TOWER HAMLETS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

OCTOBER 2015

Celebrating African, Caribbean and Black British Arts, Culture and History

WELCOME
TO BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2015

East London has always been a gateway for new communities from across the world and we are delighted that this October sees a diverse programme of events which take place across Tower Hamlets to celebrate Black History Month.

The line-up includes genres such as heritage, music, film, literature, talks and art which provide a fantastic opportunity to engage with the richness of African Caribbean arts, culture and heritage.

Delve into history through the 'Exploring Archives; Black Ephemera' session, the 'British Empire in Fiji and it's Legacy' day, the Black British History online project at the Idea Store Whitechapel or the 'Black History in Tower Hamlets drop-in Session' at the Local History Library and Archives.

Pictures tell amazing stories and exhibitions showcase vibrant paintings by Mozambique born Nataniel Moaine, 3D design from 'Poetry in Wood' and beautifully composed snapshots of lives across the world which are presented as part of Photomonth.

Screenings range from movies such as 'Selma' and 'Malcolm X' which commemorate 50 years since the passing of the British Race Relations Act, to 'Babylon' which depicts Lewisham in the 1980s, to 'Concerning Violence', a documentary about African liberation movements.

The stage production of 'Rise Up' tells the story of the Freedom Riders, civil rights champions of the 1960s, 'Map of Me' explores the issues of forced migration and 'Lines' looks at the lives of soldiers during peace time.

Sonorous treats are in store throughout the month with evocative live music from Zambian influenced Namvula, Pat Thomas & the Kwashibu Area Band with the 'golden voice of Africa', a Grand Union Youth Orchestra launch event as well as exuberant sonic fusions from Lokito Ya Congo.

Somali Week Festival is back with packed programme including talks, performances, screenings and an exhibition which analyse and celebrate Somali culture, traditions and current affairs, providing insights which go beyond stereotypes.

There are a host of activities for children and families including reading groups, art clubs and more and some lovely community focussed events such as 'Celebrate your Roots' and the Well Being Festival.

Those of all ages and interests will find something to entertain, engage, challenge and inform while they revel in the rich variety of Black History Month.

John Biggs Mayor of Tower Hamlets

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Morning Star Photographic Archive, Bishopsgate Institute

MANDELA

Newsflash: Madiba gone, Mandela dead.
Tata of the nation, proud son.
Twenty-seven as 46664 gone.
Freedom Fighter to President. The Head
of the ANC, revolution cry,
Defiant fist raised, fight to the death "an
ideal for which I am prepared to die."
A long walk to freedom, proud African,
Striving for equality and justice
Human truth and reconciliation.
Shining, selfless example, avoids restless
calls for Boer blood; builds a new nation,
The Rainbow Coalition, colourless.
Everlasting legacy: forgiveness.

Pauline Walker
www.pdwalker.co.uk

KEY ANNIVERSARIES TIMELINE

25 years ago

Nelson Mandela was freed from prison on 2nd February 1990 after 26 years of incarceration at Robben Island, Pollsmoor Prison and Victor Verster Prison respectively. He began negotiations about ending apartheid in South Africa and paved the way for the general election in 1994 and his ensuing presidency for 5 years as head of state. The impact of his actions and legacy is global, and ongoing.

50 years ago

The Race Relations Act 1965 was the first legislation in the United Kingdom to address racial discrimination. The Act outlawed discrimination on the "grounds of colour, race, or ethnic or national origins" in public places. It also prompted the creation of The Race Relations Board (in 1966), to consider complaints under the Act.

100 years ago

Billie Holiday was born Eleanora Fagan on April 7, 1915). She was an American jazz singer and songwriter. Nicknamed "Lady Day" by her friend and musical partner Lester Young, Holiday had a seminal influence on jazz and pop singing. Her vocal style, strongly inspired by jazz instrumentalists, pioneered a new way of manipulating phrasing and tempo.

Billie Holiday and her dog Mister, New York, c. June 1946

150 years ago

The Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution abolished slavery and involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a crime. In Congress, it was passed by the Senate on April 8, 1864, and by the House on January 31, 1865.

UNTOLD MEMORIES: NATANIEL MOIANE

Thursday 1 – Friday 30 October
Mon – Fri 9:00 – 18:00, Sat 10:30 – 17:00
BRADY ARTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE

This collection of paintings by award winning Mozambique-born artist Nataniel Moiane attests to the skill and energy with which he tackles life's challenges and depicts dialogues between cultures and continents using colour and to some extent, abstract forms. Now living in East London, the works are a vibrant response to a modern and fractured world.

Tower Hamlets Council
020 7364 7900
nataniel.moiane@gmx.com
www.natanielmoiane.com
www.facebook.com/moiane.nathan
FREE | Everyone

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PHOTOMONTH EAST LONDON

Thursday 1 October – Monday 30 November
Times vary
VARIOUS VENUES

Exhibitions and events exploring the diversity of contemporary photography in galleries and venues across East London.

Alternative Arts
020 8800 6665
info@alternativearts.co.uk
www.photomonth.org
www.facebook.com/pages/Photomonth/110774345619739
@photomonth
FREE | Everyone

DAILY SERIAL

Thursday 1 – Friday 30 October
Daily at 15:30
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

We will be reading "Whizziwig" every weekday in October. A small furry Alien crash landing on earth ends up on Ben wardrobe... So the adventure begins.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
020 7364 4332
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
www.ideastore.co.uk
FREE | Ages 5 – 11

KEY TO CATEGORY ICONS

- Arts, Crafts & Exhibitions
- Dance, Drama & Music
- Film
- Heritage
- Literature, Storytelling and the Spoken Word
- Sports
- Current Affairs

TEENAGE BOOK GROUP

Thursday 1 October
16:00
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

The Colour Purple by Alice Walker. A story on the lives of African American women in Georgia in the 1930's.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
020 7364 4332
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
www.ideastore.co.uk
FREE | Ages 12 – 15

POETRY AND ART WORKSHOP

Thursday 1 October
18:00 – 19:30
CUBITT TOWN LIBRARY

Cezanne Poetess is a London-based artist, poet and author who also runs a Poetry & Art Retreat on the Carribbean island of Grenada. She will host a poetry and art workshop exploring how colours can affect your moods, as well as how to use poetry to explore your feelings.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
020 7364 4332
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
www.ideastore.co.uk
www.cezannepoetess.com
FREE | Everyone

HOUSE OF TALENT

Thursday 1 October
18:30-21:00
BRADY ARTS CENTRE

Young people can take part in FREE rap and music production on every Thursday during BHM. Sessions focus on developing talent for our Raw Talent competition celebrating music of black origin, which takes place in December. There is also the opportunity to get involved in our new production 'Rapture' with your own composed raps and spoken word pieces. Auditions in October half term.

Tower Hamlets Council's 'A' Team Arts
020 7364 7911
canan.salih@towerhamlets.gov.uk
www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/arts
FREE – please book in advance
13-19 yrs who live/study in Tower Hamlets

Image courtesy of 'A' Team Arts

Image courtesy of Robert Day / Theatre Cent

RISE UP

Thursday 1 October
18:30
MULBERRY & BIGLAND GREEN CENTRE

The inspirational and moving stories of the Freedom Riders – principled American citizens in the 1960s who peacefully challenged the racism of the Deep South. What does it mean for people to come together and rise up? From the writer and director of Writers' Guild Best Play for Young Audiences 2011.

Theatre Centre
020 7729 3066
admin@theatre-centre.co.uk
www.theatre-centre.co.uk
facebook.com/TheatreCentreUK
@TCLive
FREE – to reserve tickets phone or email | Young Adults & Adults

MAKING TRACKS: NAMVULA

Thursday 1 October
20:00
RICH MIX

Namvula's songs are inspired by life and the power of the stories that it holds. Evocative, lyrical and with a refreshing honesty, Namvula draws heavily on her Zambian heritage.

