17th October 2025

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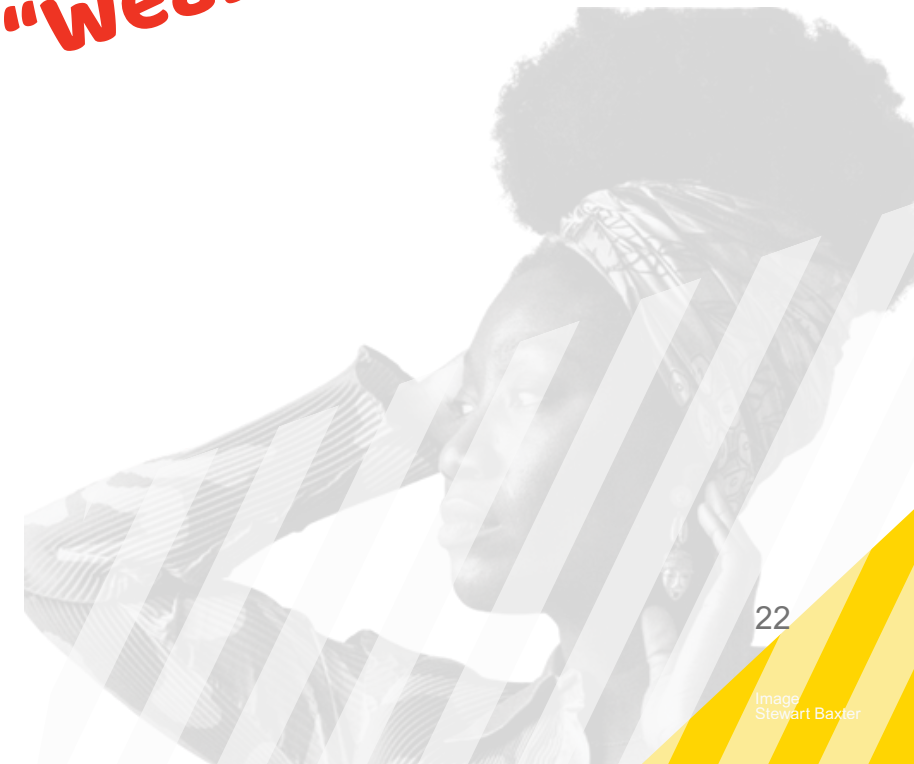
WEAR RED DAY

"Wear it Red Day".



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH - LAUNCH

HULL AFRO CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION (HACA) are pleased to share the launch of Black History Month.

The Launch will take place on:

Saturday 4 October 2025 at HACA
25 - 26 Park St Hull HU2 8RR
Starts 6.30pm



HACA - 40 YEARS CELEBRATION

19 October
HACA
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H-CAS

Humber Community Advice Services - H-CAS

'Extending a helping hand'

We are a registered voluntary sector organisation providing information, advice and guidance to people from the ethnic minority communities in Hull and the surrounding areas. Our services extend across a range of issues including –

- Money and debt issues
- Housing
- Employment
- Benefits
- Community engagement

- Immigration
- Health and well-being
- Education and training
- Job search, etc

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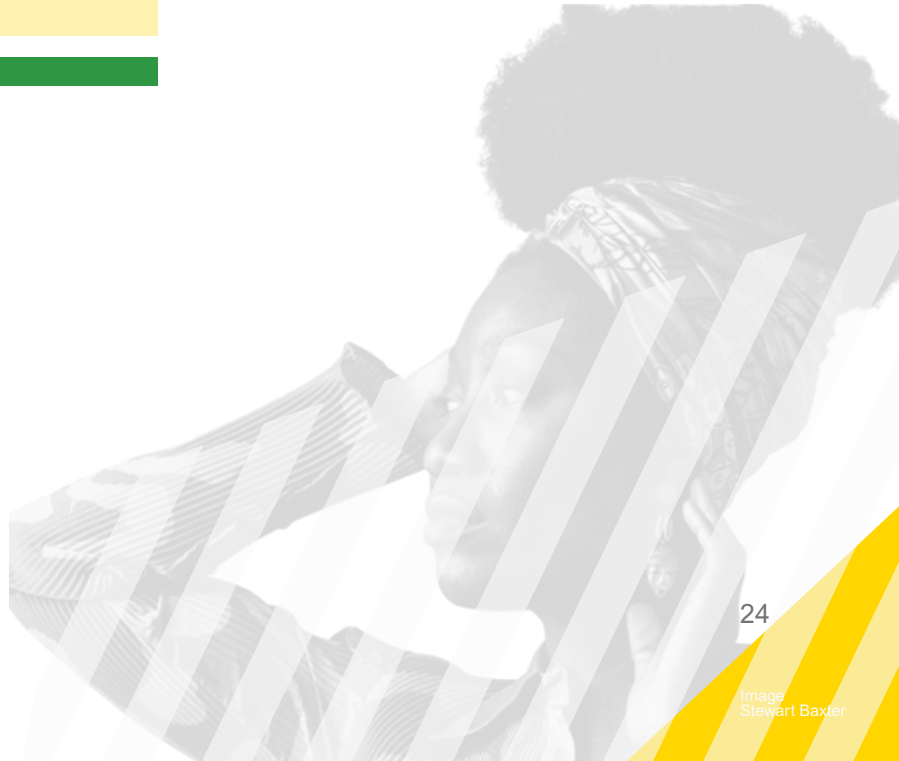

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VIKKI KOSHONI

AFRICAN DANCE AND FITNESS - KUKUWA UK



My name is Vikki Koshoni African Dance Fitness Trainer and a member of the Black Heritage of Hull Collective.

I run a weekly African dance fitness class online, is this something you can add to your information package? Sessions are £8 each, the session is 30-40mins long and runs every Saturday.

