BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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WELCOME
TO BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2017

This October marks the 30th anniversary of Black History Month in the UK. I am proud to report that Tower Hamlets has an amazingly diverse and jam-packed programme of events to mark this significant occasion.

With over 100 different workshops, screenings, concerts, exhibitions, talks and more, there is something for everyone, so do read through the brochure for full listings of what's on.

Exhibitions and performances explore themes including migration, slavery, the history of black protest, national identity and geo-politics. The film programme pays tribute to social commentary through features and documentaries, as well as Film Africa 2017 coming to Tower Hamlets.

High-calibre musicians from across the globe will be performing genres including soul, jazz, afro, latin and Caribbean sounds, plus there will be opportunities for participation through some great workshops.

The internationally recognised Somali Week Festival is back with a high-profile programme to examine and celebrate Somali culture, traditions and current affairs.

The Local History Library and Archives has a brilliant programme to celebrate black and local heritage, and our libraries and Idea Stores have tailored many of their regular reading groups and art clubs specifically for Black History Month.

I am delighted that the council is able to support so many of these events, through inclusion in our brochure and the support of our small grant scheme, the Event Fund*.

Black History Month provides a fantastic opportunity for residents of all ages and interests to engage with the richness of black and Afro-Caribbean arts, culture and history. I hope you enjoy the programme of events.

For more information about the Event Fund, as well as online listings, visit **www.towerhamletsarts.gov.uk/arts*

John Biggs
Mayor of Tower Hamlets

Denise Ferreira da Silva and Arjuna Neuman Serpent Rain, 2016
Digital video still, Courtesy of the artists and Ballroom Marfa

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- Dance, Drama & Music
- Film
- Literature, Storytelling & the Spoken Word
- Heritage
- Other Cultural Events

BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT 30!

THE ORIGINS OF BLACK HISTORY – AN INTERVIEW WITH AKYAABA ADDAI-SEBO

Akyaaba Addai-Sebo is responsible for establishing Black History Month in Britain. Below is an edited version of an interview with Kubara Zamani, which first appeared in October's issue of New African.

"The inspiration for Black History Month came from an incident that happened at the GLC where I worked as the coordinator of special projects. A colleague of mine came to work one morning looking very downcast. I asked her what the matter was and she confided to me that the previous night, when she was putting her son Marcus to bed, he asked her: 'Mum, why can't I be white?'

"The mother was so shocked that she didn't know how to respond. The boy that had been named after Marcus Garvey had asked why he couldn't be white.

In the US, I would lecture about Africa and its contribution to world civilisation... the African genius, the appropriateness and validity of our traditions, moral code, hospitality... session after session, some children and their parents would come to me attesting their new found faith in themselves as Africans, and the change that the encounter had brought to their homes.

So when this incident with Marcus took place, it dawned on me that something had to happen here in Britain. I was very familiar with Black History Month in America, and thought that something like that had to be done here in the UK.

I reflected on it for many weeks. The only thing that came to me after those weeks of reflection was that something had to be done here in the UK to permanently celebrate Africa's contribution to world civilisation.

I drew up a strategic plan and discussed it with my colleagues at the GLC. The plan was to get some resources approved by the various legal committees of the GLC to support manifestations of the monumental contribution of Africa and Africans to the economic, cultural and political life of London, in particular, and Britain in general. We also did some consultation in the black community. In the end, we got approval for money to organise a series of lectures that took place in 1986-87.

We organised some cultural manifestations and brought in great musicians such as Max Roach, Hugh Masekela, Courtney Pine, Tania Maria and many other artistes to perform at Wembley Arena and the Royal Albert Hall. We filled the Royal Albert Hall with schoolchildren from all over Greater London for a week. We decided then that this idea had to be institutionalised, and so the idea of Black History Month was born.

Making Black History Month was a collective effort, and it could not have been achieved without the London Strategic Policy Unit, an organisation established after the government abolished the GLC in 1986. We managed to make this an all-party affair. Politicians from all over the UK joined in.

The first Black History Month event in the UK was held on the 1 October 1987. We invited Dr. Maulana Karenga, the originator of Kwanzaa in the US. He, together with the late Mrs Sally Mugabe, the London Strategic Policy Unit, the Inner London Education Authority and various politicians, all worked together to launch the first events of Black History Month. This was followed by a series of lectures in community centres in various London boroughs. Later, the events spread to other parts of the UK because the African Jubilee Year Declaration that was launched here in July-August 1987 was also sent across the country, but it took some time for the other boroughs outside London to adopt the declaration which formally instituted the month of October as Black History Month in the UK."

Courtesy of **www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk** where a fuller transcript of this interview is available.

Image courtesy of www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk

ARTISTS' FILM INTERNATIONAL, SERPENT RAIN

Tuesday 29 August – Sunday 15 October
Tues – Sun 11:00 – 18:00, Thurs 11:00 – 21:00
WHITECHAPEL GALLERY, ZILKHA AUDITORIUM

Serpent Rain (2016), by artist/filmmaker Arjuna Neuman and philosopher Denise Ferreira da Silva, explores the history of slavery and the Black Lives Matter movement in relation to time and the degradation of the natural world. This film is played on a loop.

Whitechapel Gallery
FREE | Everyone

LONDON SUGAR & SLAVERY: 10 YEARS

Until Sunday 29 October
10:00 – 18:00
MUSEUM OF LONDON DOCKLANDS

To mark ten years of the London, Sugar & Slavery gallery, we share some of the hundreds of comments left by visitors in response to the gallery over the past decade.

Museum of London Docklands
FREE | Adults

Image: Courtesy of Museum of London Docklands

©Zanele Muholi, courtesy of Stevenson, Cape Town/Johannesburg and Yancey Richardson, New York

ZANELE MUHOLI: SOMNYAMA NGONYAMA, HAIL THE DARK LIONESS

Until Saturday 28 October
Tues, Weds & Fri 11:00 – 18:00
Thurs 11:00 – 21:00, Sat 12:00 – 18:00
AUTOGRAPH ABP

In her first solo exhibition in London, South African visual activist Zanele Muholi (b. 1972) presents her ongoing self-portrait series Somnyama Ngonyama.

In more than 60 photographs, Muholi uses her body as a canvas to confront the politics of race and representation in the visual archive.

Autograph ABP
FREE | Everyone

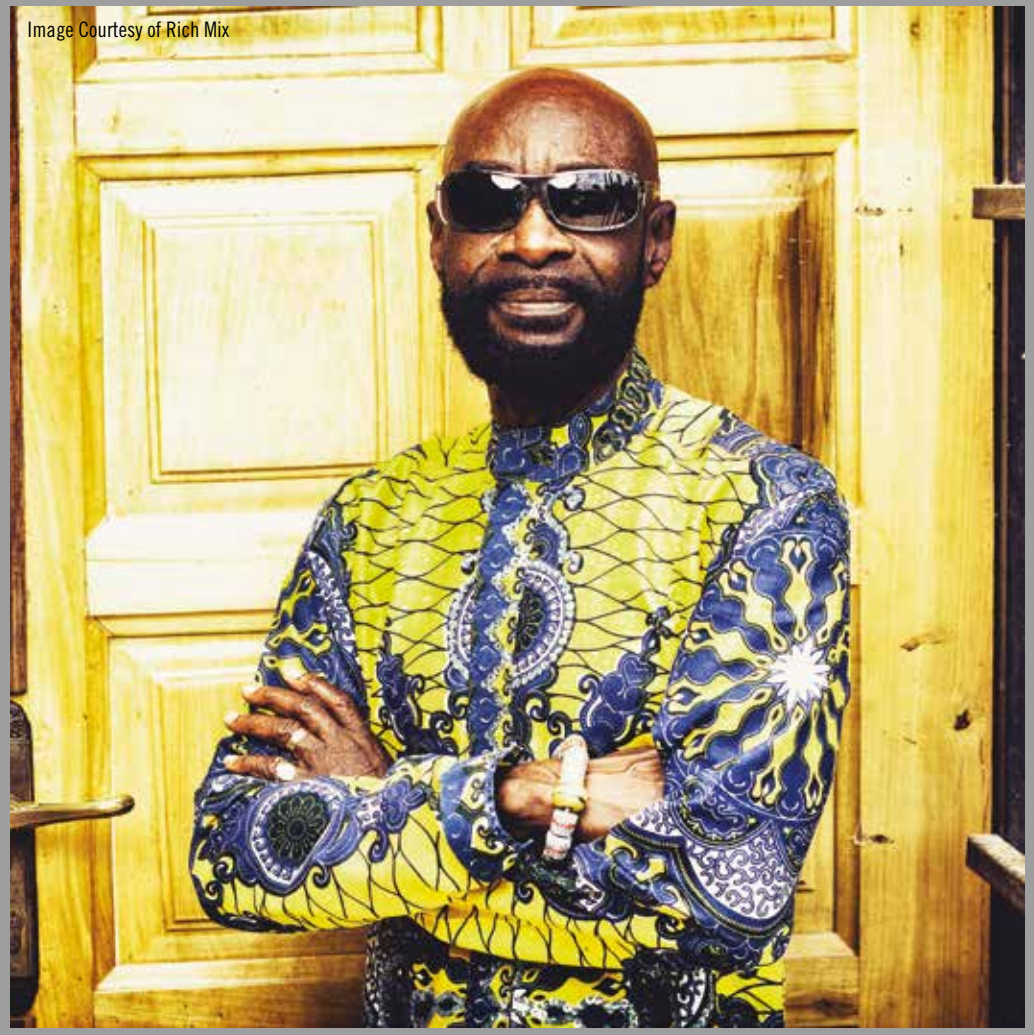
Image Courtesy of Rich Mix

PAT THOMAS AND THE KWASHIBU AREA BAND

Friday 29 September
20:00
RICH MIX

Ghanaian vocalist Pat Thomas and his all-star Kwashibu Area Band are currently on an absolutely massive tour. Performing material from last year's self-titled album, as well as highlights from throughout Thomas' long career, this string of shows is an amazing opportunity to catch a living master of African highlife in the flesh.

Rich Mix
LondonAfricanMusicFestival/
£18-£20 | Adults

Image: Bettina Fernandez Courtesy of Paracarnival

THEATRE-FOCUSED BLACK HISTORY WORKSHOP

Friday 29 – Saturday 30 September
14:00 – 18:00
ST. MARGARET'S HOUSE

This free, two-day event, features three creative and innovative sessions each day which tell stories through drums and dance as well as African carvings. Each session begins with a 30-minute speech delivered by an external speaker who interfaces with a narrator. Traditional costumes and sounds will ensure this is a vibrant and participative experience.