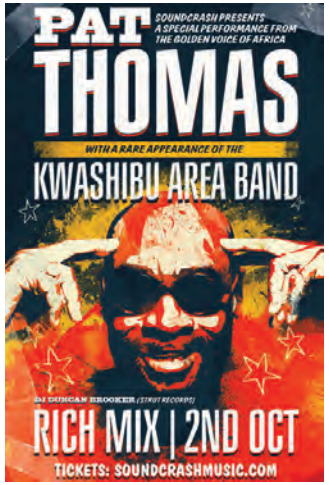
Kapa Productions
07801 263863
www.kapa-productions.com/news
www.facebook.com/pages/KAPA-Productions/276823012351550
@kapaproductions
£12, £10 advance | Young Adults & Adults

SOUNDCRASH: PAT THOMAS + KWASHIBU AREA BAND

Friday 2 October
19:00
RICH MIX

Soundcrash presents... The golden voice of Africa. Pat Thomas & Kwashibu Area Band.

Soundcrash productions
020 7729 4882
www.soundcrashmusic.com
www.facebook.com/soundcrashmusic
@SoundcrashHQ
£22.50 | Everyone



ABU JAFAR: RONG

Friday 2 – Thursday 29 October
All day
RICH MIX

This exhibition will involve an installation covering nearly 36 sq. meters alongside painting and sculpture by Abu Jafar, a British international artist. Exhibition RONG is a little reflection of Jafar's work over two decades of an artistic journey in the UK and abroad.

Abujafar LTD Co.
07935 451996
www.abujafar.com
www.facebook.com/pages/Abu-Jafar/119171701454075
@abujafar
FREE | Everyone

FAMILY READING GROUP

Saturday 3 October
14:15
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Amazing Grace, Anansi Spider, Lion and the Mouse, Handa's Surprise. During Black History Month we have an exciting mixture of firm favourites for our family to read. Come along and join us.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
020 7364 4332
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
www.ideastore.co.uk
FREE | Families & Children

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EXPLORING ARCHIVES: BLACK EPHEMERA

Saturday 3 October
14:00 – 16:00
BISHOPSGATE INSTITUTE

This is an opportunity to learn about several UK collections and archives including the Bernie Grant Archive at Bishopsgate Institute and the Black Cultural Archives. By exploring newspapers, magazines, postcards, hand bills and pamphlets, a range of speakers will cover different historical perspectives and the role of ephemera in promoting political activity, grass roots activism and cultural heritage. There will also be the chance to view items from the Bernie Grant Archive for an hour before and after the event in Bishopsgate Library.

Speakers include:
Patrick Vernon OBE (social commentator and political activist) on Black Ephemera: Consuming Stereotypes and Identities.

Jeffrey Green (historian) on Edwardian Postcards Victoria Northridge (Black Cultural Archives) on Lesser Known Campaigns of the 1980s.

Stefan Dickers (Bishopsgate Institute) on Fighting for Justice: Campaign Ephemera in the Bernie Grant Archive.

Bishopsgate Institute
020 7392 9200
enquires@bishopsgate.org.uk
www.bishopsgate.org.uk
www.facebook.com/BishopsgateInstitute
@bishopsgateinst
FREE (Advance booking recommended) | Ages 18+

Bernie Grant – victory photograph following his election as Haringey Council Leader, 1985 (Bernie Grant Archive, Bishopsgate Institute Archive)

Claude Deppa & Lilia Loncheva & Grand Union World Choir @ Undream'd Shores, Hackney Empire 2014. By Terry Braun

OLD SONGS IN A NEW LAND

Saturday 3 October
19:30
ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BETHNAL GREEN

A gala event to launch Black History Month, hosted by the Grand Union World Choir and Youth Orchestra, with special guest artists, celebrating the extraordinarily rich variety of music from around the world flourishing in Tower Hamlets today, brought to East London by generations of migrants over the centuries.

Grand Union Orchestra
020 8981 1551
www.grandunion.org.uk
www.tonyhaynesmusic.wordpress.com
www.facebook.com/grandunionorchestra
@grandunionorchestra
Entry by donation | Everyone

BLACK HISTORY ART CLUB FOR CHILDREN

Sunday 4 October
14:00 – 15:00
IDEA STORE CHRISP STREET
IDEA STORE WHITECHAPEL
IDEA STORE BOW

Learn about black history and culture through art and creativity. This is a great way to learn new creative techniques and make new friends. This week's focus will be on African landscape and wildlife painting.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
020 7364 4332
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
www.ideastore.co.uk
FREE | Ages 5 – 13

ART CLUB SUNDAY

Sunday 4 October
14:00 – 15:30
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Join us in October for Martin Luther King's "I have a dream scroll". You can join us over the weeks to add to the scroll you can also design your own colourful African prints and take part in black & white collage.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
020 7364 4332
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
www.ideastore.co.uk
FREE | Ages 5 – 13

BOYS BOOK GROUP

Monday 5 October
16:00
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman. A well written moving tale, follow the story of Cameron a 13yr old boy dying of heart disease join him in his fight for survival.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
020 7364 4332
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
www.ideastore.co.uk
FREE | Ages 5 – 12

MAKEBA

Monday 5 October
19:00
RICH MIX

Makeba means greatness and that is what this platform promises. It will offer artists, musicians, performers, designers, playwrights, film makers, poets and academics a platform and create an environment of discourse, education and growth. In our vision, connections and works will be a by-product of this space, forming a blueprint for an account of the contemporary African.

Rich Mix
020 7613 7498
www.richmix.org.uk
boxoffice@richmix.org.uk
FREE | Ages 13-25

CAPOEIRA FOR ADULTS

Monday 5 October
19:00 – 21:00
BRADY ARTS CENTRE

Capoeira is a Brazilian art which fuses martial arts with dance, music and acrobatics. It's a fabulous way to be fit, flexible and strong whilst having FUN.

Brazil Arte
07894 716833
Info@brazilarte.org
www.capoeiralondon.org
£10 per class | Everyone

GIRLS BOOK GROUP

Tuesday 6 October
16:00
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Noughts & Crosses by Malorie Blackman. Forbidden love and racism, a young adult fiction novel guaranteed to keep you coming back for more.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
020 7364 4332
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
www.ideastore.co.uk
FREE | Ages 5 – 12

CIVILISED CINEMA: DOUBLE BILL

Tuesday 6 October
18:00 – 23:00
GENESIS CINEMA

Double-bill of civil rights films commemorating 50 years since the passing of the British Race Relations Act, voting rights in the US and the death of Malcolm X featuring 'Selma', 'Malcolm X', 'The Black Panther: Vanguard of the Revolution' and 'Dear White People'. There will be a post screening discussion and entertainment. These will feature on both 6th & 20th October with further dates tbc. Contact TNBFC for more details.

The New Black Film Collective
020 8470 0692
info@tnbfc.co.uk
www.tnbfc.co.uk
www.facebook.com/TheNewBlack/Film/Collective
www.twitter.com/TNBFC
FREE | See film classification

COMPUTER CLUB

Wednesday 7 October
16:00
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Each week during Black History Month we will be gathering information on famous black sports men and women such as Jessie Owens, Usain Bolt, Muhammad Ali, Althea Gibson and Serena Williams.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
020 7364 4332
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
www.ideastore.co.uk
FREE | Ages 7 – 12

CAPOEIRA FOR ADULTS

Wednesday 7 October
19:00 – 21:00
BRADY ARTS CENTRE

Every Monday and Wednesday throughout the month. See Monday 5th October for details.

TEENAGE BOOK GROUP

Thursday 8 October
16:00
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Every Thursday throughout the month. See Thursday 1st October for details.

Victoria Park Singers present a gospel workshop with award winning conductor Colin Anderson

GOSPEL WORKSHOP WITH COLIN ANDERSON

Thursday 8 October
19:00 – 21:00
ROYAL INN ON THE PARK

In celebration of Black History Month, Victoria Park Singers are thrilled to present a workshop with choir leader Colin Anderson. Colin is a well known conductor on the British Gospel scene, and his choir (Town Hall Gospel Choir) won BBC Gospel Choir of the Year, in 2013. Learn about the history of gospel, and sing some of Colin's great arrangements. No previous experience necessary.

