

## ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH - BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2018

*\*Events are free unless indicated.*

**Monday 1 October**

### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH LAUNCH EVENT**

**National Maritime Museum, Park Row, Greenwich SE10 9NF**

**5.30pm - 8pm**

The Royal Borough of Greenwich is launching the start of Black History Month and the **58<sup>th</sup> Nigerian Independence** with an array of activities and performances at the National Maritime Museum; exploring Black History through a selection of curated artefacts from the museum's collection, pop-up performances and displays from local artists and makers.

**Tuesday 2 October**

### **BEYOND WINDRUSH TALK AND RECEPTION**

**Woolwich Library, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ**

**6pm – 9pm**

Join Better, Autograph ABP and the Caribbean Social Forum for an evening of talks and archive photographs exploring the long history of migration to Britain from the Caribbean prior to 1948.

Delve in to a series of short talks, and an opportunity to view the pop-up archive 'Exhibition in Box: Black Chronicles' and original photographs from Autographs Archive.

**Wednesday 3 - Wednesday 31 October**

### **THE MISSING CHAPTER: BLACK CHRONICLES EXHIBITION**

**Woolwich Library, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ**

**Library opening times**

Explore Autograph's pop-up photography display featuring 30 remarkable image panels. The Exhibition showcases the diverse 'black presences' in Victorian and Edwardian Britain, offering a unique portrait of black lives and migrant experiences of people of African, Caribbean and South Asian descent during the decades following the birth of photography in 1839. (A series of workshop sessions for schools and adults will take place in the library throughout the month).

**Thursday 4 October**

### **AFRICAN POETS - POETRY AND SPOKEN WORD NIGHT**

**Earl of Chatham, 15 Thomas Street, Woolwich SE18 6HU**

**7.30pm**

Enjoy an evening of African music, poetry and spoken word with Global Fusion Music and Arts, hosted by poet and musician Freddie Macha.

**Thursday 4 October**

**BARBARA GRIFFITH BOOK LAUNCH**

**Woolwich Library, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ**

**4pm**

Visit Woolwich Library for the launch of Barbara Griffith's poetry book based on reminiscences of Barbados.

**Thursday 4 October**

**POETRY FOR A CHANGE**

**West Greenwich Library, 146 Greenwich High Road, West Greenwich, SE10 8NN**

**7pm – 8.30pm**

Come and listen to poetry from diverse cultures, bring your favourite poems to share and write the best 3 lines of the moment together!

Poetry is the language of the spirit, the heart, the soul and it is also the language of emotion in words. Celebrate 'Poetry for Change' with [Peter Godismo](#), a Nigerian poet living in London. His poems cover a wide range of issues, from love, hate, identity, traditions and governance. Peter has published three books: 'A Snake in the King's Palace,' 'Chains & Rings,' and 'Miffed.'

**Friday 5 October**

**[MARSHALL](#) (15) - GFMA WORLD CINEMA NIGHT**

**Charlton House, The Grand Salon, Charlton Road, Charlton SE7 8RE**

**7.30pm £3 (voluntary donation)**

Join Global Fusion Music and Arts (GFMA) for *The story of Thurgood Marshall*. A film about the crusading lawyer and first African-American Supreme Court Justice, as he battles through one of his career-defining cases. Starring Denzel Washington.

**Saturday 6 October**

**[STREETS PAVED WITH GOLD](#) presented by the Caribbean Social Forum**

**The Tramshed, 51-53 Woolwich New Road, Woolwich SE18 6ES**

**6pm – 11pm £15**

In the late 1940's many Caribbean people had responded to advertisements in newspapers, heralding Britain as the 'Mother Country', promising jobs and a better standard of living. *Streets Pathed with Gold*, a play by Victor Richards follows the path of Augustus Cleveland Johnson as he arrives in London at Tilbury docks in 1948. This is the story of his humble beginnings in the mother land; his journey, struggles, triumph, hopes and aspirations. The evening will also feature a performance from Lovers Rock singer Cassandra.