It used to be a Global Majority ONLY space however I'm setting up a registration form to allow 'allies' to also attend.

I'm the only certified Kukuwa® instructor in the UK running regular classes - Kukuwa is a fitness system designed by a Professor of Dance from Ghana, her name is Kukuwa Kyereboah.

Vikki Koshoni
Certified Kukuwa® Coach
https://www.facebook.com/vikki.africandance/

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BEST HOPE
COMMUNITY



Best Hope was established in June 2010 to bridge gaps in community service provision by attending to the needs of socially, economically and financially marginalised people.

Best Hope actively promotes social cohesion, community integration and access to services for disadvantaged people.

We are proud of our achievement as member of our community who has and continue to inspire young people, promote and help people find jobs, help people to settle down, achieve certificates and to navigate themselves in the community.

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VENTURE SMITH - THE STORY

Venture was actually born to a West African Ruler, not that that counted for much when he was captured and marched 1000 miles - longer than walking from Land's End to John O'Groats - to be sold for "four gallons of rum and piece of calico" to a man called Robinson Mumford. It was here he was given his new name; Venture, based on the idea that he was a business venture.

'My freedom is a privilege nothing can equal'

His gravestone reads…

'Sacred to the Memory of Venture Smith an African tho son of a King he was kidnapped and sold as a slave but by his industry he acquired Money to purchase his Freedom who died Sept 19th 1805 in ye 77th Year of his Age. '



Well Venture grew up and he was big - well over 6ft - and the older he got, the harder he was worked and the more severe his punishments became. But there was love, in the shape of Marget (Dutch origin) - Meg - who was also enslaved. They married and had their daughter Hannah, but Venture was then sold to the Stanton family, separating the family. He managed to convince them to buy Meg so they could be together, but their lives there were horrific - Venture stood in the middle of a fight between Mr Stanton and his wife, ending in violence and the theft of all the money he'd been saving to buy the freedom of his family.

He was then bought and sold once more before being purchased by Capt. Oliver Smith, and they struck a deal together - Venture could buy his freedom, paying over time. He and Meg had more children – Solomon and Cuff - before he was able to give Smith the 71 pounds and two shillings he'd earnt to walk away a free man, taking Smith's surname in honour of the one man who'd kept his word. The Stanton family still had Meg, Hannah Solomon and Cuff, and a member of Mumford family had Hannah, so Venture spent his first years as a free man living and working on Long Island to earn enough to buy his whole family's freedom.

Over seven years he purchased his children for 200 dollars each and his pregnant wife for 40 dollars, investing in land and property in Connecticut once they were all free. And his investment grew and grew and grew, from 10 to over 130 acres, allowing him to spend time farming his land, lumbering, fishing, whaling and trading, which is how and where he spent the remainder of his life. Venture Smith died on Sept 19, 1805. He's buried alongside his beloved Meg, who died in 1809, and his son Solomon.

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VENTURE SMITH - THE LEGACY



Under 16 Man of the Match
Harrison Kirk



Under 18 Man of the Match
Mason Montana

Motivated by the enduring legacy of Venture Smith, Karen Okra has been a driving force behind the City of Hull District Rugby League's commitment to celebrating his story and engaging the local community through the annual Venture Smith Trophy matches.

Her efforts have been strengthened through close support from Sasch Brook and Rob Wilson of City of Hull District Rugby League (COHDRL).

Continuing this tradition, the City of Hull District Rugby League recently travelled to Scotland with their Under 16 and Under 18 teams for representative fixtures against their Scottish counterparts. The results were:

- Under 16: COHDRL 26 – Scotland 30
- Under 18: COHDRL 56 – Scotland 4



"From slavery to legacy—Venture Smith's story continues to inspire young athletes across Hull."



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BAMEEN

BAMEEN
Black and Minority Ethnic Environmental Network

NEW INITIATIVE LAUNCH: FARM GATE TO FORK: BAMEEN SURPLUS PROJECT

TACKLING FOOD WASTE • FEEDING OUR COMMUNITIES • EMPOWERING THROUGH ACTION

This Black History Month, BAMEEN is proud to launch "Farms to Families" – a year-long initiative collecting surplus produce directly from local farms and distributing it to marginalised and food-insecure communities across Hull.

By partnering with farmers impacted by overproduction, cosmetic standards, or market fluctuations, we're ensuring that fresh, nutritious food reaches:

- Low-income families
- Elderly residents
- Individuals facing food insecurity

This initiative fights food waste at the source while building a sustainable, community-led model of food justice.

Volunteers Needed – Join Us This October

We're calling on volunteers to join this effort—from collecting and packing food to distribution and outreach. With the UK government's recent policy change, migrants who volunteer may be eligible for settlement, making this an ideal time to get involved. Volunteering through BAMEEN is not just about giving back. It's about building futures, strengthening communities, and creating real, lasting change."

COMMUNITY FUND



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DAWDA JATTA MBE

FOUNDER OF BAMEEN



Founder of BAMEEN CIC began planning this project after realising from his various voluntary works in Hull that most people on low-income especially BME communities are less or totally disengage in environmental activities in the protection and development of their communities.

As a MSc Environmental technology graduate from University of Hull, with passion in community development, he thought he should engage these communities and groups get involved in environmental activities that would also help them do and develop their skills and qualifications through scheduled environmental programmes.

He believes that this opportunity will be a great chance to learn from each other to make the city an example when it comes to community environmental activities.

Dawda feels the nature of his degrees and his community work experiences has prepared him for such an exciting challenge. His aim is to help especially the less privileged understand and take part in their community development so they can leave a legacy for their children.

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SONIA BLESSING

THE PRESIDENT FOR INCLUSIVITY AND DIVERSITY AT HULL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION



I'm Sonia Blessing, President for Inclusivity and Diversity at Hull University Students' Union. As one of four elected student presidents, I work to amplify diverse student voices and foster a culture of equality and belonging.