Victoria Park Singers
@vicparksingers
www.facebook.com/victoriaparksingers
Book at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2008558
£15 | Ages 18+

HOUSE OF TALENT

Thursday 8 October
18:30 – 21:00
BRADY ARTS CENTRE

Youth arts workshops which happen every Thursday throughout October with a focus on rap and performing arts to celebrate Black History Month. See Thursday 1st October for details.

THE ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL PRINT EXHIBITION

Friday 9 – Tuesday 13 October
10:00 – 18:00
OLD TRUMAN BREWERY. F BLOCK G4

The Royal Photographic Society's annual International Print Exhibition is now in its 158th year and is the longest running photographic exhibition in the world, having been staged almost every year since The Society's formation in 1853.

The exhibition of 100 prints is being shown at PHOTOBLOCK as part of Photomonth, East London's International Photography Festival.

This year, the open competition attracted nearly 5,000 images from photographers in 52 countries worldwide, embracing all genres and styles of photography, the exhibition showcases photographic technique and ideas rich in meaning and message, which will challenge your ideas and capture your imagination.

The Royal Photographic Society
01225 325733
www.rps.org
www.facebook.com/royalphotographicsociety
FREE | Everyone

The Ethiopian runner Genzebe Dibaba powers ahead to lead and win the Womens International 3km event at the BUPA Great Cross Country Run in Edinburgh, January 2013. I was struck by the difference in expression of Dibaba with that of her nearest rival and fellow Ethiopian, Meseret Defar.

©Martin Watt, Royal Photographic Society International Print Exhibition

FAMILY READING GROUP

Saturday 10 October
14:15
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Every Saturday throughout October. See Saturday 3rd October for details.

BLACK HISTORY ART CLUB FOR CHILDREN

Sunday 11 October
14:00 – 15:00
IDEA STORE CHRISP STREET
IDEA STORE WHITECHAPEL
IDEA STORE BOW

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
020 7364 4332
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
www.ideastore.co.uk
FREE | Ages 5 – 13

Learn about black history and culture through art and creativity. This is a great way to learn new creative techniques and make new friends. This week's theme will be 'Let's create Notting Hill Festival'.

ART CLUB SUNDAY

Sunday 11 October
14:00 – 15:30
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Every Sunday throughout the month. See Sunday 4th October for details.

BOYS BOOK GROUP

Monday 12 October
16:00
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Every Monday throughout the month. See Monday 5th October for details.

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Azfa Awad, Map of Me,
Half Moon Theatre

MAP OF ME

Monday 12 – Saturday 17 October
PERFORMANCES – Mon & Thur 16:30 & 19:00, Tue & Fri 16.30,
Wed – 10.30 & 13.30, Sat – 15:00 & 19:00

Half Moon Theatre
020 7709 8900
www.halfmoon.org.uk
www.facebook.com/halfmoontheatre
@HalfMoonTheatre
Performances £6, workshops FREE | Ages 13+

WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSIONS

Saturday 17 October
13:45 – 18:45
HALF MOON THEATRE

From baking African deserts to the snow angels of a UK winter, this emotional and heartfelt journey reveals a compelling tale of forced migration. It tells the story of a young girl fleeing war in her homeland as she tries to find safety, identity and a place to belong.

There will be a series of FREE events for young people to accompany the two Saturday performances exploring issues around young refugees, working with Tower Hamlets New Residents and Refugee Forum, Counterpoints Arts and the creators of acclaimed film Leave to Remain.

SCRIPTWRITING WORKSHOP

Sat 13:45 – 14:45
This rapid-write workshop, led by playwright Leesa Gazi, will take participants through a series of quick-fire writing exercises to create character relationships and imaginative theatrical worlds. Using the play as a starting point, this is a perfect opportunity to enhance students' understanding of the craft of playwriting.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Sat 16:30 – 17:30
Unaccompanied minors arriving in the UK: exploring the facts, overturning stereotypes and understanding work with young refugees. To include an extract from the film Leave to Remain. Panel to include theatre and television professionals and experts on the situation of unaccompanied minors.

SPOKEN WORK WORKSHOP

Sat 17:45 – 18:45
A workshop with spoken word artist Concise One, offering young people the opportunity to learn how to tell their own stories through the medium of spoken word.

CAPOEIRA FOR ADULTS

Monday 12 October
19:00 – 21:00
BRADY ARTS CENTRE

Every Monday and Wednesday throughout the month. See Monday 5th October for details.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND IDENTITY IN CONTEMPORARY VISUAL ART

Tuesday 13 October
15:00 – 16:00
IDEA STORE WHITECHAPEL

We will be using Idea Store digital resources to explore the lives and work of African, Caribbean and African American academic and folk artists.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
020 7364 4332
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
www.ideastore.co.uk
FREE | Young Adults & Adults

GIRLS BOOK GROUP

Tuesday 13 October
16:00
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Every Tuesday throughout the month. See Tuesday 6th October for details.

BABYLON FILM SCREENING

Tuesday 13 October
17:00 – 19:00
IDEA STORE CHRISP STREET

To celebrate Black History Month, we are doing a film screening of Babylon! Brilliantly depicting the lives and cultures of West Indian and Black youths in Lewisham in the early 1980s, this film introduces the DJ for Brixton reggae sound system 'Ital Lion Sound'. Blue (Brinsley Forde) is getting ready for the local sound system showdown with rival crew, Jah Shaka, but as the day of the competition approaches, Blue suddenly sees his life falling apart.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
020 7364 4332
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
www.ideastore.co.uk
FREE | Ages 15+

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BLACK BRITISH HISTORY ONLINE

Wednesday 14 October
14:00 – 15:00
IDEA STORE WHITECHAPEL

We will be using Idea Store digital resources, including The Oxford Companion to Black British History and the Dictionary of National Biography, to find out more about the long and fascinating history of black people in the British Isles from Roman times to the present day.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
020 7364 4332
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
www.ideastore.co.uk
FREE | Young Adults & Adults

CINDERELLA ROCKERFELLA

Wednesday 14 – Saturday 17 October
Wed &Thurs 10:00 – 15:00, Fri & Sat 11:00-20:00
STUDIO B6 BOW BUSINESS CENTRE

Take a look into past and present dress styles of the Caribbean including the traditional Native & National dress of the Caribbean Wob Dwiyet (Creole, from the French 'robe douiette'). And let's not forget the traditional language – Keyowe'.