**Saturday 6 October - Saturday 1 December**

**[CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE RACE RELATIONS ACT](#)**

**Thamesmead Information Hub, 216 Yarnton Way, Thamesmead DA19 4DR**

**Open during Hub opening times**

The Houses of Parliament artist in residence Scarlett Crawford has worked with community groups throughout Thamesmead to create work celebrating 50 years of the Race Relations Act and the lives of the residents of Thamesmead. A Peabody and Houses of Parliament partnership project.

**Saturday 6 October**

**PEARL MORRIS character encounter**

**National Maritime Museum, Romney Road, Greenwich SE10 9NF**

**12.00pm, 1pm & 2pm**

Meet Pearl Morris, a Caribbean woman who travelled to Britain in 1948 on the *Empire Windrush*, a passenger liner that brought one of the first large groups of post-war West Indians to the United Kingdom. A matron of the Windrush Generation, Pearl will tell you what life was like for a Caribbean woman in Britain in the 50s, and how she made this island her home.

**Sunday 7 October**

**WOOLWICH LIBRARY FUN PALACE**

**Woolwich Library, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ**

**12pm – 4pm**

Visit Woolwich library for a day celebrating creativity and communities from across the world. A day of crafts, creativity and language; showcasing the libraries reading, language and Wednesday Wellness groups.

**Sunday 7 October**

**DISCOVER SUNDAY**

**National Maritime Museum, Romney Road, Greenwich SE10 9NF**

**11.30am – 1.30pm & 2pm – 4pm**

Create your own ship in a bottle, inspired by the Yinka Shonibare MBE, ship outside the museum. Design your ship's sails to reflect your own cultures and histories, while reflecting on the significance of the hand painted sails on the artwork.

**Sunday 7 October**

**GFMA BLUES NIGHT**

**Earl of Chatham, 15 Thomas Street, Woolwich SE18 6HU**

**7.30pm**

Join Global Fusion Music and Arts (GFMA) for their Black History Month themed blues night with the seven piece Greenwich Blues Band plus guest artists

**Monday 8 – Friday 12 October**

**AFRICAN TRADITIONAL FABRIC DISPLAY**

**Woolwich Library, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ**

**Library opening times**

See the traditional Nigerian costume with a contemporary twist. The costume will be on display with as part of a traditional (mini) Nigerian village kitchen with a range of utensils used to cook traditional foods.

**Wednesday 10 October - Sunday 11 November**

**ANOTHER ENGLAND: HUMAN STORIES**

**Now Gallery, Peninsula Square, Greenwich Peninsula SE10 0SQ**

**Monday - Friday 10am - 7pm**

**Saturday - Sunday 11am - 4pm**

A photographic exhibition surveying historical and contemporary narratives in Black and Asian Heritage in England, in partnership with Historic England. *Another England* weaves together common threads of love, life and social shifts in modern English history, presenting a series of new photographic commissions that reflect multicultural heritage for contemporary diversity.

**Saturday 13 October**

**JOHN SIMMONS character encounter**

**National Maritime Museum, Romney Road, Greenwich SE10 9NF**

**12.00pm, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm**

John Simmonds (1783–1858), was a black sailor who served with Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar, 1805. Developed with John's descendants and using over 40 years of family research, the performance will take you on a journey through the museum, from *Nelson's Ship in a Bottle* by Yinka Shonibare MBE, to the *Nelson, Navy, Nation* gallery.

**Saturday 13 October**

**[DIVERSITY CONFERENCE](#)**

**Bathway Theatre, University of Greenwich, The Old Baths, Bathway SE18 6QX**

**2pm - 6pm**

Greenwich Diversity Groups in collaboration with BEP Education present the Diversity Conference; celebrating our diverse communities, cultures, history of immigration, local achievements and raising awareness of issues affecting our communities. The event will focus on the challenges and achievements within our communities.

The Conference themes will include: Young People and their future, Immigration, Role Models/BAME achievements, Vision for the future, Anti-Poverty/Community Challenges.

**Tuesday 16 - Thursday 18 October**

**THE CONVERSATION BOOTH**

**Woolwich Library, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ**

**Wednesday 11am – 3pm, Thursday 11am - 9pm, Friday 11am – 3pm**

Do you have something to say or a story to tell? Then visit [the Conversation Booth](#) to record your story and hear what others have to say.