Since taking office, I've led initiatives celebrating diversity, collaborated with staff to embed inclusive practices, and engaged students to ensure their experiences shape our direction. My guiding principle, "Together We Can," reflects a belief in the power of community and collective action.

As a Black student leader, I'm committed to breaking down barriers and building systems where all students thrive. This mission is especially vital during Black History Month, a time to honour contributions, elevate underrepresented voices, and celebrate our shared diversity.

"Together We Can" is more than a tagline—it's a promise to create safe spaces, drive meaningful change, and build a university where every student feels seen, heard, and valued.

We are celebrating Black History Month through these events for students:

- BHM – Movie Night 16th October 2025 6pm till 9pm Venue: Wilberforce LT 15
- Wear Red Day: Show Racism the Red Card Photo Day 17th October
- Breast Cancer Awareness Workshop: 24th October 6pm till 8:30pm Venue: BR 7 Student Central Building.

Please Note: Our events are designed for Student Audiences.

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SEGUNTUYI ONAKOYA

FASHION DESIGNER



A design entrepreneur is spearheading plans to stage an annual Hull Fashion Week. Seguntuyi Onakoya, the founder and creative director of fashion brand HOUSEOFTUYI – which blends cultural storytelling with contemporary design – has outlined his vision for the event.

Since moving to the UK from Nigeria in 2022 to complete a master's degree in advertising and marketing at the University of Hull, Seguntuyi has embedded himself in the region's creative scene. Now, the 28-year-old is setting his sights on transforming Hull into a northern hub for fashion, culture and community.

The proposed Hull Fashion Week is being planned for May or June 2026 and aims to be a landmark event celebrating local talent and global heritage.

Seguntuyi is currently working with Hull City Council to develop the framework and secure investment for the project. The aim is to position Hull Fashion Week as a flagship annual event, comparable in ambition to London Fashion Week.
He said: "The dream is for people to eventually look at Hull Fashion Week the way they look at London Fashion Week.

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SISLIN FAY ALLEN

POLICEWOMAN



THE TRAILBLAZER'S

Mrs Allen joined the Met Police in 1968 at the age of 29 after working as a nurse in Croydon, south London.

She served in the Met for four years, first in Croydon then at the Missing Persons Bureau, before moving to Jamaica where she continued to work as a police officer.

In a statement the Met Police said: "We are grateful for your service Sislin, you paved the way for so many others."

Mrs Allen was working as a nurse at Croydon's Queens Hospital when she decided to make a career change after seeing a recruitment advert for male and female officers.

She trained at Peel House and her first posting was at Fell Road police station in Croydon, near her family and where she lived.

In 2020 she received a lifetime achievement award from the National Black Police Association (NBPA).



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NICHELLE NICHOLS

ACTOR

THE TRAILBLAZER'S

Source SKY News UK 31st July & 27 August 2022

Photo source TREKMOVIE.com September 2022

Actor Nichelle Nichols, who found worldwide fame and led the way for black women in TV by starring in the original Star Trek TV series, Nichols, who was best known for her role on the show in the 1960s as Lieutenant Nyota Uhura and helped shatter racial stereotypes at the height of the Civil Rights movement, died in July aged 89. Her role in the 1966-69 series as Lieutenant Nyota Uhura earned Nichols great respect from the show's hardcore fans, known as Trekkers and Trekkies. It also earned her accolades for breaking racial stereotypes and included an interracial on screen kiss with co-star William Shatner that was unheard of at the time.

NASA recruiter

Like other original cast members, Nichols also appeared in six big-screen spinoffs starting in 1979 with Star Trek: The Motion Picture and frequented Star Trek fan conventions.

She also served for many years as a NASA recruiter, helping bring minorities and women into the astronaut corps.

The original Star Trek's overriding message to viewers was that in the far-off future – the 23rd century – human diversity would be fully accepted.





"I think many people took it into their hearts... that what was being said on TV at that time was a reason to celebrate," Nichols said in 1992.

She often recalled how Martin Luther King Jr was a fan of the show and praised her role. She met him at a civil rights gathering in 1967, at a time when she had decided not to return for the show's second season.

"When I told him I was going to miss my co-stars, and I was leaving the show, he became very serious and said, 'You cannot do that,'" she told a newspaper in 2008.

"'You've changed the face of television forever, and therefore, you've changed the minds of people,'" she said the civil rights leader told her.

"That foresight Dr King had was a lightning bolt in my life," Nichols said.

Now, she has been added to a memorial flight in a rocket ship due to carry cremated ashes and DNA samples from departed space enthusiasts on a final and eternal voyage around the sun, according to organisers of the tribute.

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EVENTS

HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK
11th - 18th October 2025
#NationalHCAW

National Hate Crime Awareness Week will take place from 11th – 18th October 2025. So we need you all to start thinking about what you will do to support the week this year!

I'm supporting National Hate Crime Awareness Week because:

NATIONAL HCAW
NATIONAL HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK
www.nationalhcaw.uk

STOP HATE UK
STOP HATE. START HERE
www.stophateuk.org

HULL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION



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FELABRATION 2025 IN HULL FREE

Saturday, October 18 · 10am - 11:30pm
Ferens Art Gallery

Carr Lane Kingston upon Hull HU1 3RA

Black History Month in Hull comes alive with panels, exhibitions, and a night of Afrobeat music celebrating Fela Kuti's legacy.

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM - Registration & Welcome
Guest check-in, distribution of festival programme. Afrobeat playlist + visuals to set the mood.

11:15 AM - 12:00 PM - Networking Tea Break
Light refreshments, informal artist/festival meet & greet.