African Women's Welfare Association (Ayoka Project)
☎ 07960 619 411
🏠 www.awwap.org
FREE | Everyone

A DAY IN AFRICA – A NIGHT IN RIO!

Sunday 1 October
11:00 – 21:00
NOMADIC COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Performers of Paracarnival and the Nomadic Community Gardens present a highly inclusive festival of black music, drama and dance. Ancient and traditional origins in the continent of Africa treat us to a feast of blues, jazz, reggae, Motown and hip-hop – culminating in a carnival parade which celebrates the rich culture of Rio samba.

Paracarnival
☎ 07941 042 810
✉ bettina@paracarnival.co.uk
By donation | Everyone

BLACK HERSTORY MONTH WORKSHOPS

Sunday 1 October
14:00 – 16:00
RICH MIX

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Lon Art and Rich Mix
☎ 020 7613 7498
🏠 www.richmix.org.uk
FREE | Everyone, Families and children

ART CLUB

Sunday 1 October
14:15-15:30
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Our regular Sunday art club for children will be taking inspiration from African art and design to create our own beautiful patterns and pictures.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Children (5-14)

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STORY TIME

Monday 2 – Saturday 28 October
Mon to Sat 10:30 – 11:15
IDEA STORE WATNEY MARKET

Rhymes, stories and fun for under 5s, plus time to choose your favourite books! This October we will be looking at authors and stories with particular relevance to Black History Month.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Under 5s

AFRICAN-THEMED STORY TIME

Monday 2 October
10:30 – 11:15
IDEA STORE CHRISP STREET AND IDEA STORE WATNEY MARKET

With African-themed songs and stories, have fun and gain a new cultural experience with your family. Young children who are read to every day get on better and do well, in a wide range of subjects, when they get to school.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Under 5s

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FREE | Children (5-14)

READING ALOUD

Monday 2 – Friday 27 October
Mon to Fri 15:30
IDEA STORE WATNEY MARKET

Relax after school with refreshments and a story in Idea Stores. This October we will be looking at authors and stories with particular relevance to Black History Month.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Children (5-14)

DON'T JUST LIVE, LIVE TO BE REMEMBERED: THE SOMALI EAST END

Monday 2 – Monday 30 October
Library opening times
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

An exhibition exploring the history of Somali migration to Tower Hamlets. Produced by Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives, it tells the story of the Somali East End using the council's archive collection. It is part of the Idea Store Black History Month programme.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Adults

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Image courtesy of Ice & Fire Theatre

EXHIBITION: ONCE, WE CAME TO A NEW HOME

Monday 2 – Tuesday 31 October
Mon – Thurs 9:00 – 21:00, Fri 9:00 – 18:00
Sat 9:00 – 17:00, Sun 10:00 – 16:00
IDEA STORE CHRISP STREET

Once, We Came to a New Home is an Oral History Archive project to preserve, celebrate and promote the history of migration and settlement of the Afro-Caribbean communities in White City, through the collection of images and audio files among the elderly Afro-Caribbean community living in the area. Come to Idea Store Chrisp Street to see this excellent exhibition.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Everyone

Image courtesy of Libraries and Idea Stores

Bob Dawson, House of Spirits

EXHIBITION: FOR THE SAKE OF OIL

Tuesday 3 – Friday 27 October
Mon – Fri 9:00 – 19:00, Sat 10:30 – 17:30
BRADY ARTS CENTRE

This exhibition by Angolan/London artists Isaac Carlos, Carla Mateta and Bob Dawson features paintings, poster prints, photographs and poems that explore vibrant aspects of African culture. It also includes commentary on the exploitation by global companies of the oil resources of sub-Saharan Africa and its impact on people and their environment.

Tower Hamlets Council
www.bobartdawson.com
FREE | Everyone

PRIME TIME

Tuesday 3 October
10:30 – 12:00
BETHNAL GREEN LIBRARY

This is a chance for older residents to come together each week, meet new and familiar friends and chat with staff about new books. Throughout October, we will celebrate Black History Month with a variety of topics and, this week, we focus on Motown music. Relax and enjoy the rapturous sounds of Motown.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Adults

BOOK BREAK

Tuesday 3 October
14:00 – 15:30
IDEA STORE CHRISP STREET

Sit back and relax as we read stories and poems together and enjoy a shared reading experience. Talk about the issues and topics raised over a cup of tea and biscuits. This October we are reading short stories from What is Not Yours is Not Yours by Helen Oyeyemi. The reader is invited into a world of lost libraries and locked gardens, and a city where all the clocks have stopped.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Adults

EXHIBITION: A NECESSARY FICTION

Tuesday 3 October – Saturday 20 January
Check website for opening times
TOWER HAMLETS LOCAL HISTORY LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

A new exhibition by ceramics artist Basil Olton exploring the untold history of anti-imperialist black social protest in inter-war London. The work is inspired by Chris Braithwaite, a former resident of Stepney and founder of the Colonial Seamen's Association, who worked and organised in the East End during the 1930s.

Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives
FREE | Everyone

Chris Braithwaite ©Basil Olton
Photograph courtesy of Dorothy Rose DuBoulay

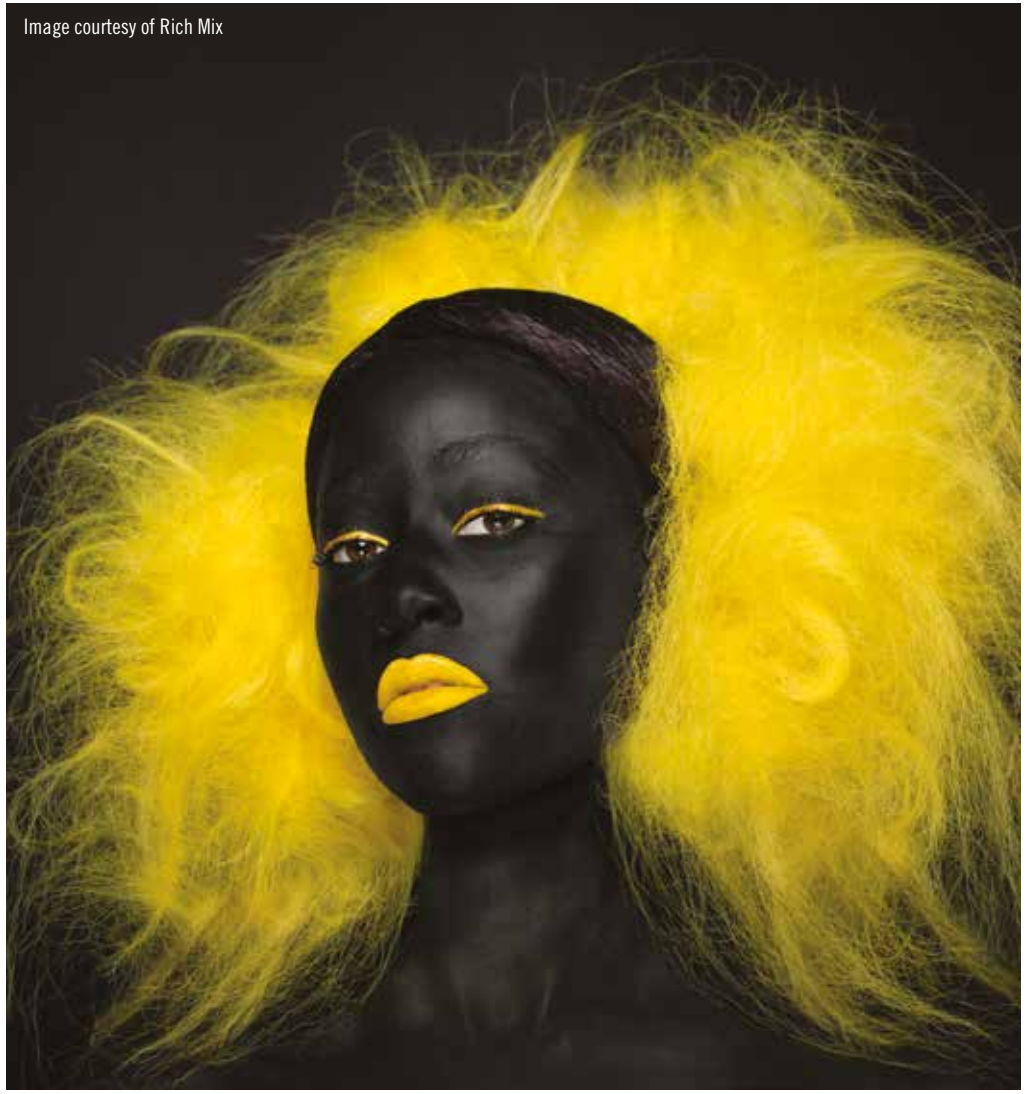


Image courtesy of Rich Mix

HOUSE OF GHETTO: BLACK PRIDE

Wednesday 4 October – Thursday 26 October
Check website for opening times
RICH MIX

A multimedia installation depicting the founding female members of The House of Ghetto, a Vogue House based in Manchester. There will be an open house on Wednesday 4th October at 6pm.

Rich Mix
FREE | Everyone

BOOK BREAK (GET INTO READING)

Wednesday 4 October
14:00 – 15:30
IDEA STORE WATNEY MARKET

Sit back and relax whilst listening to stories and poems, or join in with the reading and conversation if you want to. Get Into Reading groups are an enjoyable way to meet new people. This October we will be looking at authors and stories with particular relevance to Black History Month.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Everyone

WHAT ONCE WAS OURS

Thursday 5 – Wednesday 11 October
Thurs & Mon 16:30 & 19:00,
Fri & Tue 13:30 & 19:00, Wed 10:30 & 13:30.
No performances on Saturday or Sunday
HALF MOON THEATRE

Created against the background of Brexit, this powerful new production for young people explores how politics and national values impact on the complex lives of one family.

