

BLACK **HISTORY** **MONTH**

LET'S CELEBRATE THIS TOGETHER



October 2023

What is Black History Month?



To honour the history, accomplishments, and contributions of Black people and those of African, Asian, and Caribbean ethnicity, Black History Month was established in the United States.

Today, Black History Month is commemorated by communities across the world. Black History Month was first celebrated in the UK in 1987, it is now a month-long, annual celebration of the achievements of Black communities and the remembrance of Black history across the world and takes place throughout October. There are many special ways to participate, including educational events, exhibitions, shows, talks, performances, memorial services and installations across the UK that raise awareness of history and celebrate traditions, customs, and cultures.

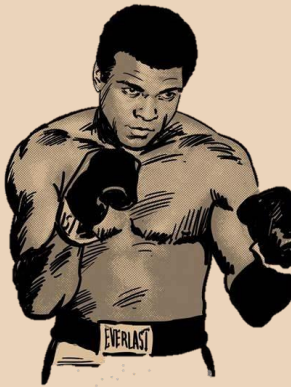


This is a Painting in London, Brixton, embracing the historical Music.



People from African and Caribbean backgrounds have been a fundamental part of British history for centuries. However, campaigners believe their value and contribution to society is often overlooked, ignored, or distorted.

Most schools still teach a history curriculum which focuses on traditional events and the achievements of white figures. Black History Month gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of Black heritage and culture.



**“Don’t count the days,
make the days count” - MA**

**“If your dreams don’t scare you,
they aren’t big enough” - MA**

**“It always seems impossible
until it’s done” - NM**



**“A winner is a dreamer who
never gives up” - NM**



**“You must never be fearful about what
you are doing when it is right” -RP**

**“Freedom is never voluntarily given
by the oppressor; it must be
demanded by the oppressed” - MLK**



**“You can’t hold a man down without
staying down with him” -BTW**

**“If you want to life yourself up, lift
up someone else” -BTW**

Resources To Find Out More About Black History Month

Black History Month: The men who made history in Britain:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/41775249>

Celebrating Black History Month UK:

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/celebrating-black-history-month>

Black History Month Facts:

<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-facts>

Great women in the UK you should know about:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/41433196>

Videos

What is Black History Month?:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k98HMC>

Free Educational resources:

<https://theblackcurriculum.com/freelearning>

Kids have been telling Newsround why Black History Month is important to them.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/41453182>

Black Britons who paved the way influential black people in the UK who were the first to do some important things:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/49940939>

What to do in October?

Black History Month walks and talks

- Black History Walks host several walks in October, exploring everything from Windrush to Black presence in Tate Britain (various dates in Oct)
- The writing of Caribbean migrants including Samuel Selvon, George Lamming and Linton Kwesi Johnson is explored in the Writing After Windrush lecture at Barnard's Inn Hall (3 Oct)
- Family historian Paul Crooks is at Battersea Library, offering drop-in sessions where you can trace your African Caribbean heritage (5 Oct)
- Vanley Burke, 'Godfather of Black British Photography' comes to the National Portrait Gallery to discuss his project The Making of Black Britain, with Diane Louise Jordan (6 Oct)
- Award-winning historian Professor Kate Dossett explores the women of the Harlem Renaissance in a talk at Barnard's Inn Hall (5 Oct)
- London's streets, legendarily 'paved with gold', also run with the blood of enslaved people — discover the links between the City and the slave trade on the eye-opening Slave Trade Money Trail Tour (7 and 28 Oct)

Black History Month music, theatre film and comedy

- Croydon's Fairfield Halls screens the 2021 film Respect, about the life and times of the great Aretha Franklin (4 Oct)
- Young violinist Randall Goosby teams up with pianist Zhu Wang, to perform music from three Black composers (Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, William Grant Still and Florence Price) at the Southbank Centre (13 Oct)
- A slew of great Black comedians — including Richard Blackwood, Slim and Rudi Lickwood — raise the roof at Hackney Empire's Pioneers of Comedy shebang (21 Oct)
- The legendary PP Arnold (of The First Cut is the Deepest fame) performs at Boisdale of Canary Wharf (25 Oct)

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

<https://londonist.com/london/things-to-do/black-history-month-events-london>

- Catford's Broadway Theatre puts on two Windrush 75 shows in one, with a staging of The Front Room: A Windrush Legend — followed by music from the era played live by The Freedom Band UK (28 Oct)

Black History Month markets and fairs

- Get down to Brixton's Black Farmers' Market, established 'to restore the cultural and historical communal atmosphere' of the area (8 Oct)
- There's three days' worth of food, crafts, dance and music at in Ilford Black History Month Food Fair (13-15 Oct)
- Goldsmiths in New Cross hosts the Black Book Festival, celebrating writers and publishers from the African Diaspora (21 Oct)

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

<https://blackhistorywalks.co.uk/>

Birmingham- <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/barrel-children-screening-6pm-till-10pm-tickets-704462174327>

Wolverhampton- <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/black-history-month-black-professionals-social-tickets-661974492527>



AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MEMORIAL
UNVEILED ON TEXAS CAPITOL GROUNDS



FREDRICK DOUGLASS CIRCLE,
NEAR CENTRAL PARK,
MANHATTAN



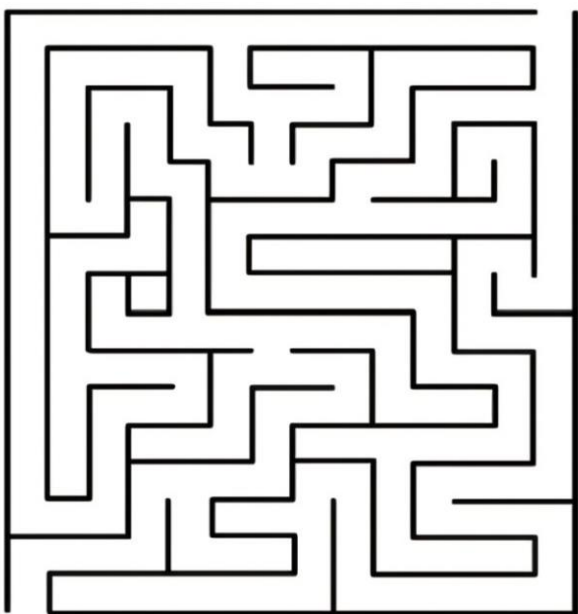
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Activities for you

Black History Month

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EQUALITY
BLACKHISTORY
NELSONMANDELA
CELEBRATION
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JUSTICE
ADVOCATE
ROSAPARKS
FREEDOM



"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere" – Martin



COMPETITION

BLACK HISTORY month

TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A PIECE OF WORK SHOWING US HOW YOU HAVE CELEBRATED BLACK HISTORY MONTH THIS YEAR.

We would love to see pictures, original artworks, poetry, a script, and other pieces of work created by you on the theme of 'A celebration of black history'. Entries will be displayed in our office and on our website. The piece of work could be an art design/ pictures of food you have made/ cakes you baked/ pictures of activities or events you attended/ a short story of your role model and much much more.

**ENTRIES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO:
ADMIN@FAMILYFOSTERING.CO.UK BY 1ST NOVEMBER 2023.**

**THE WINNING PIECE OF WORK WILL BE JUDGED
BY THE TEAM AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN
THE MIDDLE OF NOVEMBER.**

**LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON FOR FIRST,
SECOND AND THIRD PLACE.**

