

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2005

Celebrating diversity OCTOBER: EVENTS

27 September – Westminster Black History Month Launch - Showcase Event.

Cockpit Theatre. Featuring Albert Nyathi, Zimbabwe's premier performance poet.

African Visions 2005

Think Africa – A Festival of African Literature, Culture and Politics

Tickets: £5/£3.50 concessions per event, £15 day ticket.

For details: 020 7412 7222, www.bl.uk, www.africacentre.org.uk/africanvisions 2005thinkafrica.htm

15 October

10.30am - 11.30am

Caine prize winners

Brian Chikwava & Binyavanga Wainaina in conversation with Yasmin Alibhai Brown.

10.30am - 11.30am

Journeys across borders

Beverley Naidoo: an interactive talk and reading.

12pm - 1pm

New writing and Nigeria

Chimamanda Adichie & Helen Oyeyemi in conversation with Aminatta Forna.

12pm - 1pm

Oliver Tambo and British culture

Luli Callinicos: her biography of Oliver Tambo.

2pm - 3pm

Hiwar ma'a al-tayyib salih

Tayeb Salih in conversation with Dr Ahmed Al-Shahi.

2pm - 3pm

The last of the sweet bananas

Jack Mapanje: a poetry reading.

3.30pm - 4.30pm

Sudan at the crossroads

Douglas H. Johnson, Jacob Akol (tbc) & Taghreed Elsanhoury (film-maker).

3.30pm - 4.30pm

The NOMA award for publishing in Africa

Walter Bgoya, Peter Katjavivi, Fatou Keita & Femi Osofisan.

16 October

10.30am - 11.30am

Theatre in Nigeria

Femi Osofisan in conversation with Biyi Bandele.

10.30am - 11.30am

A is for Africa

Ifeoma Onyefulu: A children's workshop.

12pm - 1pm

The role of the writer

Lindsey Collen & Alex Agyei Agyiri in conversation with Beverley Naidoo.

2pm - 1pm

Tell me a story

Fatou Keita & Walter Bgoya: A children's workshop.

2pm - 3pm

Meeting ourselves in the books we read: Children's publishing

Catherine Johnson, Kerry Mason and Verna Wilkins in conversation with Vastiana Belfon.

2pm - 3pm

Africa's development options post Gleneagles

Charles Abugre and others chaired by Dr Adotey Bing.

3.30pm - 4.30pm

'Kwani?' UK launch

Binyavanga Wainaina and others
Writers involved are from a range of African countries.

22 September - 29 October

12.30pm - 5.30pm. FREE

Beninese artist debut UK solo show

Installation and panoramic photographs of Beninese life.

For details: 020 7242 7367

press@octobergallery.co.uk

www.octobergallery.co.uk

24 September

7pm - 10pm, St James' Piccadilly FREE

Celebrating Ignatius Sancho

An event to celebrate the life and work of the famous African who lived in Westminster during the 18th Century.

For details: 020 8637 1894

27 September - 24 November

Studio Theatre North Westminster Community School

World Beats Festival

Dance and Music performances including African and Indian dance, Latin-American, Jazz and Hip-Hop.

Tickets: £6/£4

For details: 020 7641 8424

studiot@nwcschool.co.uk

3 October - 11 November

Time: Dependant on booking.

From Jamaica to Tilbury

Explore the historic journey of the Empire Windrush in 1948.

Meet some of the passengers, experience life on board and discover the importance of the voyage then and now!

To celebrate Black History Month 2005 Bigfoot is touring a limited number of interactive day long drama workshops which are accessible to all year groups from Reception to Year 6.

The day begins with an assembly for the whole school where our actors will introduce the journey of the Empire Windrush, some of it's passengers and the issues that surround the famous voyage.

Following the assembly selected class groups will participate in

more specific workshops which will focus on the attitudes and experiences of the passengers and the importance of the journey for Britain today. The workshops will incorporate music, costume and props and skills explored include story-telling, improvisation and forum theatre techniques.