Bella or Jessi
07984 025157 | 07944 288873
FREE | Everyone

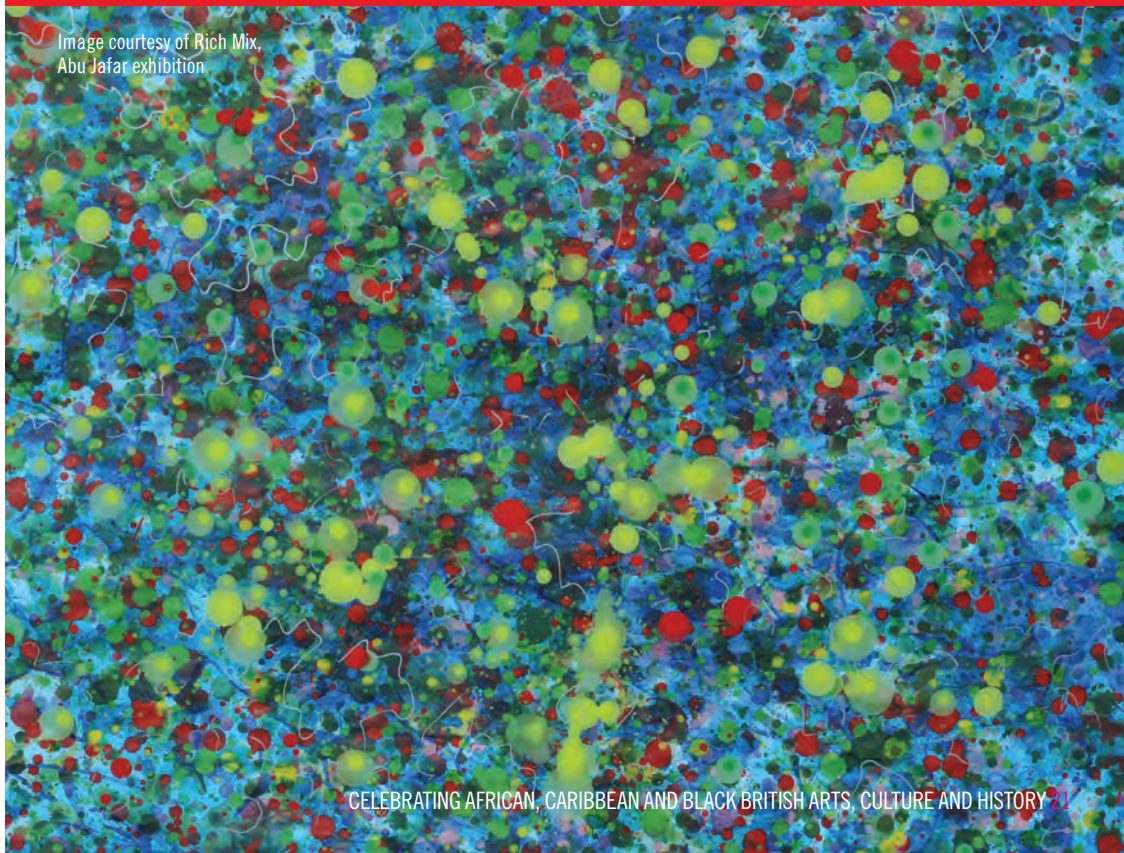

Image courtesy of Rich Mix, Abu Jafar exhibition

COMPUTER CLUB – BLACK SPORTS MEN & WOMEN

Wednesday 14 October
16:00
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Every Wednesday throughout the month. See Wednesday 7th October for details.

CAPOEIRA FOR ADULTS

Wednesday 14 October
19:00 – 21:00
BRADY ARTS CENTRE

Every Monday and Wednesday throughout the month. See Monday 5th October for details.

TEENAGE BOOK GROUP

Thursday 15 October
16:00
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Every Thursday throughout the month. See Thursday 1st October for details.

BOOKS AROUND THE WORLD

Thursday 15 October
16:30 – 17:15
CUBITT TOWN LIBRARY

The children's foreign language library and storytelling group presents a special Black History Month edition of its monthly storytime session, featuring stories and rhymes in Somali, French and Portuguese. Ideal for bilingual children between the ages of 3-6. All welcome.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
020 7364 4332
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
www.ideastore.co.uk
www.cezannepoetess.com
FREE | Ages 3-6

HOUSE OF TALENT

Thursday 15 October
18:30 – 21:00
BRADY ARTS CENTRE

Youth arts workshops which happen every Thursday throughout October with a focus on rap and performing arts to celebrate Black History Month. See Thursday 1st October for details.

FAMILY READING GROUP

Saturday 17 October
14:15
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Every Saturday throughout October. See Saturday 3rd October for details.

BLACK HISTORY ART CLUB FOR CHILDREN

Sunday 18 October
14:00 – 15:00
IDEA STORE CHRISP STREET
IDEA STORE WHITECHAPEL
IDEA STORE BOW

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020 7364 4332
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
www.ideastore.co.uk
FREE | Ages 5 – 13

Learn about black history and culture through art and creativity. This is a great way to learn new creative techniques and make new friends. This week's theme will be 'Discover famous African artwork'.

ART CLUB SUNDAY

Sunday 18 October
14:00 – 15:30
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Every Sunday throughout the month. See Sunday 4th October for details.

BETTER FOR KNOWING YOU

Monday 19 October – Thursday 26 November
Mon – Fri 8:30 – 20:00
MONTEFIORE CENTRE RECEPTION AREA

Poetry In Wood
020 7375 3933
Jackie@poetryinwood.org.uk
www.poetryinwood.org
www.facebook.com/PoetryInWood
FREE | Everyone

Poetry in Wood is a teaching and employment project for people with learning disabilities. This art exhibition is a celebration of the different cultures that make Tower Hamlets the place it is.

Image Courtesy Tower Hamlets Community Housing

BLACK HISTORY EXHIBITION

Monday 19 October – Friday 30 October
9:30 – 16:30
THCH HEAD OFFICE

Come along and view a plethora of information, art and culture celebrating a rich history and culture at THCH's Black History Exhibition.

Put together using material donated by THCH's staff and friends, the exhibition will provide visitors with an eye-opening array of fascinating information which will be sure to enthral any visitor.

Tower Hamlets Community Housing (THCH)
020 7780 3070
www.thch.org.uk
Tower Hamlets Community Housing
@THCH_Ltd
FREE | Everyone

BOYS BOOK GROUP

Monday 19 October
16:00
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Every Monday throughout the month. See Monday 5th October for details.

CAPOEIRA FOR ADULTS

Monday 19 October
19:00 – 21:00
BRADY ARTS CENTRE

Every Monday and Wednesday throughout the month. See Monday 5th October for details.

YARAM PRESENTS LOKITO YA CONGO IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Monday 19 October
20:00

Rich Mix Lokito Ya Congo is devoted to introducing you to the essence of the vast musical heritage of Central Africa. This is made possible by our experienced musicians who know this fantastic music style inside out!

Yaram
www.yaram.org
www.facebook.com/yaramarts?sk=wall
@YaramArtsUK
£10, £8 advance | Everyone

GIRLS BOOK GROUP

Tuesday 20 October
16:00
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Every Tuesday throughout the month. See Tuesday 6th October for details.

MALCOLM X

Tuesday 20 October
17:00 – 19:00
IDEA STORE CHRISP STREET

Screening of the film about the life of the controversial black leader Malcolm X, who emerged from the streets to become a powerful voice for the black rights movement in America. The film follows X (Denzel Washington) from his days as a Harlem pusher, through his conversion to Islam in prison, his pilgrimage to Mecca and finally to his assassination. This is a great way to learn about different cultures as part of Black History Month.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
020 7364 4332
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
www.ideastore.co.uk
FREE | Ages 15+

CIVILISED CINEMA

Tuesday 20 October
18:00 – 23:00
GENESIS CINEMA

Double-bill of civil rights films commemorating 50 years since the passing of the British Race Relations Act, voting rights in the US and the death of Malcolm X featuring 'Selma', 'Malcolm X', 'The Black Panther: Vanguard of the Revolution' and 'Dear White People'. There will be a post screening discussion and entertainment.

These will feature on both 6th & 20th October with further dates tbc. Contact TNBFC for more details.

The New Black Film Collective
020 8470 0692
info@tnbfc.co.uk
www.tnbfc.co.uk
www.facebook.com/TheNewBlack/Film/Collective
@TNBFC
FREE | See film classification

COMPUTER CLUB – BLACK SPORTS MEN & WOMEN

Wednesday 21 October
16:00
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Every Wednesday throughout the month. See Wednesday 7th October for details.

CAPOEIRA FOR ADULTS

Wednesday 21 October
19:00 – 21:00
BRADY ARTS CENTRE

Every Monday and Wednesday throughout the month. See Monday 5th October for details.

'CONCERNING VIOLENCE' FILM SCREENING – BLACK MENTAL HEALTH PANEL DISCUSSION

Wednesday 21 October (to be confirmed)
19:00
LIMEWHARF

Film screening of 'Concerning Violence' an archive driven documentary about African liberation movements. Narration is provided by Lauryn Hill reading from Frantz Fanon's 'Wretched of the Earth'. The film will be followed by a panel discussion about intergenerational trauma within black communities in light of colonialism. Please check screening date with organisers.

Daily Life Ltd
020 8519 2988
www.dailylifeltd.co.uk
@dailylifeltd
£5 / £3 (Concessions) | Ages 15+

TEENAGE BOOK GROUP

Thursday 22 October
16:00
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Every Thursday throughout the month. See Thursday 1st October for details.