Zest & Half Moon Theatre
£7 | Young People (13 – 25)

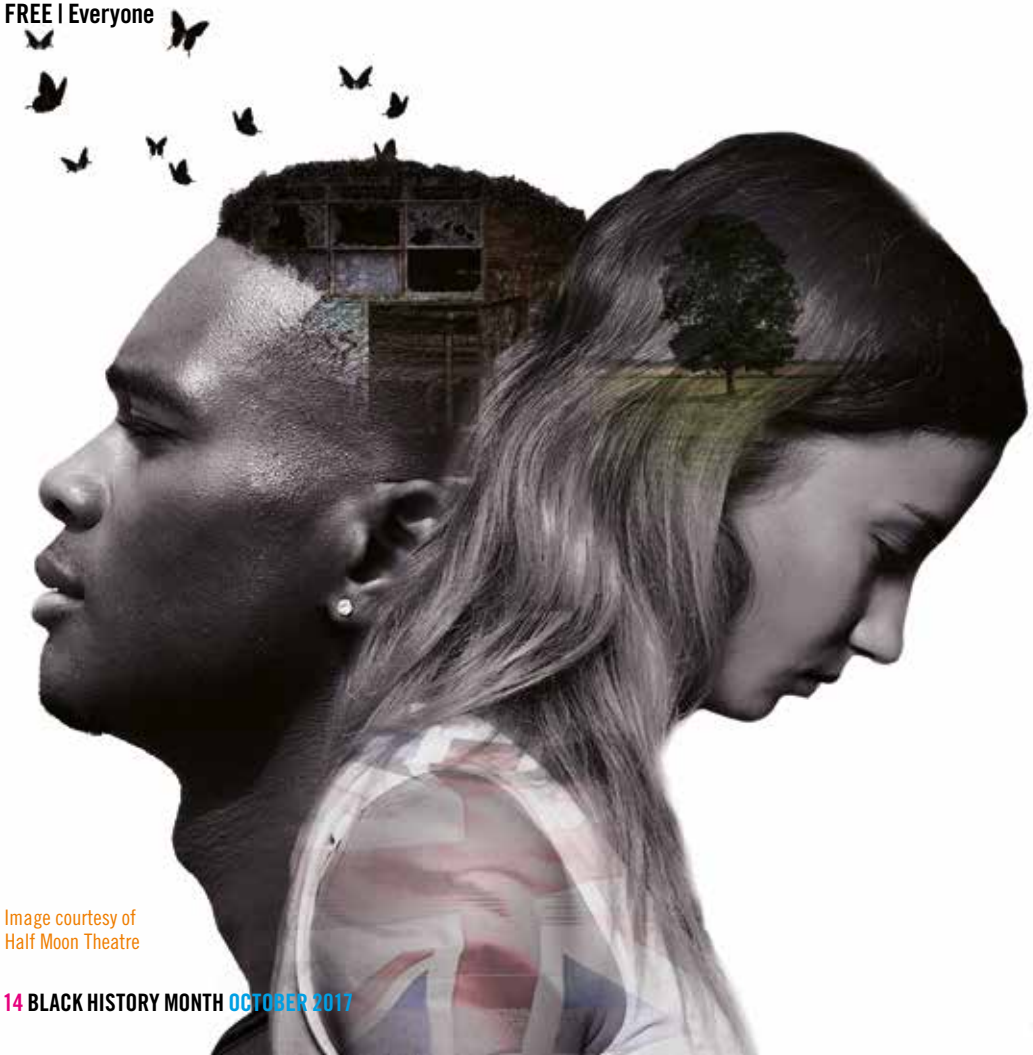


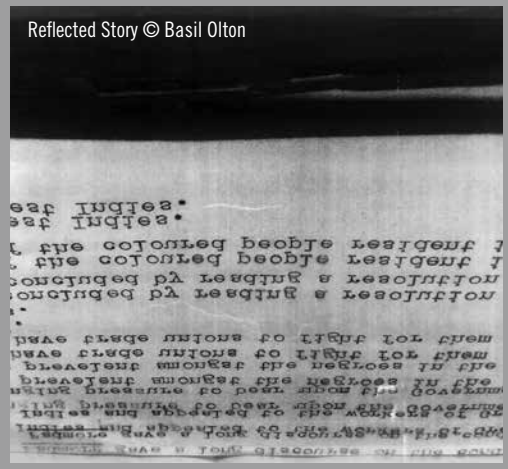
Image courtesy of
Half Moon Theatre

BOOK BREAK

Thursday 5 October
14:30 – 16:00
BETHNAL GREEN LIBRARY

Relax and enjoy the riveting The Woman Next Door by Yewande Omotoso. Two widowed next-door neighbours in a South African suburb face their past, whilst firing insults at one another. The novel's discussion of difficult topics such as racism, apartheid, grief and the past add a depth that a lesser novel would lack.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Everyone



Reflected Story © Basil Olton

EXHIBITION LAUNCH

Thursday 5 October
18:00 – 19:30
TOWER HAMLETS LOCAL HISTORY LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

Artist Basil Olton will launch A Necessary Fiction, featuring new artwork inspired by local black revolutionary Chris Braithwaite. Refreshments provided.

Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives
FREE | Everyone

RAW TALENT WORKSHOPS/AUDITIONS

Thursday 5 October
18:30 – 21:00
BRADY ARTS CENTRE

Can you perform grime, RnB or hip-hop? Or have you got your own unique sound? Try out your bars, beats and lyrics if you want to have an opportunity to shine at Raw Talent, the Tower Hamlets talent competition of the year. Young people who live, work or study in the borough can drop in to any of these sessions on a Thursday night during October as fantastic preparation for the main event on December 9, with industry professionals on the judging panel.

'A' Team Arts
☎ 020 7364 7911/7912
✉ canan.salih@towerhamlets.gov.uk
FREE | 12-19yrs

Image courtesy of 'A' Team Arts

Image courtesy of Rich Mix

SOULJAZZ ORCHESTRA

Thursday 5 October
19:30
RICH MIX

Since first arriving on the Canadian scene at the turn of the millennium, the Souljazz Orchestra has never stopped pushing the limits of its signature sound: an explosive clash of soul, jazz, afro, latin and Caribbean styles, unleashed by blaring majestic horns, dusty vintage keyboards, and an arsenal of earthquaking percussion.

Rich Mix
£15.50 | Adults

HOMEWORK CLUB

Friday 6 October
16:30
IDEA STORE WATNEY MARKET

Homework to do? We will help you find the answers with Britannica Online and other online and printed resources. This October we will be looking at authors and stories with particular relevance to Black History Month.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Children up to 16 years

CARIBBEAN FAMILY HISTORY DAY

Saturday 7 October
10:30 – 16:00
TOWER HAMLETS LOCAL HISTORY LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

Get help researching your Caribbean ancestors and find out more about African and Caribbean heritage in London's East End at this free family history event, run in partnership with the Tony Cheeseman Foundation (www.tonycfoundation.com). A variety of talks will take place throughout the day and visitors will have the chance to browse a number of stalls and displays. A full programme will be announced shortly. Check www.ideastore.co.uk/local-history for further details. Just drop in, no booking required.

Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives
FREE | Adults

BLACK HERSTORY MONTH WORKSHOPS

Saturday 7 October
14:00 – 16:00
V&A MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD

Black Herstory Month is an event that aims to celebrate the Black History Month from a gender perspective. Black women's stories have too often been erased from history or ignored. Through three different art workshops, participants will discover inspiring black women such as Mary Seacole and Claudia Jones who have contributed positively to British (and wider) society but don't receive due recognition. There will also be a chance explore black women in science. There will also be a chance to use clay and acrylics as well as collage.

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Lon Art with V&A
FREE | Everyone,
Families and children

Getty Images, African Printed Textile

PRINT – A CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN DESIGN INSPIRED BY YINKA SHONIBARE

Saturday 7 October
14:00 – 16:00
IDEA STORE WHITECHAPEL

Take a look at the exciting work of Yinka Shonibare and go on to produce some colourful prints on paper of your own. Identifying shapes used in African patterns and colour to recreate the vibrancy of African textiles you will print on paper using a variety of objects. Booking required.

Idea Store Learning
FREE / Booking required | Everyone
Including families and children (under 13)

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ART CLUB

Sunday 8 October
14:15-15:30
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Our regular Sunday art club for children will be taking inspiration from African art and design to create beautiful patterns and pictures.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE Children (5-14)

AFRICAN-THEMED STORY TIME

Monday 9 October
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FREE | Under 5s

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FREE | Under 5s

Photo by Doug Southall featuring Anthony Ofegubu

TWISTOV

Monday 9 October – Saturday 18 November
Times: TBC
RICH MIX & OTHER VENUES

Teatro Vivo stages a new promenade production around the streets of Shoreditch. Twistov will tell a contemporary tale of migration, arrival and survival in our capital city inspired by Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist. Local participants are invited to take part in the community chorus. Over a series of free workshops you can learn performance skills, share your experiences and have the opportunity to perform in a professional production.

Teatro Vivo
☎ 07733 134 701
www.teatrovivo.co.uk
info@teatrovivo.co.uk
@teatrovivo
Workshops: FREE,
Performance Price: TBC
Adults

Follow Professor Brownlove on the hunt for TWISTOV
Photo by Doug Southall featuring Anthony Ofegubu

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Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Adults

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Image courtesy of Genesis Cinema

WHOSE VOICE IS IT?

Tuesday 10 October
18:00 – 21:00
IDEA STORE WHITECHAPEL

Spread the Word, London's writer development agency, presents an evening of discussion around diverse stories and who tells them. With a panel made up of figures from the publishing world, this evening will be a lively discussion around cultural appropriation and writing.

Spread the Word with Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE (booking required) | Adults
whosevoice.eventbrite.co.uk

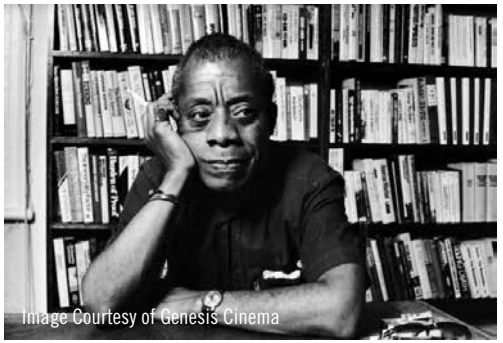

Image Courtesy of Genesis Cinema

THE AMAZING JAMES BALDWIN COURSE

Tuesday 10 October – Tuesday 14 November
18:30 – 19:30, Screenings 21:00
GENESIS CINEMA

This short, five-week course recognises the importance of this incisive writer and commentator. The course is being run by Black History Walks and takes place on various Tuesdays as detailed below. Each lecture will be directly followed by a series of screenings of some of the best films of recent years in the Genesis Cinema's lovely Bar Paragon. Tickets are available from Eventbrite, with season ticket holders for this course guaranteed priority seating for these screenings.