12:00 PM
Afternoon – Thought Leadership & Rhythm, Ferens Art Gallery

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM
Registration & Re-Opening
Guest check-in for the afternoon programme. Afrobeat playlist + visuals setting the tone.

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM
Opening Ceremony
Welcome by organisers. Short film: Scenes from Finding Fela!

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM
Exhibition Opening
Rikki Stein, Abolore Sobayo, Rayh Mohammed
The Underground Spiritual Game – Fela Kuti: Visual storytelling on Fela's global impact
Featuring archival material from Rikki Stein + contributions from Abolore Sobayo and Rayh Mohammed.

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Keynote Address
Gui Morais
From Vinyl to Streaming: Afrobeat's Global Journey and the Future of Distribution

EVENTS

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Panel Session 1 – Legacy Focus
Lolade, Rikki Stein
Fela Kuti's influence on music, arts, media, and fashion. Exploring Afrobeat's impact across Hip-Hop, Jazz, Rock, Pop. Fela as philosopher, activist, and cultural export.

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Interlude – Afrobeat Rhythms YINXDJINX, Afrobeat meets Drum and Bass

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Panel Session 2 – City Identity
From Lagos to Hull – How Music Festivals Build City Identity. ◯ Festivals as tools for city branding, tourism, UNESCO aspirations. ◯ Moderator: Hull Music Board rep. ◯ Speakers: cultural leaders

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Closing Drum Circle
Ajide Adeyemi, Audience + panellists join Ajide for a participatory rhythm session.
Break & Transition to PQ Event Space

5:00 PM
Evening – Sauti Session Live Music & Jam
PQ Event Space

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Afrobeat Workshop Showcase
DJ TeckZilla demonstrates Afrobeat production/DJing techniques.

6:00 PM - 11:30 PM - TICKET NEEDED from EVENTBRITE
Concert & Jam Session, Kayefi, Maka, Nas B
Live Afrobeat and Afro-fusion sets: Closing jam with all artistes + DJ Nas B, audience dancing into the night.

Saturday, October 18 · 10am - 11:30pm

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LORD MAYOR'S AWARD - THE SUNNY SIDE

BY BELINDA GARRY AND DEAN DAVIS

As part of Black history month we are launching a new book as part of the Award.

The Sunny Side by Belinda Garry (a local writer). It is a colourful tale of friendships and culture - follow Daisy's exciting summer holiday, travelling around Hull, with Sonny and their group of friends. Meet Uncle Neville and hear about the games they played. A story inspired by the childhoods and upbringing of Windrush generation descendants. Enjoy the games we used to play and the richness of our cultures.

This book adds to the five section Award which can be completed at Bronze, Silver or Gold levels (dependant on age) for the 8-12yrs age group. It is ready to use and there is guidance included.
It is free and gives you the opportunity to help children develop their skills, knowledge and creativity, but also have their achievements recognised.

The Caribbean Experience; Windrush booklet points you in the right direction for completing this section of the Lord Mayor's Award. You can use it to broaden knowledge and understanding. There are things to read and do as well as QR codes where you can learn more, watch films and listen to music.

Windrush describes the arrival of people from the Caribbean to Tilbury dock, London. They journeyed here on a ship called HMT Empire Windrush in 1948, so beginning the Windrush Generation. These people and their descendants have added to and enriched British culture. Famous sports people like Jessica Ennis Hill, Marcus Rashford, Cole Palmer and many others including famous actors like Lenny Henry, singers and musicians have added to the country's rich history.



The Lord Mayor has endorsed the Award and this is what they had to say:

I am very pleased that you have taken up the challenge of the **Lord Mayor's Award**. The new section '**The Caribbean Experience; Windrush**' builds on Hull's strong tradition of fairness and welcoming others. I hope you learn a lot from this section.

By taking part in this Award, I hope you will discover **new talents and interests** whilst having **fun and making new friends.** I wish you every success in your quest for the **highly prized Lord Mayor's Award** and feel sure you will gain personal satisfaction in all that you achieve.

Good luck and best wishes

THE SUNNY SIDE
BY BELINDA GARRY
SCAN ME!

LORD MAYOR'S AWARD
SCAN ME!

LORD MAYOR'S AWARD WINDRUSH EDITION
SCAN ME!