KEY TO CATEGORY ICONS

- Arts, Crafts & Exhibitions
- Dance, Drama & Music
- Film
- Heritage
- Literature, Storytelling and the Spoken Word
- Sports
- Current Affairs

HOUSE OF TALENT

/ 22 October
1:00
TS CENTRE

Youth arts workshops which happen every Thursday throughout October with a focus on rap and performing arts to celebrate Black History Month. See Thursday 1st October for details.

BLACK HISTORY IN TOWER HAMLETS

Thursday 22 October
17:30-19:30
TOWER HAMLETS LOCAL HISTORY LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

Come along to this drop-in session where participants will have the chance to explore a wide range of material, including photographs, newspaper cuttings and archival documents, which illustrate the different stories and experiences of black people living in London's East End.

Tower Hamlets Local History Library and Archives
020 7364 1290
www.ideastore.co.uk/local-history
www.facebook.com/THLHA
FREE | Adults & children aged 11+

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SOMALILAND CALLING

Friday 23 October – Sunday 1 November
Mon – Fri 9:00 – 22:00
Weekends 10:00 – 14:00
OXFORD HOUSE

As part of both Photomonth and Somali Week Festival, this exhibition demonstrates how for the past three years Kate Stanworth has documented the Hargeysa International Book Fair, an important celebration of Somali arts and literature. This exhibition also showcases the work of young Somaliland photographers exploring the everyday life and culture of the region, beyond media stereotypes of terrorism and warlords.

Oxford House and Kayd
020 7739 9001
www.oxfordhouse.org.uk
info@oxfordhouse.org.uk
www.kayd.org
@katestanworth
FREE | Everyone

For full, London-wide listings for Somali Week Festival, including details of the launch event on 23rd October, please go to **www.kayd.org**

SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL: SOMALI POETRY IN ENGLIGH (ENGLISH – SOMALI)

Friday 23 October
18:00 – 22:00
OXFORD HOUSE

07903 712 949
ayan_mahamoud@kayd.org
www.kayd.org
£5 | Everyone

Somali Week Festival 2015 gets into gear at its well-established venue in Bethnal Green. The evening will be introduced by Martin Orwin, scholar and writer, specialising in languages and cultures and Senior Lecturer in Somali and Amharic at the School of Oriental and African Studies, who has co-translated the work of Anab Guleid and Asha-Luul Mohamoud with Clare Pollard. Anab Guleid is one of the few Somali women renowned for reciting the gabay, traditionally a male art form, breaking the boundaries placed upon women's artistic freedom. Asha-Luul Mohamoud is one of the leading poets in Somali language in the UK. She has her own art show, Abwaanka iyo Ereyga, on the Somaliland National TV.

Concert: Qaraami night with Daud Ali Masahaf, Nimo Degan, Said Hussein and Khadar.

Daud Ali Masahaf is one of the last skilled lute players who had the privilege of performing with legends, the likes of Magool and Mandeeq. Said Hussein and Khadar are also prominent lute players and drummers, they will play for Nimco Degan, a popular vocalist living in Birmingham.

Kayd Somali Arts & Culture in partnership with the Poetry Translation Centre.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE IN FIJI AND ITS LEGACY: INDIAN INDENTURED LABOURERS, EXILE AND MODERN DAY MULTICULTURALISM

Saturday 24 October
14:00 – 21:00
RICH MIX

Brick Lane Circle
07914 119282
www.bricklanecircle.org
bricklanecircle@yahoo.co.uk
FREE | Everyone

A film screening (Sahara), lecture (A Life in Exile) and an exhibition (Empire, Exile and Sugar Plantations), will explore the journey of and raise awareness of experiences of Indian indentured labourers in Fiji. The film is about current social issues and multiculturalism in the Island of Fiji and has both native and Indian characters. The film explores many issues linked to exile and racial harmony and includes exploitation of both Indians and Native Fijians. The film show will be preceded by a lecture by the Director Dr Satish Rai on 'A Life in Exile'. There will be an exhibition running from 2pm onward during the day on the story and experiences of Indian indentured labourers taken to Fiji by the British Empire to work on sugar plantations and their interactions with native Fijians. In addition we aim to put on show some Indigenous Fijian performances.

FAMILY READING GROUP

Saturday 24 October
14:15
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Every Saturday throughout October. See Saturday 3rd October for details.

SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL: REVIVING TRADITIONAL SPACES (SOMALI)

Saturday 24 October
18:00 – 22:00
OXFORD HOUSE

Kayd Somali Arts & Culture
07903 712 949
ayan_mahamoud@kayd.org
www.kayd.org
Contact Kayd for pricing | Everyone

The Horn of Africa is often referred to as the 'nation of poets'. As Somali culture is predominantly and historically an oral one, most of its history and storytelling has been narrated through poetic art forms. Somali poetry is hugely diverse. Some, such as gabay, are traditionally recited by men and others like buraanbur, are recited by women. This evening will celebrate and showcase the best of Somali poetry, presenting the work of artists who are creatively reviving and reworking these traditional art forms. Writer and scholar Rashiid Sheikh Abdillahi will deliver an introductory talk, followed by a conversation between poetic heavy weights Dayrwaa and Cabdulqaadir Cabdi Shube.

SAVE RUBYYY JONES PRESENTS: BLACKSPLOITATION

Saturday 24 October
21:00
RICH MIX

020 7503 1645
www.arcolatheatre.com
creativeengagement@arcolatheatre.com
www.facebook.com/arcolatheatre
@ArcolaTheatre
£10 | Ages 18+

Blacksploitation is an electric and eclectic cabaret extravaganza featuring an incredible cast of performers representing the Queer/Trans People of Colour (QTPOC) community and their allies. This event will focus specifically on black performers in the UK burlesque, cabaret and performance scene.

Save Rubyyy Jones in association with Arcola Theatre and Rich Mix.

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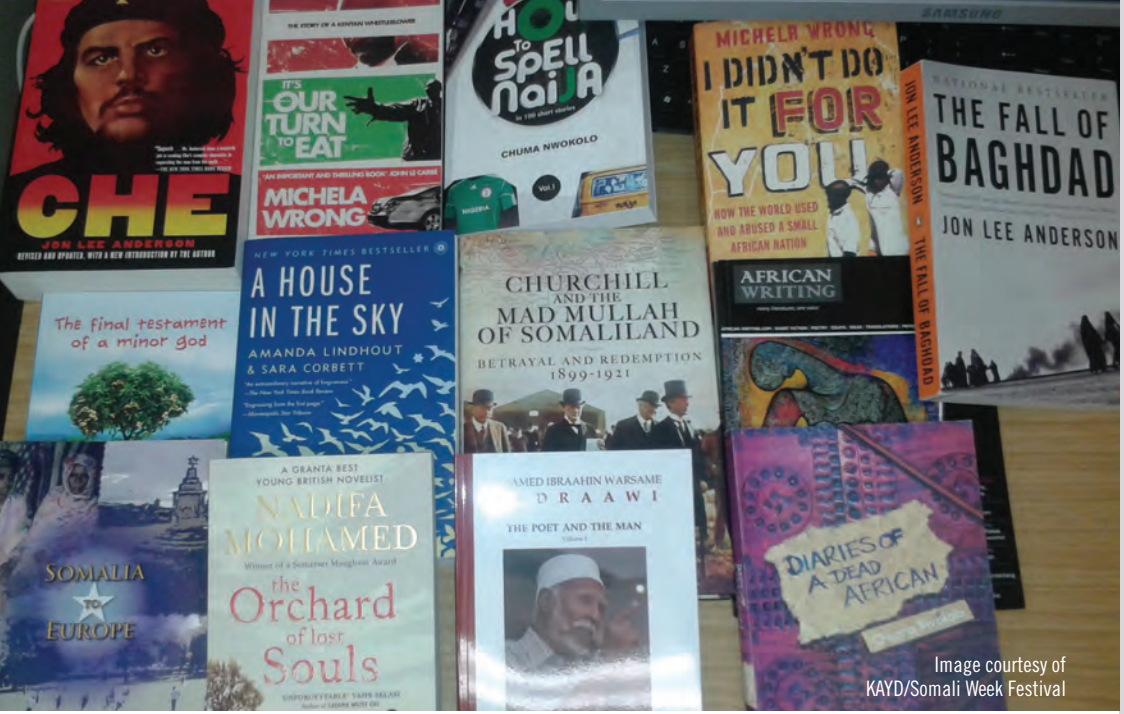

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PANCHA KABI-CELEBRATING WORKS OF FIVE GREAT COMPOSERS OF BENGAL

Sunday 25 October
12:00 – 15:00
RICH MIX

Satyen Sen School of Performing Arts
www.soyttensenschool.co.uk
FREE | Families & children under 13

Pancha Kabi is a celebration of the works of five great Bengali composers. It includes a colourful presentation by children with the writings and compositions for children by these great thinkers. "Desh", a composition of music, dance and poetry expressing the love and devotion for the the Bengali homeland is the key feature of the programme.