10 Oct – Moonlight (2016) by Barry Jenkins
17 Oct – Get Out (2017) by Jordan Peele
24 Oct – I Am Not Your Negro (2016) by Raoul Peck
07 Nov – Hidden Figures (2016) by Theodore Melfi
14 Nov – The Stuart Hall Project (2013) by John Akomfrah

Genesis Cinema
£51 – week course
Screenings – FREE

BOOK GROUP

Tuesday 10 October
19:00 – 20:30
IDEA STORE CHRISP STREET

Enjoy shared discussions in our monthly book group. Borrow the book from the Idea Store, read it, then come along to the session to discuss the topics raised! This October we are exploring The Sellout by Paul Beatty, a Booker Prize-winning satire about a young man's isolated upbringing and the race trial that sends him to the Supreme Court.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Adults

SCREENING: MOONLIGHT

Tuesday 10 October
21:00
GENESIS CINEMA

MOONLIGHT (2016) by Barry Jenkins
This film takes a look at three defining chapters in the life of Chiron, a young black man growing up in Miami. Part of The Amazing James Baldwin course – see p19 for details. This is on a first come, first served basis as those enrolled on the course have priority.

Genesis Cinema
FREE | Rated R (17+)

Image courtesy of Genesis Cinema

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PRESENTATION: ONCE, WE CAME TO A NEW HOME

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19:00 – 20:00
IDEA STORE CHRISP STREET

This is a talk presenting some of the collected stories and images from the Afro-Caribbean Oral History Archive project as a means to reflect on past migration in England through individual experiences and stories. It invites reflection and insight into contemporary migration through the accounts of those that have lived it in the not-so-distant past.

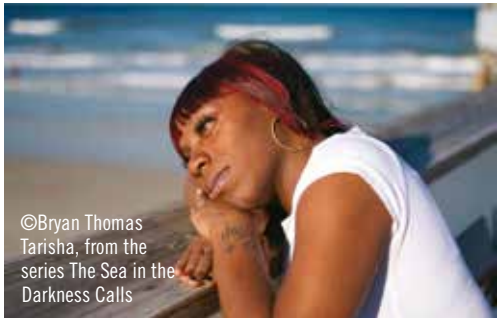
Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Everyone

THE ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY'S INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION 160

Friday 13 – Monday 16 October
Fri-Sun 10:00-18:00, Mon 10:00-16:00
VENUE: F BLOCK G4
THE OLD TRUMAN BREWERY

The Royal Photographic Society has a long and prestigious history and its print exhibition, now in its 160th year, is the world's longest running exhibition of its kind, having been held almost every year since the society was founded in 1853. The exhibition of 100 prints is being shown at PHOTOBLOCK, a curated programme of photography events and exhibitions at the Old Truman Brewery during mid-October. This year, the open competition attracted work from photographers in 56 countries. The IPE showcases a rich variety of genres and styles which combine photographic skill and ideas rich in meaning, and gives a fascinating insight into the range and diversity of photographic work being created today.

The Royal Photographic Society
☎ 01225 325733
www.rps.org/IPE160
www.facebook.com/royalphotographicsociety
FREE | Everyone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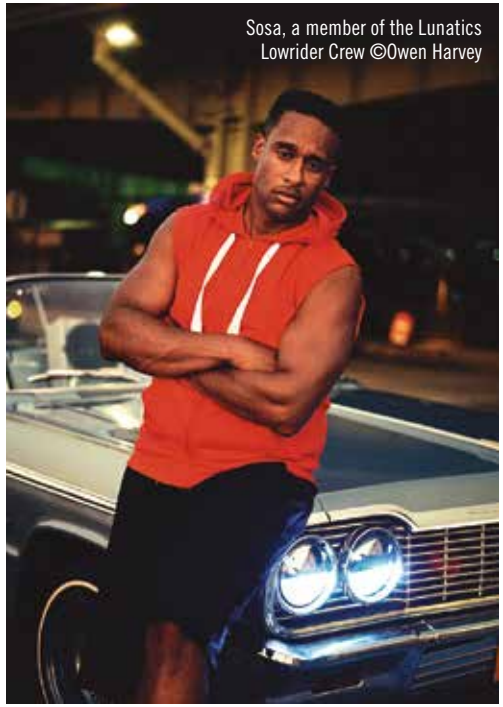
Kenana Knitter III ©Edyta Linnane

Yoasan Guillen, Cuban Baseball Player ©Katinka Herbert

Carlos, the Zebra and Joseph ©Andre Du Plessis

Theophile Munganga in Vivienne Westwood, London, 2016 ©Alice Mann


Sosa, a member of the Lunatics Lowrider Crew ©Owen Harvey

WEST INDIANS: FOREFATHERS OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE?

Friday 13 October 2017 – Sunday 14 January 2018
10:00 – 18:00
MUSEUM OF LONDON DOCKLANDS

Discover the forgotten history of the world's oldest continuously serving police force. Established in 1798 to protect trade on the Thames, the Thames River Police pioneered preventative policing in London. As the forerunners of the Metropolitan Police, they have influenced law enforcement globally. Curated by the West India Committee.

Museum of London Docklands
FREE | Everyone, Adults

HOMEWORK CLUB

Friday 13 October
16:30
IDEA STORE WATNEY MARKET

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Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Children up to 16 years

PRINT – A CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN DESIGN INSPIRED BY YINKA SHONIBARE

Saturday 14 October
14:00 – 16:00
IDEA STORE WHITECHAPEL

See p17 for details.

Idea Store Learning
☎ 020 7364 5665
FREE | Everyone
Booking required
printyinka.eventbrite.co.uk

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MWALIMU EXPRESS

Sunday 15 October
14:00 – 18:00
RICH MIX

London's original African family adventure! With live music, cinema, dance, games, workshops and the best of vibes.

Rich Mix
FREE | Under 5s |
Families and children (under 13)

ART CLUB

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

Our regular Sunday art club for children will be taking inspiration from African art and design to create beautiful patterns and pictures.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Children 5-14

AFRICAN-THEMED STORY TIME

Monday 16 October
10:30 – 11:15
IDEA STORE CHRISP STREET AND IDEA STORE WATNEY MARKET

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FREE | Under 5s

OUT OF THE SYSTEM

Monday 16 – Tuesday 17 October
19:30 + 21:15
RICH MIX

Dance Umbrella's guest programmer, Freddie Opoku-Addaie, creates this festival-within-a-festival.

Rich Mix
£12 – £80

PRIME TIME

Tuesday 17 October
10:30 – 12:00
BETHNAL GREEN LIBRARY

This is a chance for older residents to come together each week, meet new and familiar friends and chat with staff about new books. Throughout October we will celebrate Black History Month with a variety of topics and this week, we focus on jazz and blues. Listen to some of the greatest musicians over a coffee.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Adults

Photo Mantse Aryeequaye @ Chale Wote Festival Ghana

BOOK BREAK

Tuesday 17 October
14:00 – 15:30
IDEA STORE CHRISP STREET

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Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Adults

NO FEEDBACK

Tuesday 17 October
19:00 – 20:30
MULBERRY & BIGLAND GREEN CENTRE (MBGC)

No Feedback is a theatrical event highlighting the gentle pull of discrimination that tears at the fabric of everyday life. Set against the backdrop of catastrophes both historic and contemporary, it takes the format of a public meeting, asking audiences to consider their own place on the spectrum of how we relate to one another.

People's Palace Projects at Queen Mary University of London
☎ 020 7882 3912
✉ renata.peppl@peoplespalace.org.uk
PeoplesPalaceProjects
FREE – booking required
www.nofeedback.eventbrite.co.uk

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EAST END WI CELEBRATING BHM

Tuesday 17 October
19:00 for 19:30 start
ST MARGARET'S HALL (BEHIND THE GALLERY CAFÉ, ST MARGARET'S HOUSE)

The East End Women's Institute celebrates Black History Month with an exploration of the politics and practicalities of black hair, with a demonstration and opportunities for braiding. This will be complemented with music and food.

East End WI
http://eastendwi.blogspot.co.uk
✉ eastendwi@hotmail.co.uk
Visitors £4, Donations for refreshments
Women only

SCREENING: GET OUT

Tuesday 17 October
21:00
GENESIS CINEMA

GET OUT (2017) by Jordan Peele is a horror story about a young African-American meeting his white girlfriend's parents. Part of The Amazing James Baldwin course – see p19 for details. The screening is free but it is on a first come, first served basis as those enrolled on the course have priority.

Genesis Cinema
FREE | Rated R (17+)

Image courtesy of Genesis Cinema

BOOK BREAK (GET INTO READING)

Wednesday 18 October
14:00 – 15:30
IDEA STORE WATNEY MARKET

Sit back and relax whilst listening to stories and poems, or join in with the reading and conversation if you want to. Get Into Reading groups are an enjoyable way to meet new people. This October we will be looking at authors and stories with particular relevance to Black History Month.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Everyone

BORN OF GOOD INTENTIONS: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF BLACK VICTORIAN CHILDREN IN A BARNARDO'S HOME

Wednesday 18 October
18:00 – 20:00
WHITECHAPEL LIBRARY

Barnardo's became famous for taking in poor, destitute children during Victorian times. Not many people are aware that they also took in poor, destitute Black and disabled children. Avril Nanton presents the stories of the children who were taken in and fostered by Barnardo's during the Victorian era.

Avril's Walks and Talks
☎ 07984 759506
✉ info@avrilswalksandtalks.co.uk
avrilswalksandtalks.co.uk
avrilswalksandtalks
avrilwalkstalks
£8 adults, £2 child | Everyone

BOOK BREAK

Thursday 19 October
14:30 – 16:00
BETHNAL GREEN LIBRARY

Relax and enjoy the riveting The Woman Next Door by Yewande Omotoso. Two widowed next-door neighbours in a South African suburb face their past whilst firing insults at one another. The novels discussion of difficult topics such as racism, apartheid, grief and the past add a depth that a lesser novel's would lack.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Everyone

THE POLITICS OF EXHIBITING

Thursday 19 October
18:15 – 19:30
TOWER HAMLETS LOCAL HISTORY LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

How do memory and history converge in the social production of heritage? What is the role of collections, exhibitions and institutions in the construction of knowledge? A panel discussion with Dorothy Rose Du Boulay, Basil Olton and Michael McMillan, part of the events programme for the A Necessary Fiction exhibition.

Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives
FREE | Everyone

Image courtesy of Rich Mix

RAW TALENT WORKSHOPS/AUDITIONS

Thursday 19 October
18:30 – 21:00
BRADY ARTS CENTRE

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'A' Team Arts
☎ 020 7364 7911/7912
✉ canan.salih@towerhamlets.gov.uk
FREE | 12-19yrs

HABIB KOITÉ AND BAMADA + SURA SUSSO

Thursday 19 October
20:00
RICH MIX

A joyous evening of mesmerising guitar-picking accompanied with melodious vocals full of West African passion and energy. With Habib and his Bamada Band in full motion, there is no room for standing still.