**Wednesday 17 October**

**AFRICAN CARIBBEAN READING GROUP**

**Woolwich Library, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ**

**12.30pm - 1.30pm**

Come along and join the monthly African Caribbean Reading Group to discuss a wide range of books including non-fiction, biographies and contemporary fiction.

**Wednesday 17 October**

**CELEBRATING LONDON'S WOMEN OF COLOUR - WORKSHOP**

**Woolwich Library, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ**

**1pm - 4pm**

An exciting and interactive event presented by the Black Heroes Foundation (Joyce Fraser FRSA with Pamela Yvonne-Cole, international singer, songwriter and host). Join them as they present work in relation to Black Female Londoners of note and an open mic available for audience participation. Bring your spoken word or songs to share!

**Wednesday 17 October**

**SLAY IN YOUR LANE**

**Woolwich Library, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ**

**6pm – 8pm**

Join Yomi Adegoke and Elizabeth Uviebinené for an inspirational evening as they discuss their acclaimed guide to life for a generation of British black women.

From education, to work, dating, representation, money and health, *Slay in Your Lane: The Black Girl Bible* explores the uniquely challenging experiences black British women face every day, and offers advice and encouragement on how to navigate them. Yomi and Elizabeth combine their own experiences with interviews with some of the UK's most successful black women. Yomi and Elizabeth will be in conversation with Rasheeda Page-Muir, Director @revolyoutionldn.

**Sunday 21 October**

**BLACK IS THE COLOUR OF MY VOICE**

**Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, Greenwich SE10 8ES**

**7.30pm £16 £13.50 concessions**

Inspired by the life of Nina Simone, *Black Is The Colour Of My Voice* follows a successful jazz singer and civil rights activist seeking redemption after the untimely death of her father. She reflects on the journey that took her from a young piano prodigy destined for a life in the service of the church, to a renowned jazz vocalist at the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement.

Direct from sell-out performances in Shanghai, New York and at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Apphia Campbell returns to Greenwich Theatre following the acclaimed *WOKE* earlier this year.

**Sunday 21 October**

**PLUMSTEAD WRITERS: POETRY WITH RACHAEL JOSEPH**

**Woolwich Library, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ**

**12.30pm – 3.30pm**

Performance artist and poet Rachael Joseph will lead a session exploring memory and experience. This is part of the regular monthly Plumstead Writers' group which takes place at Plumstead Library.

**Monday 22 October**

**HENNA ART**

**Woolwich Library, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ**

**10am – 12pm & 2pm – 4pm**

Come along to Woolwich Library and celebrate Black History Month with a family henna session.

**Tuesday 23 October**

**KNOW YOUR HERBS WORKSHOP**

**Woolwich Library, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ**

**10am – 12pm**

From ancient times, herbs have been known to have savoury, aromatic and medicinal properties. Herbs are easy to procure or grow, cost-effective and safe. This workshop with Eureka Shabazz will help you discover what herbs you can use for different medical conditions and beauty therapy. This session invites every member of the family to come and discover the hidden treasures of herbs. What tried and tested herbs are used in your family? Share your stories and experiences with others.

**Tuesday 23 October**

**BEYOND WINDRUSH ADULT WORKSHOP**

**Woolwich Library, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ**

**2.30pm – 4pm**

A talk by Autograph ABP, in partnership with the Caribbean Social Forum, highlighting the 'black presences' in the UK prior to 1948 using images from their exhibition [The Missing Chapter: Black Chronicles Exhibition](#) on display in the library.

**Wednesday 24 October**

**HENNA DECORATIONS AND PAINTING**

**Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath SE3 7BT**

**11am – 12pm**

Visit Blackheath Library for half term fun and a family henna session.

**Sunday 24 October**

**DISCOVER SUNDAY**

**National Maritime Museum, Romney Road, Greenwich, SE10 9NF**

**1.30pm & 2pm – 4pm**

Be inspired by the Yinka Shonibare MBE ship in a bottle and re-imagine the HMS Queen Charlotte using Ankara fabrics.