Cost: £575 per day. (£50 early booking discount)

For details: 020 7952 554

gail@bigfoot-theatre.co.uk

4 October

3pm, National Portrait Gallery FREE

Gallery Talk: Celebrating Black History

'The Secret of England's Greatness' by Thomas Jones Barker (c. 1863). Leslie Primo.

4 October

6.30pm - 8pm, London Transport Museum
Journeys of the Heart

For details: 020 7379 6344

6 October

6pm, Somerset House
Lecture theatre

Somerset House and the Slave Trade.

Heather Pascall. This talk marks Black History month.

Tickets: £5, pay on the door (150 seats) includes drinks.

6 - 8 October

8pm daily

Quabuka

A workshop performance of true stories from Zimbabweans living in exile in the UK, mixing song, dance and lots of humour.

Tickets: £10/£8 concessions and £5 for under 18.

For details: 0870 429 6883

www.sohotheatre.com

11 October

3pm, National Portrait Gallery FREE

Gallery talk: Celebrating black history 'Salman Rushdie'. Debbie Challis

11 October

7pm - 9pm, Museum of London
Migration and Modernity

Author Dr Mike Phillips examines how London Transport served as a beacon for Caribbean immigrants struggling to come

terms with cultural change in the 1940s and 1950s, and how the structure of the transport system affected both the way migrants lived and their view of the opportunities open to them.

Together with Trevor Phillips, Mike wrote and produced Windrush, a television series on West Indian migration to the UK. In partnership with the Museum of London.

Tickets: £5/£3

For details: 020 7814 5777

groups@museumoflondon.org.uk

12 October

1pm - 3pm

Coming to England

Targeted at KS2 students, this screening of the TV adaptation of Floella Benjamin's autobiographical account of her journey to the UK in the 60s, and the racism she encountered when she arrived, will be introduced by Floella Benjamin herself. Both she and Keith Taylor, producer and director of the TV adaptation, will be on stage after the screening to answer the children's questions and talk about the process of converting the written word to moving image. This amazing story of how spirit and good humour can triumph over the negativity of others, will inspire all and will be particularly useful to those studying autobiography in Y6. This event is part of Black World, a major national initiative by the bfi celebrating black moving image culture.

Tickets: £7.00 per student. Accompanying adults free, but MUST book places. £10.00 for teachers attending without pupils. For details: 020 7815 1329 www.bfi.org/nft/education

14 October

1.30pm - 6pm, National Portrait Gallery

Conference: Figurative Fantasies

Re-presenting Black Portraits and Identities in the 20th and 21st centuries.

Tickets: £15/£10 concessions

For details: 020 7306 0055

www.npg.org.uk

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13 October

1.10pm, National Portrait Gallery FREE

Lecture: Celebrating Black History

The Anti-Slavery Society Convention by Benjamin Robert Hayden (1841). S. I. Martin.,

10.30am - 3.30pm

Black British cinema

This event, aimed at post-16 students of Media or Film Studies, will look at the key moments in black British film-making, and will examine how black British experience has been examined on screen. The event is led by Wendy Hewing, a very experienced Media Studies teacher, and will include clips from, amongst others, Pressure, Burning an Illusion and other treasures from the bfi archive. The afternoon will include a screening of the recent British success Bullet Boy, after which co-scriptwriter, Catherine Johnson will take the stage to answer the students questions.

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18 - 22 October

7pm daily, plus 2pm matinee on Thursday 20th
Three Days in July

During the days before and during the G8 summit in Gleneagles, students from a Westminster school linked with students from a school in South Africa, to document their day-to-day lives. Tickets: £10/£8 concessions and £5 for under 18. For details: 087 0429 6883 www.sohotheatre.com

24 - 27 October

Black History Month

Local arts group CETTIE are holding theatre workshops for young people during half-term. For details: 0207 226 4016

27 October

6.15pm - 8pm, Royal Academy of Music

The Youth Service diversity showcase

will be a multimedia presentation celebrating Westminster's rich ethnic and cultural diversity. For details: 020 76411598

Black History Month @ Yaa

1 October

7pm

UK Unsigned Talent Quest

16 October

2 - 6pm. FREE

Ras DANIEL BABU

Renowned Rastafari healer and diet specialist based in Japan.