Rich Mix
£15 – £17.50 | Adults

Taste of Southern Africa Cultural Arts Festival
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HOMEWORK CLUB

Friday 20 October
16:30
IDEA STORE WATNEY MARKET

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Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Children up to 16 years

WOMEN AND REVOLUTION IN THE BLACK ARTS MOVEMENT

Friday 20 October
19:00
RICH MIX

SAWCC London reflects on the early days of the black arts movement of the 1980s in the current political climate.

Rich Mix
FREE |Adults

TASTE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA CULTURAL ARTS FESTIVAL

Saturday 21 October
10:30 – 23:00
BRADY ARTS CENTRE

Taste of Southern Africa Cultural Arts Festival celebrates the cultural arts of southern Africa. During the day there will be workshops in dance, marimba, mbira, singing and drumming with southern African food and drinks from 6pm and a specially-produced traditional southern African music and dance show at 8pm.

African Marimba Music
☎ 07515 508 934
🏠 www.tasteofsouthernafrica.com
✉ info@africanmarimbamusic.com
tasteofsouthernafrica
Workshops: £10
Concert: £10 (£5 concessions)
Young people & Adults

SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL 2017

Home and displacement has been chosen as the theme for this year's Somali Week Festival programme of activities. Much of this year's event programme once again takes place at Oxford House (see following pages for details) but for full, London-wide listings for Somali Week Festival, including details the launch event at the British Library on October 20, please go to **www.kayd.org**.

SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL: FAMILY PROGRAMME

Saturday 21 October
14:00 – 16:00
OXFORD HOUSE

Zaynab Dahir, a Somali storyteller and entertainer who promotes the writing and reading of the Somali language among Somali children in the UK, will lead this popular family event. The activities will include the performance of a play devised in the run-up to the festival, face-painting, arts and crafts, clowns and more! (Somali/English)

Kayd Somali Arts & Culture
☎ 07903 712 949
✉ ayan_mahamoud@kayd.org
🏠 www.kayd.org
FREE | Everyone

Image courtesy of KAYD

SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL: PURE POETRY

Saturday 21 October
19:00 – 22:00
OXFORD HOUSE

This event will be dedicated to the rich oral traditions of the Somali language and features the young and the brilliant Xasan Daahir Weedhsame, the author of Galiilyo (Catastrophe). Weedhsame will read from his recent works (see also Monday 23rd's programme) and he will be joined by Jama Kadiye, one of the most revered poets of the 70s and 80s generations who is coming back to Somali Week Festival for the second time. (Somali)

Kayd Somali Arts & Culture
☎ 07903 712 949
✉ ayan_mahamoud@kayd.org
🏠 www.kayd.org
£6 | Everyone

ART CLUB

Sunday 22 October
14:15 – 15:00
IDEA STORE CHRISP STREET

Learn about Black History, its countries and cultures by making your own African/ Caribbean flags. Which one will you make?

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Children

ART CLUB

Sunday 22 October
14:15 – 15:30
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Our regular Sunday art club for children will be taking inspiration from African art and design to create our own beautiful patterns and pictures.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE Children (5-14)

SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL: REIMAGING IDENTITY/HOME

Sunday 22 October
19:00 – 22:00
OXFORD HOUSE

The platform is given to young and creative Somalis to discuss their own relationships with the ideas of home and displacement. The founder of #ShootForPeace, a youth mentorship programme, Yasin Osman, will elaborate on his journey to being a freelance photographer to Toronto's Top Change Makers' list of 2016. Mo Ali is a young British Somali film director whose work has been well received at prestigious film festivals across the globe. Hanna Ali is a writer, poet and a PhD candidate at SOAS where she specialises in African identity. She was recently short-listed for the London Short Story Prize 2016. The evening will end with a performance by Hodan Omar Dhuule, daughter of renowned musician, Omar Dhuule. (English)

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☎ 07903 712 949
✉ ayan_mahamoud@kayd.org
🏠 www.kayd.org
£10 | Everyone

AFRICAN-THEMED STORY TIME

Monday 23 October
10:30 – 11:15
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FREE | Under 5s

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Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Under 5s

SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL: ANGLO-SOMALI SOCIETY EVENT

Monday 23 October
18:30
OXFORD HOUSE

The Anglo-Somali Society is a non-profit-making 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. (English)

Kayd Somali Arts & Culture
☎ 07903 712 949
✉ ayan_mahamoud@kayd.org
🏠 www.kayd.org
FREE | Everyone

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SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL: CATASTROPHE – POETRY TRANSLATION EVENT

Monday 23 October
20:00
OXFORD HOUSE

Catastrophe is a long narrative poem addressing the forced migration of the Somali people by Xasan Daahir Weedhsame (a student of the great Gaarriye). The poem, which will be launched in a special, illustrated Poetry in Translation Centre edition, reads like a cry of fury about the ongoing refugee crisis across Europe and has an urgent message for everyone in the UK in 2017.

Aar Maanta, British singer-songwriter and instrumentalist, will perform his eclectic fusion of Somali traditional rhythms and contemporary music, appealing to both Somali and non-Somali audiences. (English)

Kayd Somali Arts & Culture
☎ 07903 712 949
✉ ayan_mahamoud@kayd.org
🏠 www.kayd.org
£5 | Everyone

PRIME TIME

Tuesday 24 October
10:30 – 12:00
BETHNAL GREEN LIBRARY

This is a chance for older residents to come together each week, meet new and familiar friends and chat with staff about new books. Throughout October we will celebrate Black History Month with a variety of topics and this week we focus on the poetry of Benjamin Zephaniah

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Adults

HALF-TERM SCULPTURE WORKSHOP

Tuesday 24 October
14:00 – 16:00
TOWER HAMLETS LOCAL HISTORY LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

Inspired by the exhibition A Necessary Fiction and themes of recorded and un-recorded family history and recollection, this creative workshop for families and children will utilise shape and form and the beauty of the fragment to create a 3D form using Modrock sculpting material.

Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives
FREE | Everyone Families and children (under 13)

BOOK BREAK

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14:00 – 15:30
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Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Adults

ASYLUM MONOLOGUES

Tuesday 24 October
19:00 – 20:30
IDEA STORE WHITECHAPEL

'This waiting for the Home Office to decide … it is a diplomatic form of torture.' ice&fire theatre explores human rights stories through performance. Its flagship script, Asylum Monologues, is a first-hand account of the UK asylum system in the words of people who have experienced it.

ice&fire Theatre Company in collaboration with Idea Store Whitechapel
🏠 www.ideastore.co.uk
🏠 www.iceandfire.co.uk/events
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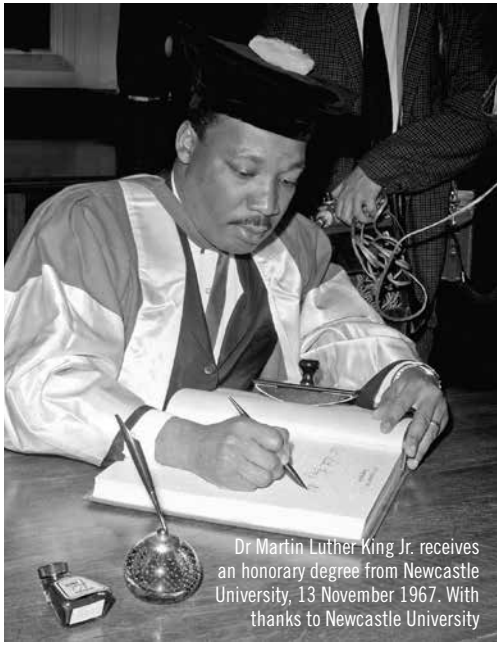
FREE | 16+

Asylum Monologues



Dr Martin Luther King Jr. receives an honorary degree from Newcastle University, 13 November 1967. With thanks to Newcastle University

JOURNEY TO JUSTICE, INSPIRING ACTION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE – MLK'S 1967 VISIT TO NEWCASTLE-U-TYNE

Tuesday 24 October
19:00 – 21:00
LAB 1, IDEA STORE WHITECHAPEL

Journey to Justice hosts an evening about action for social justice through history and the arts. With a powerful film about Martin Luther King's visit to Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1967, we will make links between his speech on war, racism and poverty and ways of taking up the same issues today.

Journey to Justice
☎ 07711 199 198
✉ carriesupple1@gmail.com
🏠 www.journeytojustice.org.uk
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f www.facebook.com/journeytojustice.org.uk
£4 tickets on the door | Everyone

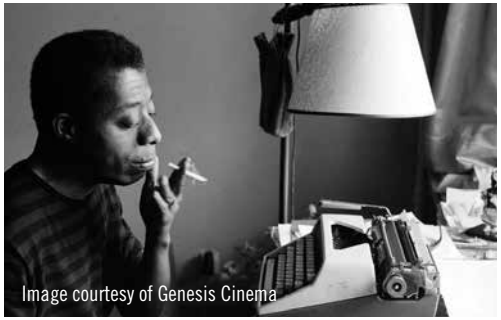

Image courtesy of Genesis Cinema

SCREENING: I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO

Tuesday 24 October
19:00
GENESIS CINEMA

Nominated for the Best Documentary Feature at the 89th Academy Awards, I Am Not Your Negro (2016) by Raoul Peck offers an incendiary snapshot of James Baldwin's crucial observations on American race relations. Part of The Amazing James Baldwin course – see p19 for details. This is on a first come, first served basis as those enrolled on the course have priority.

Genesis Cinema
FREE | Rated PG-13

TRIBAL INSPIRED BEADED JEWELLERY

Wednesday 25 – Friday 27 October
13:00 – 15:00
IDEA STORE WHITECHAPEL

Inspired by African tribal jewellery, you are invited to create your own contemporary beaded pieces. You are welcome to attend one session or all three. All materials will be supplied. Booking required.

Idea Store Learning
FREE | Booking required | Everyone
bhmjewellery.eventbrite.co.uk

Getty Images African Tribal Beads

AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN BUSINESS SHOWCASE

Wednesday 25 October
13:00 – 19:00
IDEA STORE WHITECHAPEL

This is a chance for the African and Caribbean community to showcase their unique talents and skills, build links with the wider business community as well as give opportunities to the unemployed, returners to work and young people.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Everyone

BOOK BREAK (GET INTO READING)

Wednesday 25 October
14:00 – 15:30
IDEA STORE WATNEY MARKET

Sit back and relax whilst listening to stories and poems, or join in with the reading and conversation if you want to. Get Into Reading groups are an enjoyable way to meet new people. This October we will be looking at authors and stories with particular relevance to Black History Month.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Everyone

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SKA AND REGGAE MUSIC WORKSHOP

Wednesday 25 – Thursday 26 October
18:00 – 19:00 Workshop
19.30 – 20.00 Free Reggae Acoustic Guitar Lesson
IDEA STORE WHITECHAPEL LAB 2

Gain an insight into the migration of a fictional female during the 1960s from Jamaica to London. Look into the world she left behind, the folk songs, the dialect and be part of the transition to the new life, with ska and reggae music from the era. Audience participation is welcomed. Bring your own acoustic guitar for a free lesson. Booking required.