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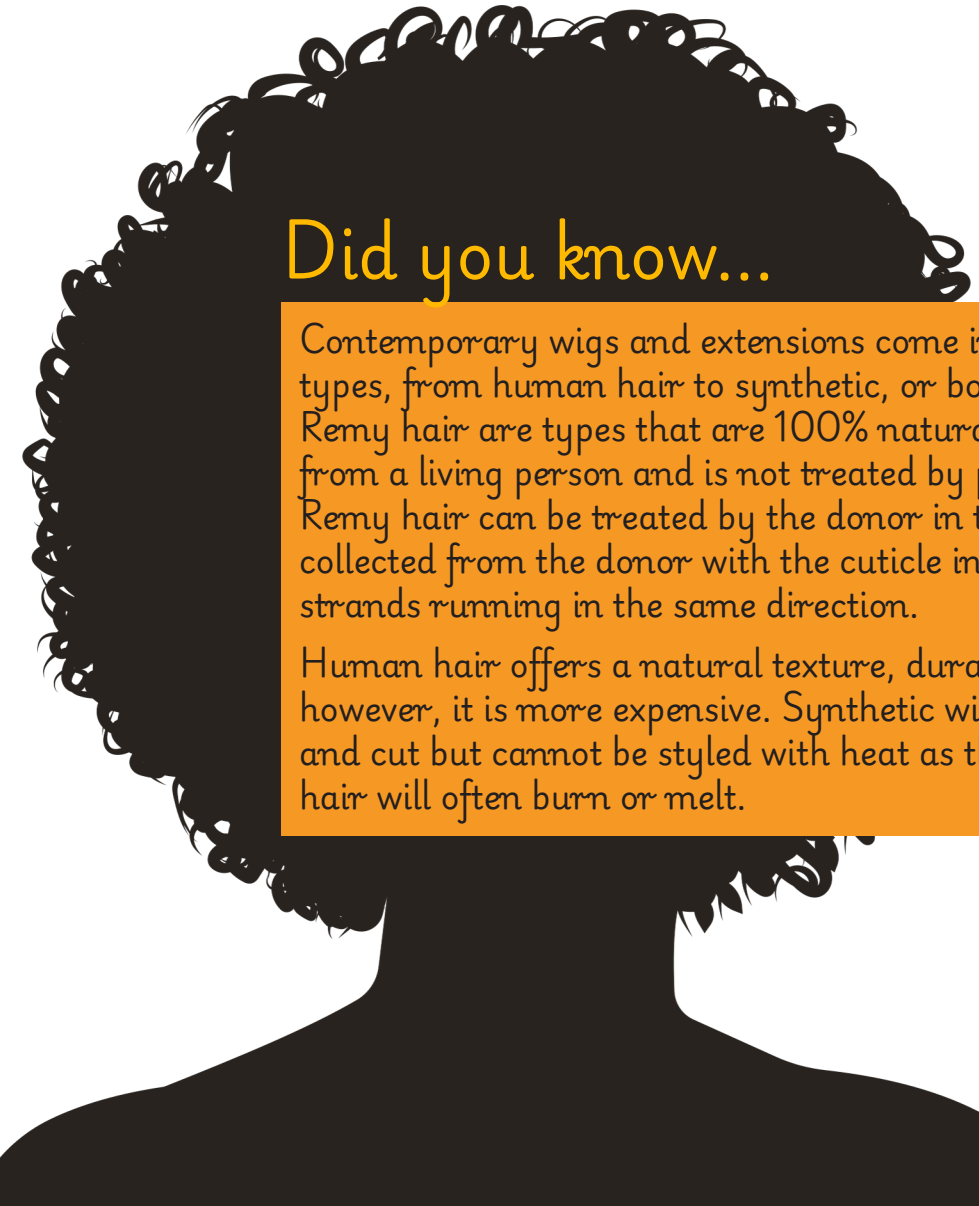
HAIR

June 6 – August 17, 2025 (has finished)

'Hair... is the basic, natural symbol of the things people are or want to become.'
Dr Willie Morrow, inventor of the Afro pic



Did you know...

Contemporary wigs and extensions come in a variety of hair types, from human hair to synthetic, or both. Virgin hair and Remy hair are types that are 100% natural. Virgin hair comes from a living person and is not treated by perms or chemicals. Remy hair can be treated by the donor in the past but has been collected from the donor with the cuticle intact and all the strands running in the same direction.

Human hair offers a natural texture, durability and easy styling; however, it is more expensive. Synthetic wigs provide a set style and cut but cannot be styled with heat as the hair will often burn or melt.

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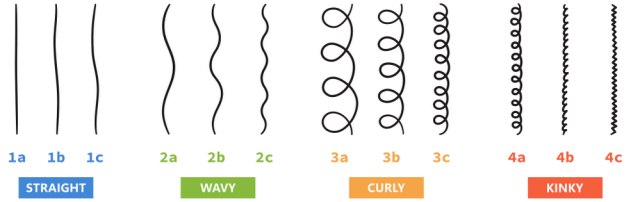
Curl types are a good blueprint for figuring out the type of hair you have. It is best identified when the hair is wet, and the texture is more evident. It can often help to decide what products will work best for the type of hair. However, the hair types, put into 4 categories, are not prescriptive and people often have hair that fits into multiple categories. Kinky hair (4a-c) is the hair type most afro hair is. This hair has tight coils but is also very prone to damage.

HAIR TYPES



Hair styling can also be affected by how porous your hair is. This affects the ability of the hair to stay hydrated. It can mean the difference between how well the hair absorbs oils and moisture from products. Black hair types often have low porosity. The way to test the porosity of your hair is to put a clean strand of hair into a glass of water, if it floats to the top before sinking, that is a signifier of low porosity. People with low porosity hair can use protein-free conditioners and 100% shea butter as a way to seal in moisture.

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EVENTS

FREETOWN SOCIETY

The Freetown Society in Hull works to develop the twin-city link between Hull and Freetown, Sierra Leone. The Freetown Society is an organisation dedicated to preserving the historical connection between the two cities, which dates back to William Wilberforce and the abolition of the slave trade. The Freetown Society is a group based in Hull that promotes and supports the relationship between Hull and Freetown, Sierra Leone.

SAIDU KOROMO

Saidu is from Freetown, Sierra Leone and lives in the city of Hull. He works incredibly hard for our community, volunteering tirelessly in making a difference to people's lives!



Saidu at Wilberforce in Freetown where he was born standing beside the statue of William Wilberforce, in December 2023.

CECIL JONES CJ

Chair Person Freetown Society

Cecil Jones CJ is a Musician, Singer Songwriter, Solo Artist and Multi Instrumentalist from Freetown, Sierra Leone and who lives in Hull. He is Chairperson of The Freetown Society in Hull





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Saidu is a volunteer of HACA & Chair of HACA Reconciliation Group. His appointments also include of Hull Sierra Leone, Freetown and Executive member of Freetown Society at Guildhall, representing Chair Person for Sierra Leone Association. Saidu volunteers with the Avenue Bicycle Project working in the refurbishment of bicycles, donated by the public of Hull to then be transported in containers to Africa. Saidu's passion is with the ongoing fundraising and development of resources to help and support children and young people in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

SARAH KOROMO

Sarah Koroma is twelve years old her school is Boulevard Academy, Hull She is in year 8 and has been helping the children in Freetown with Breakfast food and shoe boxes. Sarah standing proud ready for the last container to shipped out this year. Sarah's visit to Freetown, December 2023 at one of the school distribution of cornflakes and powered milk to the children (Below)









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CHIBUIKE FRANCIS ANI

PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT HULL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS UNION.