**Wednesday 24 October**

**AFRICAN ANIMAL FACE PAINTING**

**Woolwich Library, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ**

**2pm – 4pm**

Celebrate Black History Month with a fun face painting activity, taking inspiration from a range of African animals.

**Thursday 25 October**

**ANKARA FESTIVAL - BLACK FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR GREENWICH (BFEG)**

**Woolwich Library, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ**

**2pm – 8pm**

A platform event showcasing black women's skills and products while promoting black heritage and empowering women from all walks of life to grow through training and development. Featuring a fashion runway show and an exhibition of designers, manufacturers and artisans from Africa and the diaspora. As part of the event there will be the official launch of BFEG and a 'Best Dressed Ankara/Adire Competition.

**Friday 26 October**

**KORA LEGEND MOSI KONDI (ALBUM LAUNCH)**

**Mycenae House, 90 Mycenae Road, Blackheath SE3 7SE**

**7pm £8 advance £10 on the door**

Music from Guinea and West Africa with international Kora Player and Griot Mosi Conde & his amazing 6-piece band performing songs from his new album. Mosi is renowned for his beautiful melodies and stunning vocals.

**Saturday 27 October**

**ATLANTIC WORLDS REIMAGINED**

**National Maritime Museum, Romney Road, Greenwich SE10 9NF**

Goldsmiths University students' sonic takeover of the Atlantic Worlds gallery and a debate in the Lecture Theatre.

Visit the gallery to experience The FXRUM's soundscape which will act as a sonic articulation to enable attendees to rethink how black history is told through musical invocation, whilst also drawing on some of the objects in the gallery. The construction of this collaborative event will be led by FXRUM artists, speakers and performers and requires attendees to engage in a collective process of re-education and healing.

**Tuesday 30 October**

**KECHI'S HAIR: Story time, craft and book signing**

**10am Woolwich Library, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ**

**12.30pm Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath SE3 7BT**

'Kechi's Hair Goes Every Which Way' tells the story of Kechi's beautiful big hair and how her daddy has to make sure she gets ready in time for school. The 'Daddy Do My Hair?' series was inspired by the relationship between author Tola Okogwu's husband and daughter and is designed to challenge some of the perceptions and preconceptions around race, gender roles within parenting, bullying, friendships and relationships.

As a character, Kechi represents little black girls falling in love with their beautiful natural afro hair and her cheeky personality is almost as big as her hair! In this new book we join Kechi and her doggy sidekick, Butterscotch as they try and bamboozle her inexperienced father. But who will get the last laugh?

**Tuesday 30 October**

**BERNADINE EVARISTO - ELTHAM READS**

***Eltham Library, Eltham Centre, Archery Road, Eltham SE9 1HA***

**7pm – 9pm**

The award winning author, Bernadine Evaristo will talk about her book 'Mr Loverman'. Chosen for this year's Elthamread, *Mr Loverman* is a vivid and colourful ground-breaking exploration of Britain's older Caribbean community. Bernardine grew up in Woolwich and attended Eltham Hill Girls Grammar School for seven years before enrolling at Greenwich Young People's Theatre. She is now an award-winning author of eight books of fiction and verse fiction. Her other writing includes short fiction, drama, poetry, essays, literary criticism, and projects for stage and radio. As a longstanding advocate for the inclusion of writers and artists of colour, she has founded a number of schemes to help aspiring writers.

**Friday 16 November**

**PLAINSIGHTSOUND X DECUS**

***Charlton House, Charlton Road, Charlton SE7 8RE***

**7.30pm – 9pm**

As part of the plainsightSOUND project, Decus Ensemble present music by Black British and African classical composers for wind, strings and piano. The evening will include composers working in the late 19<sup>th</sup> - early 20<sup>th</sup> century; from Samuel Coleridge-Taylor to more modern music by Godwin Sadoh and Segun Akinola (recently announced as the new BBC Doctor Who composer). Whether you're a regular concert goer or new to classical music, this promises to be an exciting and interesting performance.