Idea Store Learning
FREE | Booking required
bhmmusicworkshop.eventbrite.co.uk
Adults and young adults – 13+

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HALF-TERM CREATIVE WORKSHOP

Thursday 26 October
10:00 – 12:00
TOWER HAMLETS LOCAL HISTORY LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

Inspired by text, texture and the transient meaning of images, this creative workshop for families will use mixed media and cut-out shapes to create an A3 collage banner. Part of the events programme for the A Necessary Fiction exhibition.

Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives
FREE | Families and children (under 13)

BOOK BREAK

Thursday 26 October
14:30 – 16:00
BETHNAL GREEN LIBRARY

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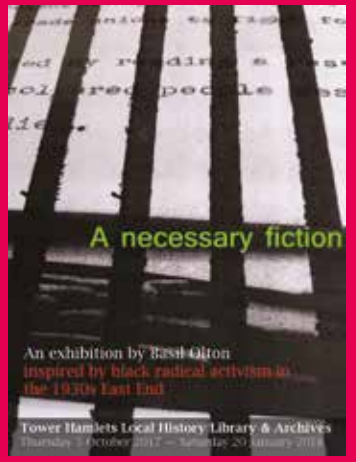
Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Everyone

RADICAL BLACK ACTIVISM IN THE 1930S EAST END

Thursday 26 October
18:30 – 19:30
TOWER HAMLETS LOCAL HISTORY LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

A talk from historian Dr Hakim Adi about Chris Braithwaite and other black radicals, trade unionists and communists active in the inter-war east end. Part of the events programme for the A Necessary Fiction exhibition.

Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives
FREE | Everyone



POETRY TRIBUTE

Thursday 26 October
18:30 – 19:30
CUBITT TOWN LIBRARY

Gita Jaggan is a poet and songwriter from Trinidad and Tobago who lives in Tower Hamlets. Her father was a descendent of the indentured labourers who worked on the sugar plantations on the islands. Gita's work reflects on this history. She will present a selection of her poems.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Adults

RAW TALENT WORKSHOPS/AUDITIONS

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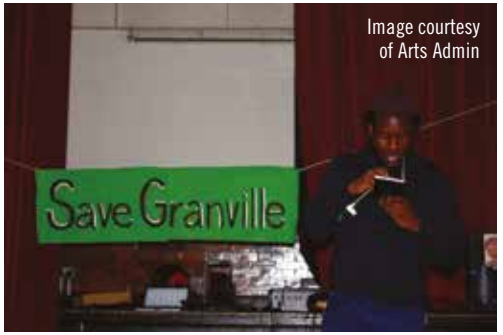

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SHADOWPLAY: DECOLONISING OUR MINDS & KHIDIR COLLECTIVE

Thursday 26 October
19:30
TOYNBEE STUDIOS

We live here, we survive here, we thrive here. From Bethnal Green to Ladbroke Grove, we live here too. Decolonising Our Minds and Khidir Collective host Shadowplay – a monthly evening of poetry and music by emerging artists in London and beyond. Artists will be performing work which responds to the theme of 'We Live Here Too' with short discussions following each performance.

Artsadmin
£8/£5 | Adults

HOMEWORK CLUB

Friday 27 October
16:30
IDEA STORE WATNEY MARKET

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Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Children up to 16 years

SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL: HOME ALONE – IN CONVERSATION

Friday 27 October
19:00
OXFORD HOUSE

With Saxardiid Jabiye, leading poet from Somaliland and the only living member of the Walaalaha Hargeisa band, and the founder of the first Somali theatre. This evening is dedicated to Somali theatre groups and Jabiye will discuss the experience of those who stayed behind while so many left. This will be followed by a concert featuring the very popular UK-based iconic singer, Sahra Axmed, whose songs carry themes such as patriotism, encouragement and love. (Somali)

Kayd Somali Arts & Culture
☎ 07903 712 949
✉ ayan_mahamoud@kayd.org
www.kayd.org
£10 | Everyone

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HOLD TIGHT: HOW TO READ GRIME MUSIC

Saturday 28 October
11:00 – 13:00
IDEA STORE WHITECHAPEL

With great humour and insight, author Jeffrey Boakye dissects grime tracks to see what the genre tells us about millennials, black masculinity and being a Londoner.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE – Booking required: holdtight.eventbrite.co.uk
Adults

TOUSSAINT LOUVERTURE: A BLACK JACOBIN

Saturday 28 October
14:00
IDEA STORE WHITECHAPEL

Charles Forsdick and Christian Høgsbjerg, authors of Toussaint Louverture: A Black Jacobin in the Age of Revolutions (Pluto Press), will explore Louverture's fascinating life through the prism of his radical politics, championing this 'black Robespierre' whose revolutionary legacy had inspired people and movements in the two centuries since his death. Booking required.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Everyone
Booking – blackjacobin.eventbrite.co.uk

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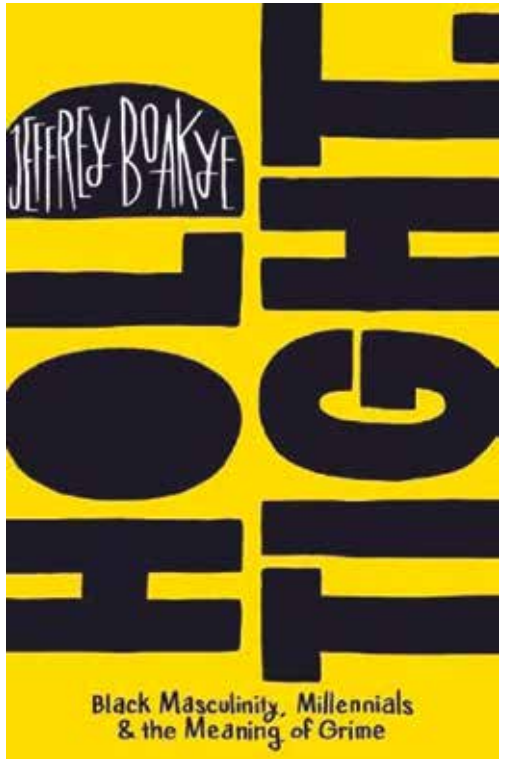

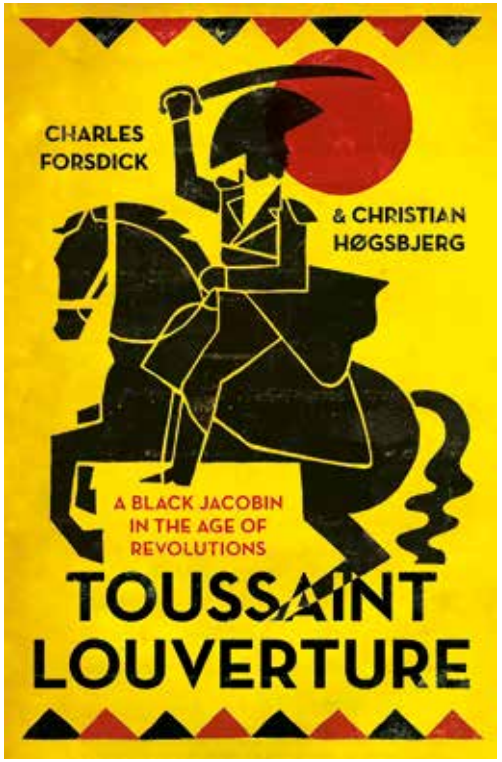

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SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL: YUSUF CAN'T TALK

Saturday 28 October
14:00
OXFORD HOUSE

This afternoon session follows the festival tradition of raising awareness of prevalent social issues through the arts. A performance of one-woman show Yusuf Can't Talk by Nura Aabe explores autism and the Somali community. A workshop and discussion after the show will open up broader discussion of mental health and migration with health professionals

Kayd Somali Arts & Culture
☎ 07903 712 949
✉ ayan_mahamoud@kayd.org
🏠 www.kayd.org
FREE | Everyone

THEATRE PRODUCTION: SIDE EFFECTS BY IMAN QURESHI

Saturday 28 October
16:00
CHRISTIAN STREET CENTRE

Five young people struggling with zero-hours contracts, ridiculous rents and sky-high university fees sign up to take part in a clinical drugs trial for some extra cash – the side effects of which leave the participants changed forever…

Purple Moon Drama
☎ 07838 131 764
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FREE (Donations encouraged)
Adults + Young People

SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL: SOMALI BOOKS DAY

Saturday 28 October
18:00
OXFORD HOUSE

This lively and popular annual event provides an unparalleled platform to profile and celebrate recently-published Somali books. It is the only book fair for Somali writers in Europe to showcase their work. Writers including Osman Abdinur, former BBC journalist from Laas Anood and member of Akaaraha, a critical cultural institution, will be presenting as well as discussing new publications.

Kayd Somali Arts & Culture
☎ 07903 712 949
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www.kayd.org
FREE | Everyone

FILM AFRICA 2017

Saturday 28 October –
Saturday 4 November
Times vary
RICH MIX AND VARIOUS OTHER VENUES

London's biggest celebration of African cinema returns for its seventh edition, bringing you the best contemporary and classic African cinema. Join us at Rich Mix and other venues across the city for ten days of discovery, lively debate, family fun, live music and parties!