I am an international student from Nigeria studying at the University of Hull. I have focused in recent time in the advocacy of student's voice and representation for students.

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WOMEN ACCEDE

We are a small community and voluntary group devoted to supporting older adults to achieve better health and wellbeing through befriending, socialising and ongoing weekly drop in whereby small exercises, drinks and hot meals are offered free of charge. We support older adults in other ways such as organising food workshops, trips and walks. Our activities are currently run from the premises of Lonsdale Community Centre, Lonsdale Street, Hull. Our client group is multi-ethnic; in addition, daily users of Lonsdale Centre have also become our beneficiaries including those who become aware of our project through our outreach work in the local community and places of worship. With the support of Neighbourly, our work with older adults is producing better outcomes through our capacity to collect and distribute surplus food to those who are housebound and other vulnerable groups in the community. Women-Accede has gained reputation as 'A Friend of Older People' because we are now in a position to reach more people due to an increase in the number of our volunteers and our weekly Drop in sessions. We are interested in food growing and allotment work and would require support in this area. As a community and voluntary group, all of our activities are currently charitable and there are no costs attached to our service users.





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TSITSI DANGAREMBGA

NOVELIST, PLAYWRIGHT AND FILMMAKER

THE TRAILBLAZER'S

Tsitsi Dangarembga is a Zimbabwean novelist, playwright and filmmaker. Her debut novel, Nervous Conditions, which was the first to be published in English by a Black woman from Zimbabwe, was named by the BBC in 2018 as one of the top 100 books that have shaped the world.

Born: 4 February 1959 (age 66 years), Mutoko, Zimbabwe
Parents: Susan Dangarembga
Awards: AMAA Special Recognition Awards
Education: University of Cambridge, University of Zimbabwe, Arundel School
Partner: Olaf Koschke





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UNA WINIFRED ATWELL

PIANIST AND COMPOSER

THE TRAILBLAZER'S

Una Winifred Atwell was a pianist and composer born in the colony of Trinidad who migrated to Britain and who enjoyed great popularity in Britain and Australia from the 1950s with a series of boogie-woogie and ragtime hits, selling over 20 million records.



Born: 27 April 1914, Tunapuna, Trinidad and Tobago
Died: 28 February 1983 (age 68 years), Sydney, Australia
Place of burial: Northern Rivers Memorial Park, South Gundurimba, Australia
Spouse: Lew Levisohn (m. 1946–1977)
Genre: Jazz



Una Winifred Atwell (27 February or 27 April 1910 or 1914 – 28 February 1983) was a pianist and composer born in the colony of Trinidad who migrated to Britain and who enjoyed great popularity in Britain and Australia from the 1950s with a series of boogie-woogie and ragtime hits, selling over 20 million records.[3] She was the first black artist to have a number-one hit in the UK Singles Chart and had the first piano instrumental to reach number one in the UK Singles Chart, with "Let's Have Another Party" in 1954, and as of 2023, remains the only female instrumentalist to do so.

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SEVERINE NTANDA KIPILI

FOUNDER OF BORA SHABAA

My name is Severine Ntanda Kipili and I am the Founder and CEO of Bora Shabaa Refugee Community Organisation, a Hull - based charity supporting refugees and asylum seekers to fulfil their potential.

I was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo, I arrived in the UK via the Gateway Programme after seven years in a refugee camp in Zambia.

My leadership is shaped by lived experience and a vision for inclusive communities. I also serve as a Trustee at Art Link and contribute to Hey Confident Futures and Hey Advocacy Network, advocating for education, mental health, and social integration.





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CECIL OXAAL

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND HULL WOMEN'S LITERARY CLUB



Chair of Hull Amnesty Group Cecil Oxaal's family history, is one of mixed heritage from wealthy white slaveholders. Cecile spent more than thirty years teaching in High schools.

Cecile is a member of HULL WOMEN'S LITERARY CLUB which was founded in 1960 for women interested in literature and other arts.

A keen historian and author, Cecile explores the background of Dr. Murdoch, a Scottish medical doctor who settled in Hull in 1896 and who galvanised the suffrage campaign in Hull and East Yorkshire and she is known for her book Not Just Wilberforce: Champions of Human Rights Hull and East Yorkshire co written by Ekkehard Kopp (Hard cover, 2014). Cecile continues to campaign for humanity and human rights, during Black History Month and throughout the year with Hull Amnesty Group.

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AMNESTY - HULL GROUP

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Hull Amnesty Group are part of a global movement of over ten million people, Amnesty International is the worlds largest grassroots human rights organisation.

We investigate and expose abuses, educate and mobilise the public and help transform societies to create a safer, more just world. We received the Nobel Peace Prize for our life-saving work. We are ordinary people from across the worlds standing up for humanity and human rights.

Hull Amnesty Group meet the last Thursday of the month, except December.
April to September we meet at 6:30pm at Hull Central Library, Room 1, 2nd Floor, Albion Street, Hull, HU1 3TF. October to March we meet via Skype.

