Monday 29th October 2007
Performance by CETTE (Cultural Exchange through Theatre in Education) of Sugar n Spice. A 45-minute costumed piece that looks at the lives of two Westminster residents - Ignatius Silano and Davidus Eruowin, which compares and contrasts their different approaches to the abolition of slavery.

YAA ASANTEWAA CENTRE
147-149 Maida Vale, London W9 3JR
www.yaasant.com
Further information: 020 7281 1666 or email yaasant@yaaasant.com

Tuesday 23rd October 2007
7.00-8.00pm
Speak of Me As I Am
Southwestern historian Stephen Bourne will be giving a presentation on how he put together Speak of Me As I Am, a black history book about Southwark, featuring, among others, El Aldridge, Mary Seacole, Dr. Harold Moody, Paul Robeson, and Sam King. He will also screen Aunt Esther’s Story, in which he uses family photographs and archived footage to tell the story of his aunt, a Black Londoner born before the First World War.

HARROW CIVIC CENTRE
Council Chamber, Station Road, Harrow HA1
Free entry: free but pre-book via info@btwsc.com subject line: booking for Abolition Truths

Wednesday 24th October 2007
6.30 – 8.20pm
Abolition Truths
A panelled talk and Q&A session, with an especially composed musical piece (performed by Africanus Britannicus featuring HKF & Co.) and poetry performance (by the laureate Stephen Bourne) about the Abolition of the slave trade. Also a presentation to the Prof Adley Science Prize short list of Harrow students of African descent. There is particular emphasis on the role of African freedom fighters and Abolitionists, the abolitionists and the abolition, and cross sectional drawing of the slave ship. Brooks was distributed as a print by the Abolitionist Society in England as part of their campaign against the slave trade, and dates from 1788.

KEATS HOUSE
Keats Grove Hampstead, London, N3 2RR
020 7382 3380
www.keats-house.org

Admission: £10 per person (no concessions, includes refreshments)

Saturday 6th October 2007
3.00 – 4.00pm
Words of Protest
Programme Timetable
2.00 – 2.15pm: Welcome and Introduction with Maureen Roberts
2.15 – 2.30pm: History of Rebellion and Protest with Kimani Neuhu
2.30 – 3.00pm: Poetic protest with Cyril Husbands. Women’s poetry with Linda Carey.

The Mall (just off Trafalgar Square)
Black History Month 2007

BFI SOUTH BANK
www.bfi.org.uk
1 Belvedere Rd, London, SE1

Admission: £10

Saturday 6th October 2007
10.30am – 4.30pm
Stephen Bourne: Black in the British Frame
A programme event with film historian, Stephen Bourne, who has meticulously documented the contribution of African and African Caribbean actors to film and television in his book Black in the British Frame. A phenomenal event with the opportunity for discussion.

BROADWAY THEATRE
Box Office 020 8690 0002
Tickets in advance £12.50 for adults, £10 for members

Wednesday 6th October 2007
9.00am
Abolitionists
A panel-led talk and Q&A session, with an especially composed musical piece (performed by Africanus Britannicus featuring HKF & Co.) and poetry performance (by the laureate Stephen Bourne) about the Abolition of the slave trade. Also a presentation to the Prof Adley Science Prize short list of Harrow students of African descent. There is particular emphasis on the role of African freedom fighters and Abolitionists, the abolitionists and the abolition, and cross sectional drawing of the slave ship.

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Please find listed a range of events that are happening across Westminster throughout Black History Month. For more events and information check online at www.westminster.gov.uk/blackhistorymonth or visit individual museum and gallery websites for further details.

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

This is a highly important year in black history as it marks the 200th anniversary since the Parliamentary Act to abolish the slave trade. Already many events have taken place in Westminster to remember this important historical date, such as an exhibition on the history of slavery which can be found at the Yaa Asantewaa Arts & Community Centre until 31st October. This is one of a number of events at the Yaa Asantewaa centre which is also hosting theatre productions, youth forums and films to commemorate this anniversary.

A booklet Black History in Westminster has also been produced providing a glimpse into the lives of some of Westminster’s most celebrated black residents through history. The booklet is linked to the Green Plaques scheme, which uses green signs to highlight historic sites across Westminster, including the famous residents described in the booklet. This booklet can be obtained from any Westminster library or viewed online at www.westminster.gov.uk/blackhistorymonth.

Finally, this year the Black History Month coincides with wider work Westminster City Council is undertaking to improve our engagement with Westminster’s Black Majority Churches – a key theme of our One City programme. Building an open and tolerant City around shared values and shared aspirations is central to our One City vision and the contribution of all faith communities, including Black Majority Churches, is essential if we are to achieve our goals of bringing communities together and helping newer communities feel like they belong.

On behalf of the council, I hope that you are able to participate in as many events as you can.

Councillor Daniel P Astaire