Film Africa & Rich Mix
☎ 020 7613 7498
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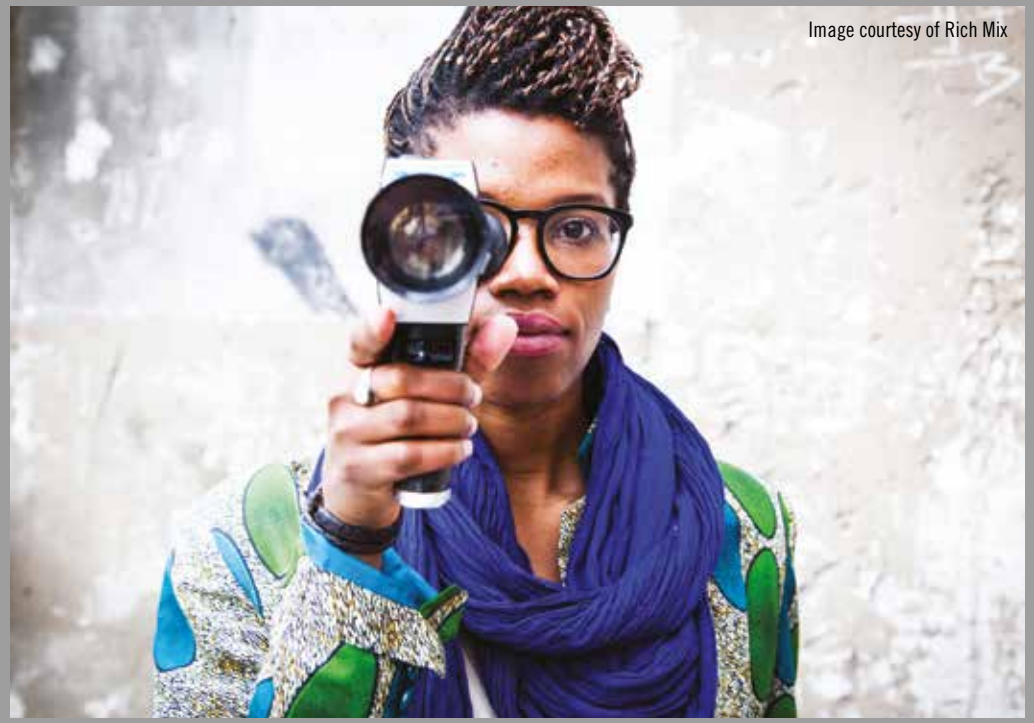
£10.00 / £8.00 | Adults, Young adults (14+)



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ART CLUB

Sunday 29 October
14:15 – 15:30
IDEA STORE CANARY WHARF

Our regular Sunday art club for children will be taking inspiration from African art and design to create our own beautiful patterns and pictures.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE Children (5-14)

AFRICAN-THEMED STORY TIME

Monday 30 October
10:30 – 11:15
IDEA STORE CHRISP STREET AND IDEA STORE WATNEY MARKET

With African-themed songs and stories, have fun and gain a new cultural experience with your family. Young children who are read to every day get on better and do well, in a wide range of subjects, when they get to school.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Under 5s

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PRIME TIME

Tuesday 31 October
10:30 – 12:00
BETHNAL GREEN LIBRARY

This is a chance for older residents to come together each week, meet new and familiar friends and chat with staff about new books. Throughout October we will celebrate Black History Month with a variety of topics and this week, we focus on an African and Caribbean odyssey. Sample the beautiful melodic acoustic music with a mock cocktail and fruits.

Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Adults

BOOK BREAK

Tuesday 31 October
14:00 – 15:30
IDEA STORE CHRISP STREET

Sit back and relax as we read stories and poems together and enjoy a shared experience. Talk about the issues and topics raised over a cup of tea and biscuits. This October we are reading short stories from 'What is Not Yours is Not Yours' by Helen Oyeyemi. The reader is invited into a world of lost libraries and locked gardens, and a city where all the clocks have stopped.

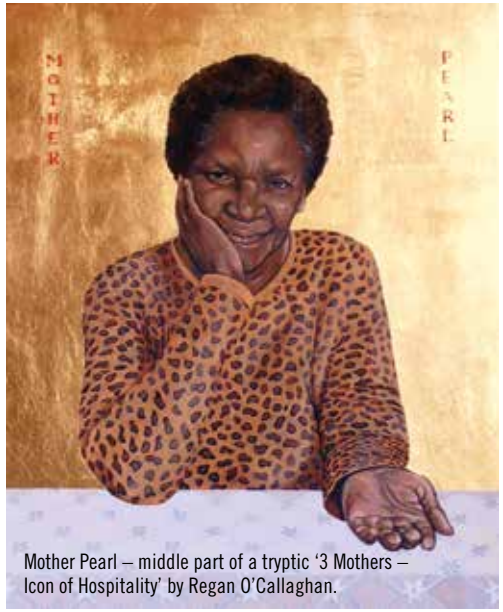
Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
FREE | Adults

FILM SCREENING: LOOK HOW FAR WE'VE COME

Tuesday 31 October
18:30 – 20:30
IDEA STORE CHRISP STREET

History consultant Kwaku uses the screening of his 'Look How Far We've Come' documentary to lead a discussion on African-British civil rights struggles. He explores how far society has come, or regressed, in engaging with racism within a post-Brexit Britain 52 years after the enactment of the first Race Relations Act. This is an inclusive event aimed at an inter-generational, multi-cultural audience.

Akoben Awards in conjunction with Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores
☎ 020 8450 5987
✉ akobenawards@gmail.com
AfricanHistoryPlus.eventbrite.com
www.ideastore.co.uk
FREE | Adults



Mother Pearl – middle part of a tryptic '3 Mothers – Icon of Hospitality' by Regan O'Callaghan.

FROM SPANISH TOWN TO GLOBE TOWN

Thursday 2 November
18:00 – 21:00
ST JOHN ON BETHNAL GREEN

An audio-visual exhibition charting the life of local resident Pearl Charles. Join us as we celebrate a journey of hope, change, achievement and strength, told in her voice and seen through her eyes.

St John on Bethnal Green
FREE | Everyone

HANDA'S SURPRISE

Saturday 4 November
11:00, 13:00 & 15:00
HALF MOON THEATRE

A magical play for ages 2-6 by Little Angel Theatre combining puppetry, traditional African instruments and songs. Travel to Kenya and meet Handa, who has a present to deliver – seven delicious fruits. On her journey she meets some cunning animals who try to steal her gifts. Will they succeed?

Half Moon Theatre
£7 |Under 5s

Handa's Surprise, a play for ages 2-6 by Little Angel Theatre @ Half Moon.

Image courtesy of Half Moon Theatre

BLACK HISTORY MONTH FOR CHILDREN – WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE

Freshwater Theatre Company offers a wide range of interactive drama workshops for schools, museums, libraries and cultural centres to support Black History Month. This year we commemorate its 30th anniversary and invite children to meet the celebrated nurse Mary Seacole. Scramble aboard the Windrush, discover more about the abolition of slavery and travel through Africa and the Caribbean before ending up at Notting Hill Carnival.

Workshops last 60 minutes and can cater for both small and large groups of up to 120 children. Please get in touch for more information.

Tel: 0844 8002870
Email: info@freshwatertheatre.co.uk
Freshwater Theatre Company
St Margaret's House
21 Old Ford Road, London, E2 9PL

For a weekly digest of arts jobs, funding, opportunities and more across east London, sign up for our Arts Forum Online newsletter at **www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/arts**

Throughout the year the council supports and provides a wide range of courses and workshops aimed at both adults and young people who are interested in attaining skills or qualifications, or just learning a something new. Many of these are either free or low cost, and many are arts and culture-based.

For more information about Idea Store Learning courses and how to enrol, go to **https://www.ideastore.co.uk/**learning

The council's Youth Arts division co-ordinates FREE Youth Arts programmes across the borough aimed at young people aged 12-19 years, and up to 25yrs with SEN, who live or study in Tower Hamlets. Using theatre, textiles, design and music, artists and young people learn, discover and experiment. There are opportunities to get involved in Music Academy with CM Sounds, achieve an accredited arts award or engage with special projects, sex and relationships education.

For more information,
Call **020 7364 7911**
Email **geraldine.bone@towerhamlets.gov.uk**
Web **www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/arts**

19 Princelet Street

MUSEUM OF IMMIGRATION BHM OPEN DAY

Saturday 4 November
11:00, 13:00, 15:00
19 PRINCELET STREET

Though closed for most of the year, the Museum of Immigration and Diversity is opening the doors of its beautiful but fragile historic premises as a celebration of both Black History Month and the Silk River Project. This building is a poignant reminder of this area's unique heritage. Space is limited to 30 people per tour and must be booked in advance. Organised in partnership with Tower Hamlets Council's Youth Arts Team.

'A' Team Arts
☎ 020 7364 7911
✉ canan.salih@towerhamlets.gov.uk
£10 – booking deposit refunded by request | Everyone
Book here – http://bit.ly/2vT025a

FROM SPANISH TOWN TO GLOBE TOWN

Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 November
18:00 – 21:00
ST JOHN ON BETHNAL GREEN

An audio-visual exhibition charting the life of local resident Pearl Charles.

Join us as we celebrate a journey of hope, change, achievement and strength, told in her voice and seen through her eyes.

St John on Bethnal Green
FREE | Everyone

SUSSO

Monday 6 November
19:30
RICH MIX

Fusing the traditional sounds of the Mandinka people with contemporary electronica.

Rich Mix
£14.50 | Adults

Image courtesy of Genesis Cinema

SCREENING: HIDDEN FIGURES

Tuesday 7 November
21:00
GENESIS CINEMA

Hidden Figures (2016) by Theodore Melfi tells the story of a team of female African-American mathemeticians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the US space programme. Part of The Amazing James Baldwin course – see p.19 for details. This is on a first come, first served basis as those enrolled on the course have priority.

Genesis Cinema
FREE | Rated PG

Image courtesy of Genesis Cinema

SCREENING: THE STUART HALL PROJECT

Tuesday 14 November
21:00
GENESIS CINEMA

This 2013 film by John Akomfrah centres on cultural theorist Stuart Hall, one of the founding fathers of the new left and a key architect of cultural studies in Britain. Part of The Amazing James Baldwin course – see p19 for details. This is on a first come, first served basis as those enrolled on the course have priority.

Genesis Cinema
FREE | No rating

Image courtesy of www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk

REMEMBERING DARCUS HOWE

The writer and broadcaster campaigned for black rights for more than 50 years and organised the 1981 Black People's March after the New Cross fire in which 13 black teenagers died.

Howe died peacefully in his sleep at his Streatham home on Saturday 1 April 2017.

In 2009, Howe wrote in The Guardian about his prostate cancer diagnosis. "Long live the NHS", he wrote, after describing how his treatment had been successful following the 2007 diagnosis.

Howe was born on 26 February 1943 in Trinidad, where his father was a vicar and his mother a teacher. He came to the UK in 1961.

Howe, who lived in Brixton for more than 30 years, started his journalism career with the magazine Race Today, where he was editor for 11 years, and more recently he was a Voice Newspaper columnist.

He made his name in the British Black Panthers, successfully challenging racism in the police during the Mangrove Nine trial at the Old Bailey in the early 1970s.

As a journalist, Howe contributed to a wide range of newspapers and had a regular column in the left-wing New Statesman magazine. He began his broadcasting career in the 1980s, presenting shows for the BBC, LWT and Channel 4.