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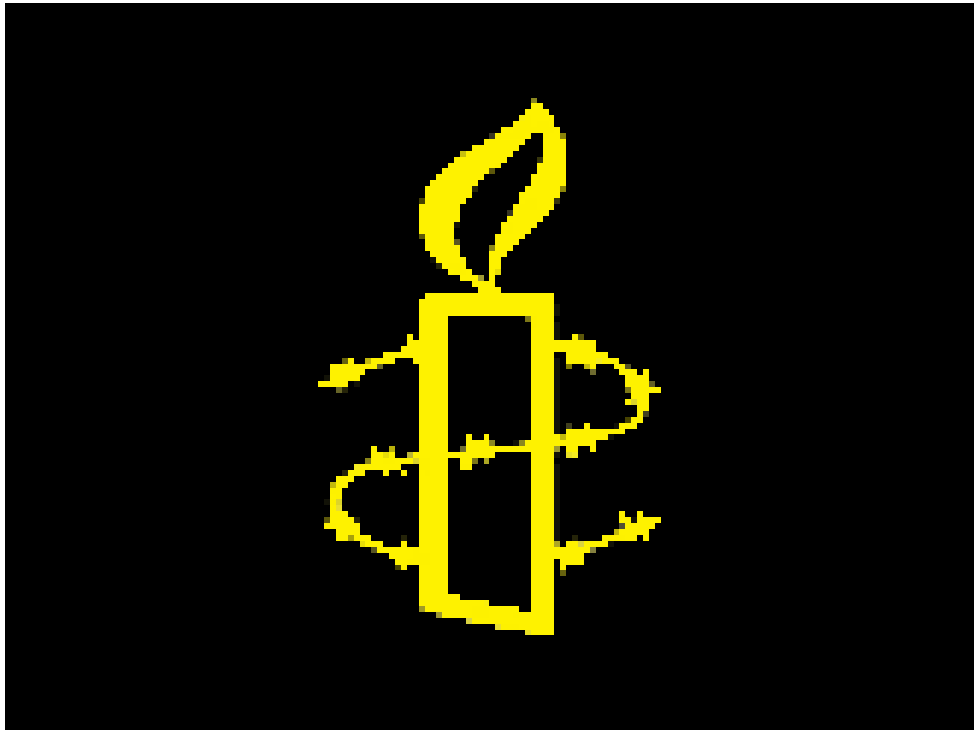



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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

VOLUNTEER SERVICEMEN FROM THE WEST INDIES AND CARIBBEAN



In remembrance of the forgotten 4000 volunteer servicemen who trained at Hunmanby Moor, Filey in world war 2.

Taking place:
9 November 2025
10.45am
85 Queen Street
Filey
YO14 9HE

Contact Glenn Parsons for more info on Parsons@psqb.co.uk



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SOLIDARITY HULL CIC

Solidarity Hull is a community organisation run by and for people from around the world. Through a process of critical education, that creates a space of belonging and support, we aim to grow our confidence whilst celebrating and critiquing our cultural identities allowing us to enter in to genuine dialogue with the wider community to bring about positive change on a local, national and international level.

Solidarity Hull CIC Timetable
Monday: Employability, Cv, Job search, Advice & Guidance Session 10am- 3pm
Monday: English lesson 11am-1pm
Monday: Foodbank 1pm
Thursday Employability, Cv, Job search, Advice & Guidance Session 10am- 3pm

- **Job Search/ Applying for Jobs Reading CVs and Cover letters Free English lessons**
- **Referrals to other services and partners**
- **Interview tips 1 to 1 Support**
- **General Advice & Guidance Free WIFI and computers**



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BRANSHOLME CHAT - BACK TO OURS

At the very core of Back to Ours is people and placemaking.
We want everyone to have the opportunity to take the lead in choosing, creating and participating in amazing art experiences, as participants, decision-makers, artists, volunteers and audiences.

We deliver outstanding arts and cultural experiences with and for the people of Hull, open and welcome to all – it's an invitation like no other and one we're very proud of, built on a brand that's full of passion, hard work and honesty. There's no invite quite like a Back to Ours invite!

We commission, produce, create and programme challenging and inspiring work – we take risks, we're bold and we're not afraid to challenge people's views and opinions because that's what makes the work interesting and resonate.

BACK to OURS

Bransholme Chat is a welcoming community space for all. We host a variety of activities, but our favourite thing is a right old natter.

Located at North Point Shopping Centre across from New Look, we are open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri and Sat from 10am - 12pm & 1pm - 3pm.

Come by and say hi to our friendly team. Keep chatting, keep cheerful!

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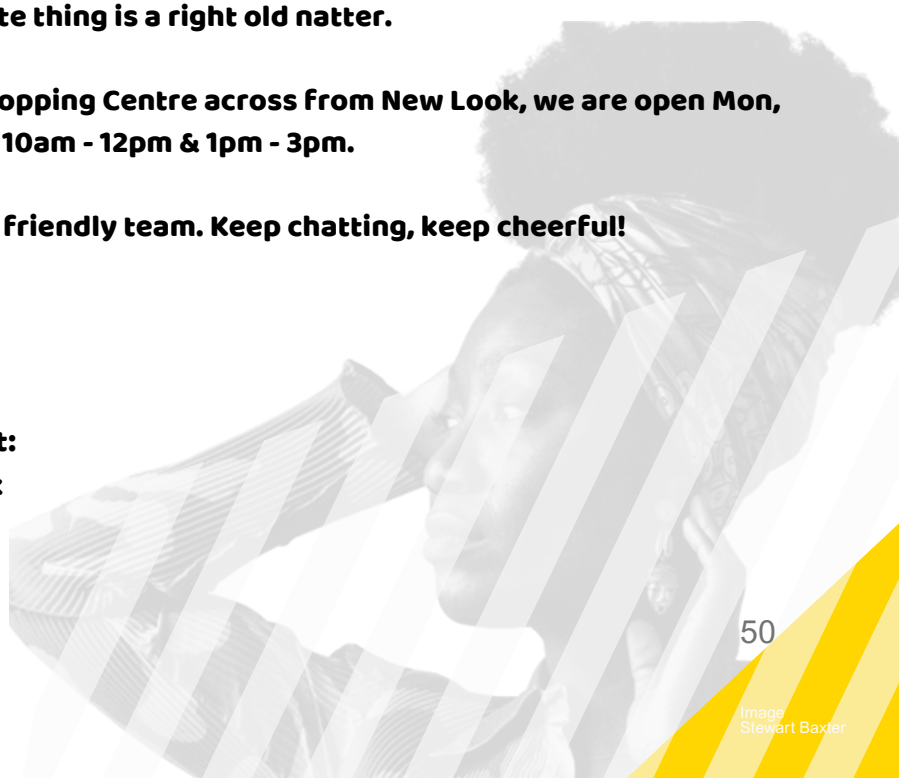

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JUSTIN PIERRE ROBERT

Hello, my name is Justin Pierre Robert, I have several roles across a few organisations.