BLACK HISTORY ART CLUB FOR CHILDREN

Sunday 25 October
14:00 – 15:00
IDEA STORE CHRISP STREET
IDEA STORE WHITECHAPEL
IDEA STORE BOW

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
020 7364 4332
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
www.ideastore.co.uk
FREE | Ages 5 – 13

Learn about black history and culture through art and creativity. This is a great way to learn new creative techniques and make new friends. This week's theme will be 'Discover famous Caribbean artwork'.

ART CLUB SUNDAY

Sunday 25 October
14:00 – 15:30
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Every Sunday throughout the month. See Sunday 4th October for details.

CELEBRATE YOUR ROOTS

Sunday 25 October
16:00 – 22:00
ST. MATTHIAS COMMUNITY CENTRE

South Poplar & Limehouse Action for Secure Housing (SPLASH)
020 7987 0257
www.splashcommunity.com
FREE | Everyone

An afternoon of music and dance organised by young people to celebrate their roots and to bring together local people, families and friends. There will be cultural refreshments and people will be invited to share poetry and songs.

SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL: ART AT THE MARGINS (SOMALI – ENGLISH)

Sunday 25 October
18:00 – 20:00
OXFORD HOUSE

Kayd Somali Arts & Culture
07903 712 949
ayan_mahamoud@kayd.org
www.kayd.org
Contact Kayd for pricing | Everyone

This event is dedicated to art forms and art spaces that are at risk of being lost or pushed to the margins. Writer and scholar Barwaaqo and Theatre Director Abdi-Dhuh Yusuf will engage in a conversation on the topic of space, reflect on their work and what the future holds for Somali language, music and theatre. They will be joined by poets Mustafe Shiekh Elmi and Said Salah Ahmed.

BOYS BOOK GROUP

Monday 26 October
16:00
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Every Monday throughout the month. See Monday 5th October for details.

JAHANARA IMAM – OF BLOOD & FIRE

Monday 26 October
18.00
MONTEFIORE CENTRE

Swadhinata Trust
07908 376252
admin@swadhinata.org.uk
www.swadhinata.org.uk
FREE but booking is essential | Everyone

Julie Begum will give a talk on Jahanara Imam (3 May 1929 – 26 June 1994) who was a Bengali writer and a political activist. She is most widely remembered for her efforts to seek justice for Bangladesh war victims and opposing extremism.

CAPOEIRA FOR ADULTS

Monday 26 October
19:00 – 21:00
BRADY ARTS CENTRE

Every Monday and Wednesday throughout the month. See Monday 5th October for details.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION – GATEWAY RESIDENTS ONLY

Tuesday 27 October
12:00
GATEWAY HOUSING ASSOCIATION OFFICE

Gateway Housing Association
020 8709 4360
involvement@gatewayhousing.org,uk
FREE | Gateway residents only

Gateway residents are invited to celebrate Black History Month 2015. There will be home cooked Caribbean food, live entertainment and inspirational speeches.

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GIRLS BOOK GROUP

Tuesday 27 October
16:00
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Every Tuesday throughout the month. See Tuesday 6th October for details.

SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL: ANGLO-SOMALI EVENT: CULTURAL TIES BETWEEN THE UK AND THE HORN (ENGLISH)

Tuesday 27 October
18:00 – 19:30
OXFORD HOUSE

07903 712 949
ayan_mahamoud@kayd.org
www.kayd.org
Everyone | To confirm pricing, please contact Kayd Somali Arts & Culture
Contact Kayd for pricing | Everyone

The Anglo-Somali Society is a non-for-profit international friendship society whose objective is to foster friendship and understanding between Somalis and the English-speaking world, and to develop cultural and social relations between them. Every year they organise a discussion or lecture for Somali Week Festival.

SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL: SOMALIS IN EXILE: TWO BOOK LAUNCHES (SOMALI-ENGLISH)

Tuesday 27 October
20:00 – 22:00
OXFORD HOUSE

07903 712949
ayan_mahamoud@kayd.org
www.kayd.org
Contact Kayd for pricing | Everyone

This session brings scholar and writer Jonny Steinberg together with academic Cawo Abdi in conversation about their work on Somalis in exile. Jonny Steinberg will launch his most recent book, A Man of Good Hope, which follows the life history of a Somali man who fled Mogadishu as a child in 1991 and had an itinerant and unsettled upbringing in various east African countries. Sociologist Cawo Abdi will launch her recently published manuscript, Journeys of Hope and Pain: The Somali Diaspora, focusing on an African Muslim migrant group dispersed around the globe, it poses common migration questions, but in a comparative broader scale.

LINES

Tuesday 27 October – Saturday 21 November
20:00
THE YARD THEATRE

Great Britain is not at war. Our soldiers are in their barracks. Waiting. Dreaming. The Yard's Artistic Director Jay Miller *(The Mikvah Project)* and writer Pamela Carter *(Skåne, Confessions of a Justified Sinner)* have been speaking with retired soldiers, children who want to join the army, and soldiers currently serving our country. This is a show that exposes the consequences of peace. *Lines* is supported by the Royal Victoria Hall Foundation, the Dischma Charitable Trust, the Leche Trust and the Goldsmiths' Company Charity.

The Yard Theatre
07548 156266
www.theyardtheatre.co.uk
£10 – £15 | Young Adults and Adults

Lines written by Pamela Carter, developed with Jay Miller

COMPUTER CLUB – BLACK SPORTS MEN & WOMEN

Wednesday 28 October
16:00
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Every Wednesday throughout the month. See Wednesday 7th October for details.

HOW TO WRITE A PLAY

Wednesday 28 October
18:00 – 20:00
ST. MARGARET'S HOUSE

www.talawa.com
www.facebook.com/TalawaTheatreCompany
@TalawaTheatreCo
FREE | Everyone

Come along to this practical session led by Jane Fallowfield (Literary Associate, Talawa Theatre Company). Writing exercises and games will help draw out ideas from your head and onto the page.

Aimed at new writers; no experience necessary.

Talawa Theatre Company Ltd **020 7251 6644**

Madeleine Kludje and Mojisola Adebayo in rehearsals for Sweet Taboo,TYPT13, Photographer Richard Hubert Smith

CAPOEIRA FOR ADULTS

Wednesday 28 October
19:00 – 21:00
BRADY ARTS CENTRE

Every Monday and Wednesday throughout the month. See Monday 5th October for details.

WELL BEING FESTIVAL

Thursday 29 October
15:00 – 21:00
OXFORD HOUSE

Image courtesy of THACMHO, Kakatsitsi African Drummers performing in 2014

Come and join us on a journey to wellbeing. Our Well Being Festival aims to be a Stress Free zone with uplifting workshops, a pampering zone with massages and nail art, African drumming, soulful performances and wholesome food!

Tower Hamlets African & Caribbean Mental Health Organisation (THACMHO)

07946 506353
www.facebook.com/thacmho.towerhamlets
FREE | Everyone

TEENAGE BOOK GROUP

Thursday 29 October
16:00
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Every Thursday throughout the month. See Thursday 1st October for details.

SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL: UNDER A WATCHFUL EYE – SOMALIS IN THE MEDIA (ENGLISH-SOMALI)

Thursday 29 October
18:00 – 22:00
OXFORD HOUSE

07903 712 949
ayan_mahamoud@kayd.org
www.kayd.org
Contact Kayd for pricing | Everyone

In the latter half of the past decade Somalis have come under strict scrutiny from the international media, which continues to draw on negative stories that fuel the stereotypes associated with Somalis today. This conversation will explore the different ways in which Somalis can challenge the one-sided view currently being offered by the media. It will look at a range of platforms such as national and international media and tools like social media to empower the people to have their voices heard and change their own narrative.

Speakers: Mohammed Adow, an Al-Jazeera journalist, Mary Harper, a BBC journalist and writer, Nadifa Mohamed, an acclaimed novelist, and Ugaaso Bocoow, a Somali-Canadian comedian and Instagram phenomenon.

Live performances: poets Ladan Osman and Asha-Luul Mohamoud, and vocalist Maryam Mursal.

DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

Friday 30 October – Tuesday 3 November
10:00 – 17:00
RAG FACTORY

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The exhibition will feature the winning entries from the Documentary Photographer of the Year photo competition taken by members of The Documentary Group, part of The Royal Photographic Society. The requirement is to submit five photographs based on a theme of the photographer's choosing and a statement of intent.

Members of The Documentary Group
020 7181 3048
www.ragfactory.org.uk
http://dpoty.com
www.rps.org
FREE | Everyone

TAMASHA'S 25TH BIRTHDAY

Friday 30 October
Debate and Discussion 16:00
Performance 19:30
RICH MIX

Tamasha Theatre Company
020 7749 0090
www.tamasha.org.uk
www.facebook.com/TamashaTheatre
@TamashaTheatre
£25 | Everyone

A chance to celebrate the back catalogue of Tamasha's work with discussions, readings, performances and other treats.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH TALENT SHOWCASE

Friday 30 October
18:30 – 21:30
QUEEN MARY, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Queen Mary, Univeristy of London African and Caribbean Society (QMUL ACS)
07581 718075
www.qmulacs.com
secretary.qmul.acs@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/queenmaryacs
@QMULACS
£7 | Everyone

In a night where culture meets competition, students will compete in a talent show focussed on African and Caribbean culture. Song, dance, spoken word and fashion will all be showcased. Join students from Queen Mary, University of London in an evening of cultural discussion and celebration. Refreshments available.

SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL: YOUNG SOMALIS BREAKING BOUNDARIES (ENGLISH)

Friday 30 October
20:00 – 22:00
OXFORD HOUSE

Kayd Somali Arts & Culture
07903 712 949
ayan_mahamoud@kayd.org
www.kayd.org
Contact Kayd for pricing | Everyone

This evening will be dedicated to young emerging artists who are becoming increasingly popular in the mainstream arts scene. Mataano is a Somali owned designer brand co-owned by twins Ayaan and Idyl Moallim originally from Texas, USA. Ayaan and Idyl will be in conversation with Instagram phenomenon Ugaaso Bocoow, where they'll discuss their journey into creating the biggest Somali-inspired designer company in the West. Somali style may have acted as an inspiration to drive them into the fashion industry, but has the community been the same? Ayaan, Idyl and Ugaaso will explore the need for young artists to break boundaries in order to redefine themselves, and the particular challenges this poses for women.

Live performances: Autumn Sharif is a 19 year old Somali-Dutch singer, she recently opened at the O2 Indigo as a supporting act for the British band Lawson. She will be followed by headliner Farhiya Fiska and her band.

HOW TO WRITE A PLAY

Saturday 31 October
10:00 – 12:00
ST. MARGARET'S HOUSE

Talawa Theatre Company Ltd
020 7251 6644
www.talawa.com
www.facebook.com/TalawaTheatreCompany
@TalawaTheatreCo
FREE | Everyone

Come along to this practical session led by Jane Fallowfield (Literary Associate, Talawa Theatre Company). Writing exercises and games will help draw out ideas from your head and onto the page. Aimed at new writers; no experience necessary.

FAMILY READING GROUP

Saturday 31 October
14:15
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Every Saturday throughout October. See Saturday 3rd October for details.

SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL: A SPACE FOR CHILDREN (SOMALI-ENGLISH)

Saturday 31 October
14:00 – 16:00
OXFORD HOUSE

Kayd Somali Arts & Culture
07903 712949
ayan_mahamoud@kayd.org
www.kayd.org
Contact Kayd for pricing |
Ages 5-10

A fun, interactive and educational session for accompanied 5-10 year olds. Zaynab Dahir, a Somali storyteller, entertainer and educator will lead the activities which will include Somali story-telling, face-painting, arts and crafts, clowns and more! Zaynab is an activist and promoter of the Somali language among Somali children raised in the UK.

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Image courtesy of KAYD/ Somali Week Festival, poet – Ladan Osman

SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL: FLOURISHING SPACES: NEW SOMALI LITERATURE (SOMALI-ENGLISH)

Saturday 31 October
17:00 – 20:00
OXFORD HOUSE

Kayd Somali Arts & Culture
07903 712949
ayan_mahamoud@kayd.org
www.kayd.org
Contact Kayd for pricing |
Everyone

A session dedicated to the launch of recently published works in Somali and scholarly studies of the Somali language, organised in partnership with Redsea Cultural Foundation. Rashiid Maxamed Shabeelle, a writer residing in the Netherlands will discuss his work. Researchers at the Department of African Studies, University of Naples, have been working in collaboration with Redsea Cultural Foundation on a study led by Jama Musse Jama to create a new tool for the linguistic analysis of the Somali language. They will present their recent software analysis based on a concordance list of poems by Mohamed Ibraahim Warsame 'Hadraawi'. Farah Gaamuute, a writer and poet will share new insights into the use of particular words by revered poets. He has spent many years researching the metrical structure of Somali poetry, and his work will provide further insights into the complexity of this art form. The event will close with the launches of other recently published books also in the Somali language.

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CALENDAR

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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Abu Jafar: Rong	Fri 2 – Thu 29 Oct	Everyone	10
Black History Art Club for Children	Sun 4 Oct	Ages 5 – 13	12
Art Club Sunday	Sun 4 Oct	Ages 5 – 13	13
Makeba	Mon 5 Oct	Ages 13 – 25	13
The RPS International Print Exhibition	Fri 9 – Tue 13 Oct	Everyone	16
Black History Art Club for Children	Sun 11 Oct	Ages 5 – 13	17
Art Club Sunday	Sun 11 Oct	Ages 5 – 13	17
History & Identity In Contemporary Art	Tue 13 Oct	Young Adults & Adults	20
Cinderella Rockerfella	Wed 14 – Sat 17 Oct	Everyone	21
Black History Art Club for Children	Sun18 Oct	Ages 5 – 13	23
Art Club Sunday	Sun 18 Oct	Ages 5 – 13	23
Better for Knowing You	Mon 19 Oct – Thu 26 Nov	Everyone	23
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Black History Art Club for Children	Sun 25 Oct	Ages 5 – 13	32
Art Club Sunday	Sun 25 Oct	Ages 5 – 13	33
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Capoeira for Adults	Mon 5 Oct	Everyone	13
Capoeira for Adults	Wed 7 Oct	Everyone	14
Gospel Workshop With Colin Anderson	Thu 8 Oct	Ages 18+	15
House of Talent	Thu 8 Oct	Ages 13 – 19	15
Map of Me Performances	Mon 12 – Sat 17 Oct	Ages 13+	19
Map of Me Workshops	Sat 17 Oct	Ages 13+	19
Capoeira for Adults	Mon 12 Oct	Everyone	20
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Civilised Cinema	Tue 20 Oct	See Film Classification	25
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HERITAGE

Exploring Archives: Black Ephemera	Sat 3 Oct	Ages 18+	11
Black British History Online	Wed 14 Oct	Young Adults & Adults	21
Black History in Tower Hamlets	Thu 22 Oct	Adults & Children Aged 11+	27
The British Empire In Fiji	Sat 24 Oct	Everyone	30
Jahanara Imam – Of Blood & Fire	Mon 26 Oct	Everyone	34

