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FESTIVAL 2023

The Voices of Windrush Festival (Vow Fest) was founded in 2021 in an online format featuring panel discussions, lectures, spoken word and music. Vow Festival 2023 celebrates the 75th anniversary of the arrival of HMT Empire Windrush, a ship which brought 492 passengers from the English-speaking Caribbean to Tilbury on the 22nd June 1948, symbolic of the arrival of many ships and planes bringing British subjects from the Caribbean to the UK.

There were Black people in the UK for centuries before, but this ship is heralded as the start of the movement of at least half a million people from the Caribbean who arrived between 1948 and 1971, before changes to immigration laws brought this migration to an end. Those people who arrived on board the HMT Windrush and other ships and planes from the Caribbean, are known as the Windrush generation. They believed that they were British citizens, only to discover that the inferior legal status conferred upon them, was eventually to embroil many in what became known as the Windrush Scandal.

The VoW Festival explores the differing periods of history: arrival and aspiration, struggle and resistance, culminating in contemporary experiences of being both British and Diaspora. It features 6 weeks of lectures, conversations, panel discussions, arts, culture, spoken word and theatre, the inaugural Windrush Lecture, and the launch of the Windrush legacy Project.

The Voices of Windrush Festival 2023 is a pre-eminent event in this year's Windrush 75 calendar. It is organised by Voices of Windrush Ltd, a not for profit company and is grateful for the support of the Mayor of London, the Antigua and Barbuda High Commission, the Barbados High Commission, Black Counsel Forum, Black Cultural Archives, Bloomberg London, the Dominica High Commission, Garden Court Chambers, Geest Shipping, the Grenada High Commission, Hogan Lovells, the Jamaica High Commission, Leigh Day, PWC and Unison.

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Illustration by Zita Holbourne: Poet-Artist-Activist

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 15 JUNE 6-8 PM

LAUNCH OF VOW FESTIVAL

Presentations, music and spoken word

With Her Excellency Kisha Abba Grant, High Commissioner of Grenada to the UK, Bell Ribeiro Addy, MP and Lisa Anderson, Director of the Black Cultural Archives, Cllr Sonia Winifred, Lambeth's lead on addressing the Windrush Scandal (2108-2022).

Venue: *The Gardens, Black Cultral Archives, 1 Windrush Square, London SW2 1EF (Brixton stations)*

FRIDAY 16 JUNE 6-8 PM

AN OPENING POLEMIC

Is the Windrush Story Distorting the History of Black Settlement in Britain
Professor Gus John, education expert and social historian, is in conversation with Yvonne Witter, acting Chief Executive of Operation Black Vote. The pair will explore the limitations of the Windrush story in the context of Black settlement and aspirations in the UK.

Venue: *Leigh Day, Panagram, 27 Goswell Road Barbican London EC1M 7AN (Barbican Underground)*

SATURDAY 17 JUNE 7-9 PM

SOUNDS AND RHYTHMS

Kwaku, journalist and Black music expert and Sinai Fleary, Journalist, broadcaster and educationalist, will explore the role that music has played in the struggle for identity in Britain, connecting the Windrush generation to their homelands. The panel will play pieces of their favourite music.

Venue: *The Tribe, 22 Streatham High Road, London SW16 1DB (Streatham Hill Station)*

SUNDAY 18 JUNE 7-9 PM

THEATRE

Uplift – This play on contributions of the Windrush Generation and the Scandal, vowed audiences when it made its debut in 2022 London and at the Edinburgh Festival. Dave Neita, Poet and Playwright, uses his sublime story telling skills to weave history and struggles into a drama with twists, which makes you laugh out loud but angry at the same time. Followed by a conversation between Dave and Cllr Sonia Winifred, Lambeth's lead on addressing the Windrush Scandal, 2018- 2022.