19 October

8pm

Dear Comrade

A drama based on the life of Claudia Jones.

Tickets: £7/£5 concession

20 - 22 October

8pm

50 years in Calypso

Mighty Tiger live in concert together with guest appearances by other international stars from Trinidad and Tobago.

Tickets: £12 reserved, £10 at the door, £8 concession

23 October

3pm

Junior Calypso Monarch

Ten British based young calypsonian vie for The Black Heroes Calypso Competition with special guests.

Tickets: £3/£1 children

8pm

Gateway to Heaven Poets, featuring the Dub Poet, Ama Donna.

The evening is dedicated to word sound and power from some of Britain's leading female poets.

Tickets: £7/£5 concession

24 - 28 October

10pm - 4pm

Half Term Project

Exploring the Black presence in London through creative writing and drama with CETTIE.

Tickets: £10 per child,

For details: 020 7286 1656,

admin@yaaasantewaa.com

www.yaaasant.demon.co.uk





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Westminster City Council is pleased to present this year's Black History Month's Events Calendar.

Our theme for this year is 'Celebrating Diversity'

On behalf of the Council, we hope that you will enjoy

and participate in as many events as you can.

Cllr Brian Connell,
Cabinet Member for Schools, 2005.

Celebrating diversity

Black History Month at Westminster Libraries 2005

Three special Black History Month Poetry collections will also be featured at Paddington, Maida Vale and Marylebone Libraries.

1 October

10am - 1.30pm

Art Workshop Pimlico Library

Children aged 8 to 12 years will make a large scale pop art picture collage of Paul Canoville, the first black footballer to play for Chelsea.

3 - 27 October

All libraries throughout October Nubian Jak's London Libraries Black History Month Treasure Hunt

at Westminster Libraries, open to adults and children, the whole family. There is an array of treasures for winning entrants, and results will be announced at a special ceremony in one of the Westminster Libraries at the end of the month.

8 October

10am - 1.30pm

Art Workshop Church Street Library

Children aged 8 to 12 years to make large scale pop art picture of Arthur Wharton, Britain's first black footballer and holder of the first 100yrd world record, Stamford Bridge 1886.

11 - 31 October

Nubian Jak's Heritage Plaques Central London Treasure Trail

Nubian Jak is throwing down the gauntlet to treasure seekers everywhere to come and discover some of the famous historical sites of past black Londoners. The Central London Heritage Plaques Treasure Trail will involve schools, corporate institutions, tourists and resident Londoners of all ages trekking from W2 to W1 solving the mystery to three Westminster Green Plaques and three English Heritage Blue Plaques en route. Completed questionnaires can be dropped off to any library in Westminster or returned by email. Finally, successful treasure seekers will have the opportunity to win a family holiday to the Caribbean (2 adults 2 children), or a colour TV and DVD, or a year's membership to a London health club and more.

15 October

'Kick it Out' Day

Chelsea v Bolton Wanderers. 8 children will be chosen from those attending the library workshops at Pimlico and Church Street to carry the Kick it Out banner onto the pitch with the Chelsea players.

15 and 22 October

10am - 1.30pm

Albert Nyathi and Crispin Thomas - Performance

Poetry Workshop

Albert Nyathi and his band, together with Fabulous Football Poet Crispin Thomas, will run a performance poetry workshop with children aged 8 to 12 years. Arthur Wharton and Paul Canoville artwork to form backdrop for performance poetry sessions on 15 (Paddington Library), 22 (Barons Court Library) October and for display at presentation event at Stamford Bridge on February 16th 2006.

19 October

7.30pm, Paddington Library An evening with Ekow Eshun

Ekow will be reading from his latest book 'Black Gold of the Sun' and answering questions from the audience. Later Ekow will be signing copies of the book. Ekow Eshun was born in London in 1968 and grew up in England and Ghana. Educated at the London School of Economics, he has worked for Kiss FM, The Guardian, The Observer and BBC radio. He is a regular contributor to Newsnight Review and former editor of Arena. He is currently Artistic Director of the Institute of Contemporary Arts.