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LITERATURE, STORYTELLING AND THE SPOKEN WORD

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Family Reading Group	Sat 10 Oct	Families & Children	17
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SWF: Reviving Traditional Spaces	Sat 24 Oct	Everyone	31
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Boys Book Group	Mon 26 Oct	Ages 5 – 12	33
Girls Book Group	Tue 27 Oct	Ages 5 – 12	35
SWF: Somalis In Exile: Two Book Launches	Tue 27 Oct	Everyone	35
Teenage Book Group	Thu 29 Oct	Ages 12 – 15	37
Family Reading Group	Sat 31 Oct	Families & Children	40
SWF: Flourishing Spaces – New Somali Literature	Sat 31 Oct	Everyone	41

SPORTS

Computer Club – Black Sports Men & Women	Wed 7 Oct	Ages 7 – 12	14
Computer Club – Black Sports Men & Women	Wed 14 Oct	Ages 7 – 12	22
Computer Club – Black Sports Men & Women	Wed 21 Oct	Ages 7 – 12	26
Computer Club – Black Sports Men & Women	Wed 28 Oct	Ages 7 – 12	36

FREE PRIMARY SCHOOL WORKSHOP FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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Remi Otoyebi, Headteacher

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VENUES

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Brady Arts Centre
192 – 196 Hanbury Street
London, E1 5HU
020 7364 7900
www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/artsfestivalsandevents@towerhamlets.gov.uk
Full access
Tube: Whitechapel
Local buses: D3, 25, 254, 106, 205

Bishopsgate Institute
230 Bishopsgate
London EC2M 4QH
020 7392 9200
www.bishopsgate.org.uk
enquires@bishopsgate.org.uk
Full access
Tube: Liverpool Street
Local buses: 8, 26, 35, 42, 47, 48, 78, 149, 242, 344 and 388.

Cubitt Town Library
Strattondale Street,
London, E14 3HG
020 7987 3152
www.ideastore.co.uk
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
Full access
(but no fully accessible toilets)
DLR: Crossharbour
Local buses: D6, D3, D8, 135

Gateway Housing Association Office
409-413 Mile End Road
London, E3 4PB
020 8709 4300
www.gatewayhousing.org.uk
Full access
Tube: Mile End
Local buses: 25, 277, 323, D6, D7, 205, 425

Half Moon Young People's Theatre
43 White Horse Road
London, E1 0ND
020 7709 8900
www.halfmoon.org.uk
admin@halfmoon.org.uk
Full access
DLR: Limehouse
Local buses: 115, 15, D3, 135

Genesis Cinema
93-95 Mile End Road
London, E1 4UJ
020 7780 2009
www.genesis-cinema.co.uk
info@genesis-cinema.co.uk
Full access
Tube: Whitechapel/Stepney Green
Local buses: 25

Idea Store Bow
1 Gladstone Place
Roman Road
London
020 7364 4332
www.ideastore.co.uk
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
Full access
Tube: Bow Road
Local buses: 8

Idea Store Canary Wharf
Churchill Place
London, E14 5RB
020 7364 4332
www.ideastore.co.uk
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
Full access
DLR: Canary Wharf
Local buses: D3, D7, D8, 277

Idea Store Chrisp Street
1 Vesey Path
East India Dock Road
London, E14 6BT
020 7364 4332
www.ideastore.co.uk
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
Full access
DLR: All Saints.
Local buses: 15, 115, D6, D8

Idea Store Whitechapel
321 Whitechapel Road
London, E1 1BU
020 7364 4332
www.ideastore.co.uk
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
Full access
Tube: Whitechapel
Local buses: 25, 106, 205, 254

Limewharf
Vyner Street
London, E2 9DJ
020 8980 8080
www.limewharf.org
tamsin@limewharf.org
Full access
Tube: Bethnal Green / Cambridge Heath
Local buses: 26, 48, 55, 106, 254, 388, D6

Montefiore Centre
Hanbury Street
London, E1 5HZ
020 7377 9005
www.montefiorecentre.org.uk
Full access
Tube: Whitechapel
Local buses: D3, 25, 254, 106, 205

Mulberry & Bigland Green Centre
Richard Street, Commercial Road
London, E1 2JP
020 7790 6327
mbgc.co.uk
abegum@mulberry.towerhamlets.sch.uk
Full access
Tube: Shadwell / Whitechapel
Local buses: D3, 100, 15, 115, 135

Old Truman Brewery
F Block G4
91 Brick Lane
London, E1 6QL
020 7770 6022
www.trumanbrewery.com/photoblock/
georgina@trumanbrewery.com
Full access through G5
Tube: Liverpool Street, Aldgate East
Train: Shoreditch High street station
Local buses: 67, 388

Oxford House
Derbyshire Street
London, E2 6HG
020 7739 9001
www.oxfordhouse.org.uk
info@oxfordhouse.org.uk
Full access
Tube: Bethnal Green
Local buses: D8, D6, 388

Queen Mary University
Mile End Road
London, E1 4NS
www.qmulacs.com
secretary.qmul.acs@gmail.com
Full access
Tube: Mile End
Local buses: 25, 277, D6, 339, 323, 425

Rag Factory
16-18 Heneage Street
London, E1 5LJ
hello@ragfactory.org.uk
020 7183 3048
Tube: Aldgate East
Local buses: 205, 25.254

Rich Mix
35 – 47 Bethnal Green Road
London, E1 6LA
020 7613 7498
www.richmix.org.uk
boxoffice@richmix.org.uk
Full disabled access
Tube: Liverpool Street, Old Street, Bethnal Green, Aldgate East
Local buses: 8 and 388

Royal Inn on the Park
111 Lauriston Road
London, E9 7JH
020 8985 3321
www.royalinnonthepark.com
No wheelchair access
Tube: Bethnal Green
Local buses: 277, 425

St Johns Church, Bethnal Green
200 Cambridge Heath Road,
London, E2 9PA
www.stjohnonbethnalgreen.org
Full access
Tube: Bethnal Green
Local buses: 8, 15, 106, 205, 254

St. Margaret's House
27 Old Ford Road
London, E2 9PL
020 8980 2092
www.stmargaretshouse.org.uk
thecreateplace@stmargaretshouse.org.uk
Tube: Bethnal Green
Local buses: 8, 106, 254, 309, 388, D3 and D6.

St. Matthias Community Centre
113 Poplar High Street
London, E14 0DE
020 7987 0257
nip65@man.com
Full access
DLR: Poplar
Local buses: D6, D7, 15, 115

Studio B6 Bow Business Centre
153 – 159 Bow Road
London, E3 2SE
www.bowbusinesscentre.co.uk
Tube: Bow Road
DLR: Bow Church
Local buses: 25, 8, 488

Tower Hamlets Community Housing
THCH Head Office
285 Commercial Road
London, E1 2PS
020 7780 3070
www.thch.org.uk
thch@thch.org.uk
shema.khanam@thch.org.uk
Full access
DLR/Train: Shadwell
Local buses: D3,15,115,135 & 339

Tower Hamlets Local History Library and Archives
277 Bancroft Road
London, E1 4DQ
www.ideastore.co.uk
localhistory@towerhamlets.gov.uk
Full access
Tube: Stepney Green
Local buses: 25, 205

The Yard Theatre
Unit 2a, Queen's Yard
White Post Lane
London, E9 5EN
07548 156 266
www.theyardtheatre.co.uk
Train: Hackney Wick
Tube: Stratford
Local buses: 26, 30, 236, 276, 339 & 388

LOG ON FOR WHAT'S ON!

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You can not only find full online listings for Black History Month here, but can download a PDF version of this programme and as well as checking out a whole host of other arts based events and activities across the borough.

You can also follow us on twitter **@thevents**, and become a friend of ours on FaceBook – **facebook.com/TowerHamletsEvents**

You can join the conversation too by using the hashtag **#thbhm** on twitter!

FEED BACK!

We would love to hear your views about Black History Month events and would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to fill out a short survey.

Either scan us on your smartphone or log on to: **https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WGGBK5X** or download from **www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/arts** (What's On? / Black History Month)

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