I am a Police officer, the only one from the Seychelles currently serving within Humberside Police. I also work for the Football Association as a coach developer, focusing my detail on those from a global majority background, working with coaches for them to be the best coach they can be. As well as this, I am currently a goalkeeping coach with Hull City Ladies U9-15's.

I was also a professional wrestler, I retired in 2025 after wrestling all across the UK.





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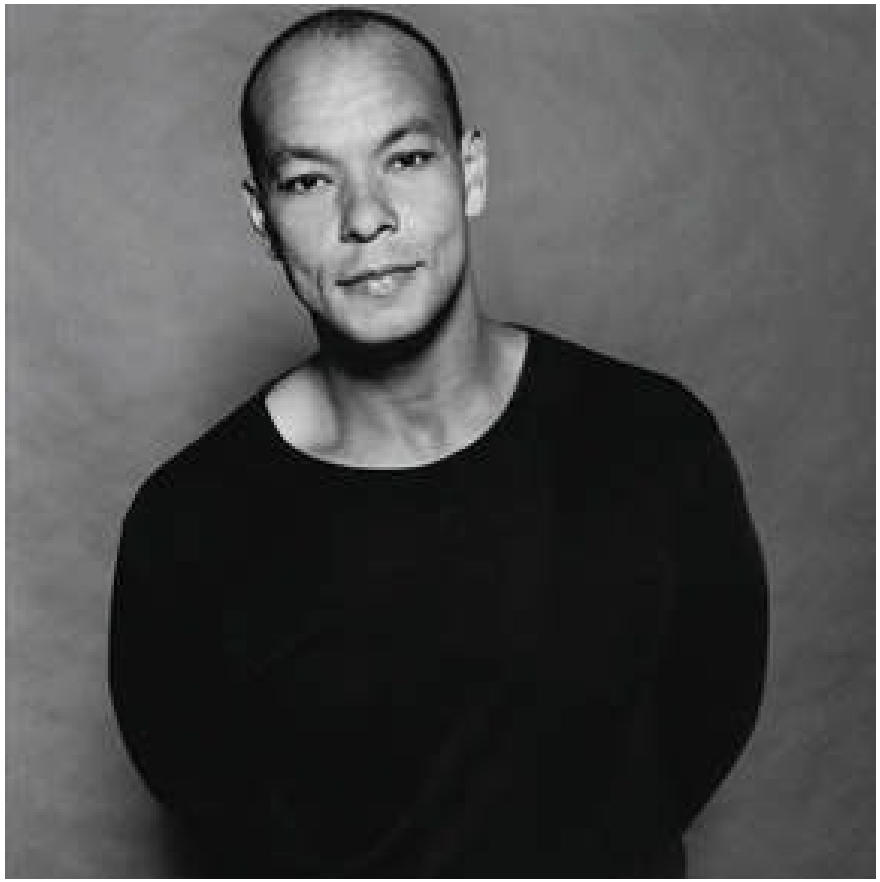
ROLAND GIFT



Roland Gift is a musician best known for his work with the pop group The Fine Young Cannibals, who had a number of top 20 hits throughout the 1980s. Alongside being famous for his music, in recent years, Gift has become known for his roles in film and television, whilst also writing numerous plays.

Moving to Hull in the 1970s, Roland Gift was seen as the city's 'first black punk' and was known for his iconic bleached hair around the city, becoming a staple of the burgeoning music scene in Hull. Whilst studying at the college of art, Gift founded the ska outfit akrylykz, who enjoyed some success in the late 70s supporting bands such as the Mekons and even on one occasion, the Clash.

Recognition finally came when Gift was selected as lead singer of the pop group Fine Young Cannibals, a group who went on to have international success and emerge as one of the seminal bands of the 1980s pop boom. Gift also represented an important watershed in music history, becoming one of the first black frontmen to achieve success, opening gates for musicians since.

Roland Gift represents both the diverse history of Hull, whilst also celebrating the city's strong musical heritage and continuing to perform as strongly as he did in the 1980s.

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WELCOME HOUSE



Welcome House is a local registered charity, set up in 2020, working across Hull and East Riding, offering welcome and support to asylum seekers and refugees to make them feel welcome, included and supported, in collaboration with Hull City Council, people, civil, business, charitable and public sector organisations, faith communities, volunteers and staff under the auspices of the Board of Trustees.

Welcome House will harness the skills and commitment of refugees and those seeking asylum as well as professionals and volunteers. We will be co-creating our services with partners and, most importantly, refugees and asylum seekers.

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AYOSOLO ODUNSI



I joined Welcome House project in September 2021 as a volunteer and later became volunteer coordinator and Team Leader, supporting asylum seekers located centrally. My responsibilities include recruiting and training volunteers, as well as managing DBS checks and references. I advocate for migrants, assist with form filling and provide guidance in accessing health and professional support.

I represent the Welcome House project by raising awareness of it's services and initiatives. I connect with schools to engage pupils through talks and presentations, sharing key facts and figures about our work.
Additionally, I support individuals with employability, helping them transition into the workforce. I find inspiration in working alongside dedicated individuals and I enjoy my role.

"Welcome House work hand in hand, striving having one goal which is to help people and a positive influence in their lives"

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