In 2003 he wrote and presented the controversial series White Tribe, which explored the idea of Englishness and involved travelling around the country.

The campaigner also spoke out after the London riots in the summer of 2011, which were sparked by the shooting of Mark Duggan.

'Great loss'

His biographer, Robin Bunce, told the BBC that Howe was "an outstanding black activist" and a "powerful voice for black rights in Britain. … Taking on the police in the 70s at a time of enormous police racism and police corruption was an incredibly courageous thing to do. He was able to turn the table on his accusers and he was able to win his case.

Poet and friend Linton Kwesi Johnson told the BBC: "Darcus was a fearless warrior in the struggle against racial injustice in this country."

Friend and writer Farrukh Dhondy, a former commissioning editor at Channel 4, told the BBC that Howe was "one of the bravest, one of the most courageous, and one of the most significant activists for black people's rights in this country".

He was a "very modest leader who would speak directly to the people," Mr Dhondy said.

Courtesy of **www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk**

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CALENDAR

Please note that events are listed here within the category they most apply to, but many fall into several categories. See the individual page for details.

FILM

Screening: Artists' Film International, Serpent Rain	Tue 29 Aug – Sun 15 Oct	Everyone	6
The Amazing James Baldwin Course	Tue 10 Oct – Tue 14 Nov	Adults	19
Screening: Moonlight	Tue 10 Oct	Rated R (17+)	20
Screening: Get Out	Tue 17 Oct	Rated R (17+)	27
Screening: I Am Not Your Negro	Tue 24 Oct	Rated PG-13	34
Film Africa 2017	Sat 28 Oct – Sat 4 Nov	Adults, Young Adults (14+)	40
Screening: Look How Far We've Come	Tue 31 Oct	Adults	42
Screening: Hidden Figures	Tue 7 Nov	Rated PG	45
Screening: The Stuart Hall Project	Fri 14 Nov	No Rating	45

ARTS, CRAFTS AND EXHIBITIONS

Exhibition: London Sugar & Slavery: 10 Years	Until Sun 29 Oct	Adults	6
Exhibition: Zanele Muholi: Hail the Dark Lioness	Until Sat 28 Oct	Everyone	6
Workshops: Black Herstory Month	Sun 1 Oct	Everyone, Families & Children	9
Art Club	Sun 1 Oct	Children (5-14)	9
Art Club	Mon 2 Oct	Under 5s	10
Live to be Remembered: The Somali East End	Mon 2 – Mon30 Oct	Adult	10
Exhibition: For the Sake of Oil	Tue 3 – Fri 27 Oct	Everyone	11
Exhibition: A Necessary Fiction	Tue 3 Oct – Sat 20 Jan	Everyone	12
Exhibition: House of Ghetto: Black Pride	Wed 4 October – Thur 26 Oct	Everyone	13

Exhibition Launch: A Necessary Fiction	Thur 5 Oct	Everyone	15
Workshops: Black Herstory Month	Sat 7 Oct	Everyone, Families & Children	16
Workshop: Print – African Design Inspired by Yinka Shonibare	Sat 7 Oct	Everyone	17
Art Club	Sun 8 Oct	Children (5-14)	17
Art Club	Mon 9 Oct	Under 5s	17
RPS International Photography Exhibition 160	Fri 13 – Mon 16 Oct	Everyone	22
West Indians: Forefathers of the Metropolitan Police	Fri 13 Oct – Sun14 Jan	Everyone, Adults	23
Workshop: Print – African Design Inspired by Yinka Shonibare	Sat 14 Oct	Everyone	23
Art Club	Sun 15 Oct	Children (5-14)	24
Art Club	Mon 16 Oct	Under 5s	24
Discussion: The Politics of Exhibiting	Thur 19 Oct	Everyone	28
Art Club	Sun 22 Oct	Children	30
Art Club	Sun 22 Oct	Children (5-14)	30
Art Club	Mon 23 Oct	Under 5s	31
Half-Term Sculpture Workshop	Tue 24 Oct	Everyone, Families & Children	32
Workshop: Tribal Inspired Beaded Jewellery	Wed 25 – Fri 27 Oct	Everyone	34
Half-Term Creative Workshop	Thur 26 Oct	Families & Children	35
Talk: Radical Black Activism in the 1930s East End	Thur 26 Oct	Everyone	36
Art Club	Sun 29 Oct	Children (5-14)	41
Art Club	Mon 30 Oct	Under 5s	41
Exhibition: From Spanish Town to Globe Town	Thur 2 Nov	Everyone	42
Exhibition: From Spanish Town to Globe Town	Sat 4 & Sun 5 Nov	Everyone	44

DANCE, DRAMA AND MUSIC

Music: Pat Thomas and the Kwashibu Area Band	Fri 29 Sep	Adults	7
Workshop: Theatre Focused Black History	Fri 29 – Sat 30 Sep	Everyone	8
Festival: A Day in Africa – A Night in Rio!	Sun 1 Oct	Everyone	8
Prime Time	Tue 3 Oct	Over 55s	12
Drama: What Once Was Ours	Thur 5 – Wed 11 Oct	Young People (13 – 25)	14
Workshops/Auditions: Raw Talent	Thur 5 Oct	12-19 yrs	15
Music: Souljazz Orchestra	Thur 5 Oct	Adults	16
Drama: Twistov	Mon 9 Oct – Sat 18 Nov	Adults	18
Workshops/Auditions: Raw Talent	Thur 12 Oct	12-19 yrs	21
Mwalimu Express	Sun 15 Oct	Under 5s | Families & Children (U 13)	24
Music: Out of the System	Mon 16 – Tue 17 Oct	Adults	25
Prime Time	Tue 17 Oct	Over 55s	25
Drama: No Feedback	Tue 17 Oct	Young People, Adults, Over 55s	26
Workshops/Auditions: Raw Talent	Thur 19 Oct	12-19 yrs	28
Music: Habib Koité and Bamada + Sura Susso	Thur 19 Oct	Adults Only	28
Festival: Taste of Southern Africa Cultural Arts	Sat 21 Oct	Young People & Adults	29
Drama: Asylum Monologues	Tue 24 Oct	16+	33
Workshop: Ska and Reggae Music	Wed 25 – Thur 26 Oct	Adults & 13+	35
Poetry & Music: Shadowplay	Thur 26 Oct	Adults	37
Discussion: SWF: Home Alone	Fri 27 Oct	Everyone	37
Workshop: Hold Tight: How to Read Grime Music	Sat 28 Oct	Adults	38
Drama: Side Effects by Iman Qureshi	Sat 28 Oct	Adults & Young People	39
Prime Time	Tue 31 Oct	Over 55s	41
Play: Handa's Surprise	Sat 4 Nov	Under 5s	42
Music: Susso	Mon 6 Nov	Adults	44

LITERATURE, SPOKEN WORD AND STORYTELLING

Story Time	Mon 2 – Sat 28 Oct	Under 5s	10
African-Themed Story Time	Mon 2 Oct	Under 5s	10
Reading Aloud	Mon 2 – Fri 27 Oct	Under 11s	10
Book Break	Tue 3 Oct	Adults	12
Book Break (Get into Reading)	Wed 4 Oct	Everyone	14
Book Break	Thur 5 Oct	Everyone	15
African-Themed Story Time	Mon 9 Oct	Under 5s	17
Book Break	Tue 10 Oct	Adults	18
Discussion: Whose Voice Is It?	Tue 10 Oct	Adults	19
Book Group	Tue10 Oct	Adults	20
Book Break (Get into Reading)	Wed 11 Oct	Everyone	21
Book Break	Thur 12 Oct	Everyone	21
Talk: Once, We Came to a New Home	Thur 12 Oct	Everyone	21
African-Themed Story Time	Mon 16 Oct	Under 5s	24
Book Break	Tue 17 Oct	Adults	26
Book Break (Get into Reading)	Wed 18 Oct	Everyone	27
Book Break	Thur 19 Oct	Everyone	28
Talk: Women and Revolution in the Black Arts Movement	Fri 20 Oct	Adults Only	29
SWF: Family Programme	Sat 21 Oct	Everyone	30
SWF: Pure Poetry	Sat 21 Oct	Everyone	30
SWF: Reimaging Identity/ Home	Sun 22 Oct	Everyone	31
African-Themed Story Time	Mon 23 Oct	Under 5s	31
SWF: Poetry Translation Event	Mon 23 Oct	Everyone	32
Prime Time	Tue 24 Oct	Over 55s	32
Book Break	Tue 24 Oct	Adults	33
Book Break (Get into Reading)	Wed 25 Oct	Everyone	35
Book Break	Thur 26 Oct	Everyone	36
Poetry Tribute	Thur 26 Oct	Adults	36
Talk: Toussaint Louverture: A Black Jacobin	Sat 28 Oct	Everyone	38
SWF: Somali Books Day	Sat 28 Oct	Everyone	40
African-Themed Story Time	Mon 30 Oct	Under 5s	41
Book Break	Tue 31 Oct	Adults	41

HERITAGE

Exhibition: Once, We Came to a New Home	Mon 2 – Tue 31 Oct	Everyone	11
Homework Club	Fri 6 Oct	Under 16s	16
Caribbean Family History Day	Sat 7 Oct	Everyone/Adults	16
Prime Time	Tue 10 Oct	Over 55s	18
Homework Club	Fri 13 Oct	Under 16s	23
East End WI Celebrating BHM	Tue 17 Oct	Women Only	27
Talk: Black Victorian Children in a Barnardo's Home	Wed 18 Oct	Everyone	27
Homework Club	Fri 20 Oct	Under 16s	29
Screening and talk: MLK's 1967 Visit to Newcastle-U-Tyne	Tue 24 Oct	Everyone	33
Homework Club	Fri 27 Oct	Under 16s	37
BHM Open Day: Museum of Immigration	Sat 4 Nov	Everyone	44

OTHER CULTURAL EVENTS

SWF: Anglo-Somali Society Event	Mon 23 Oct	Everyone	31
African and Caribbean Business Showcase	Wed 25 Oct	Everyone	35
SWF: Yusuf Can't Talk	Sat 28 Oct	Everyone	39

VENUES

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Tube: Aldgate East
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London, EC2Y 5HN
020 7030 3300
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Full disabled access and family-friendly
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Tube: Aldgate East
Local buses: 15, 25, 67, 115, 135, 205, 254

V&A Museum of Childhood
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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 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**

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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)

If you require this in another format please contact us by emailing **blackhistorymonth@towerhamlets.gov.ukk**

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