27 October

2.30pm, Paddington Children's Library

Catherine Johnson 'Face Value'

Growing up in the City, it's not plain sailing... come and hear Catherine talk about her latest book and how she got the writing bug!

For young people aged 10+

26 October

3pm, Maida Vale Library

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For young people aged 10 +

28 October

Arthur Wharton's birthday

Children in Westminster schools celebrate the occasion by writing (during term) to children in Zimbabwe about life (and football of course) in the UK.

16 February 2006

Stamford Bridge End of Project Showcase event

Poetry slam. One child from each school to be entered to read a poem on either Paul or Arthur. Competition to be judged ideally by Paul Elliott as last year.

Black History Month at the Victoria and Albert Museum

This autumn for Black History Month the V&A has put together an exciting programme of activities for adults, families and young people as part of Africa 05, the UK's largest season celebrating the arts and cultural heritage of the African continent.

Join us in celebrating the diverse cultural make-up of this vast continent recognising the global influence Africa has on fashion, art and music.

Tickets: All Africa '05 events at the V&A are free and unless otherwise stated.

For details: 020 7942 2211, bookings.office@vam.ac.uk, www.vam.ac.uk

30 September

Africa Friday Late

Come and enjoy an evening themed around the contemporary culture of Africa. The highlight for this spectacular event will be a 'Fashion in Motion' where the work of leading fashion designers from Africa will be shown.

For details: www.vam.ac.uk.

1 October

Africa Fashion Day

Come along dressed in African-inspired outfits and celebrate African style and fashion in a day full of brilliant events and activities for all the family.

11am - 5pm China, Room 44

Nigerian Head Wrapping workshop

An opportunity for everyone to learn how to create fantastic Nigerian head wraps in this drop-in workshop.

11am - 5pm, Lunchroom

Recycled Fashion Workshop

Create amazing wearable art for a fashion presentation.

11am - 5pm, Seminar Room 3

African Portrait

Anita Mackenzie invites you to dress up and bring your favourite object to a photographic session.

Free but booking necessary:

020 7942 2211 or bookings.office@vam.ac.uk

11am - 16.30pm Grand Entrance

Face Painting

Have your face painted with an African inspired tribal design or animal.

2pm - 3pm, Seminar Room 1

100% Big: West African Cloth and Clothing in London - talk

Addy Trude examines the design and construction of made-to-measure garments.

Free but booking advised:

020 7942 2211 or bookings.office@vam.ac.uk

4pm - 5.30pm

Africa Fashion Presentation

Join students from 'A' Team Arts as they showcase their African inspired collection.

2 October

11am - 5pm, various locations

Drawing Together: Big Draw meets Carnival

The V&A celebrates the Big Draw and Carnival with an extravaganza of events.

8 October

11am - 5pm, Garden

African Bazaar

Artists inspired by Africa will showcase their original work from fashion to home furnishings.

12 October

6.30pm - 7.30pm, Prints & Drawing Study Room

Africa Though a Lens - Talk

Marie Eze gives an overview of photographs of Africa and Africans.

Free but booking advised:

020 7942 2211 or bookings.office@vam.ac.uk

2pm - 4.30pm, Seminar Room 3

Textile printing and decoration workshop

Free but booking advised:

020 7942 2211 or bookings.office@vam.ac.uk

13 October

2pm - 4pm, Seminar Room 3

African Thread

Free but booking advised:

020 7942 2211 or bookings.office@vam.ac.uk

22 October

11am - 5pm, Raphael Gallery

Africa Music Day

Join us to celebrate and explore the culture and tradition of African music. Leading musicians will guide you through the diversity of the continent's musical heritage with performances and workshops. Join in with percussion, chanting and rhythm and explore a range of traditional instruments. This day is produced in collaboration with Africa-Europe Forum.

All performances and workshops on the day are free.

11am

Juwon Ogungbe (Nigeria) - Performance and workshop

12.30pm

Spoken Words with Nick Makoha

1.30pm

Ezra Ethiopian Dance Group (Ethiopia) - Performance

2.30pm

Hassan Erraji (Morocco) - Performance

3.45pm

Doreen Thobekile - Performance and workshop