Venue: *Streatham Space Theatre, Crn Sternhold Avenue and Blairderry Road, London SW2 4PA (Streatham Hill Station)*

MONDAY 19 JUNE 7-9 PM

SPOKEN WORD WORKSHOP

Dave Neita - Poet and Playwright, will perform a selection of his spoken words before inviting the audience to structure and create their own pieces using the theme, We Came, We Stayed, We Endeavoured.

Venue: *Streatham Space Theatre – Bar area, Crn Sternhold Avenue and Blairderry Road, London SW2 4PA (Streatham Hill Station)*

TUESDAY 20 JUNE 6.30-8.30 PM

CONVERSATION AND CALYPSO

Arthur Torrington CBE, a co-founder and director of the Windrush Foundation and Alexander D Great, Calypsonian, will highlight the contributions to the Black community in Britain made by ex-RAF WWII service member, first Black Mayor of the London Borough of Southwark, passenger on board the HMT Windrush, and founder of Windrush Day, Sam King MBE.

Venue: *Streatham Space Theatre – Bar area, Crn Sternhold Avenue and Blairderry Road, London SW2 4PA (Streatham Hill Station)*

WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 10-12 PM

COMMEMORATION

Caribbean High Commissioners to the UK, and other diplomatic staff and dignitaries, will lay flowers and pay tribute to those Caribbean men and women who gave their lives fighting for the UK in WWI and WWII, and in wars since, including the Falklands, Afghanistan and Iraq. Private reception to follow, sponsored by the Voices of Windrush, in the presence of the Right Honorable Alando Terrelonge, MP and Minister of State for Foreign Trade and the Diaspora, Jamaica.

Venue: *1 Windrush Square Brixton London SW2 1EF (Brixton stations)*

WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 6.30-8.30 PM

FIRESIDE CONVERSATION

Inter generations of women discuss what the Windrush story means to them and exchange tales of their experiences, challenges, highlights and lowlights, and aspirations for the future, amidst anecdotes and laughter with, Dawn Hill founding chair of the Black Cultural Archives, Charlie Brinkhurst-Cuff author and formerly Gal Dem, Antonia Gundona, Researcher and Jenny Stimpson, BBC Producer and filmmaker.

Venue: *198 Gallery, 198 Railton Road, Brixton, London SE24 0JT (Herne Hill Station)*

THURSDAY 22 JUNE 1 PM ONWARDS

WINDRUSH DAY

Jacqueline McKenzie will be in conversation with Alex Pascall OBE for the reopening of the National Portrait Gallery, from 1-2pm. Victims of the Windrush Scandal will join Leigh Day's Immigration and Asylum Team at the Gallery, followed by photo shoots and lunch, before journeying on to Windrush Square for the Brixton Project's Carnival organised by Taylor Greyson and Freya Danby of Leigh Day.

Venue: *National Portrait Gallery, St. Martin's Pl, London WC2H 0HE (Charing Cross Stations)*
To book this event go the NPG's website.

SUNDAY 25 JUNE 7-9 PM

THEATRE

South London Windrush Playback Players founded by Tony Cealy, present a Windrush show produced by Fay Allen and Duncan Lawrence, of spontanous improvised theatre performances in collaboration with audiences and the Intergenerational group of Windrush performers.

Venue: *Streatham Space Theatre, Crn Sternhold Avenue and Blairderry Road, London SW2 4PA (Streatham Hill Station)*

WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE 6-8 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION WITH CLIPS FROM THE STEVE MCQUEEN, UPRISING

The Black civil rights movement in the UK – An analysis of the Struggle and Resistance through the ages.

With Cecil Gutzmore, Historian, Ros Griffiths, Community Organiser and Stafford Scott, Community Activist.

Moderator: Thalia Maragh, Lawyer

Venue: *Leigh Day, 27 Goswell Road, Barbican London EC1M 7AJ (Barbican Stations)*

THURSDAY 29 JUNE 6-8 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION

Deconstructing how policing has marginalised the Black community

With Dr Leroy Logan, former Met Superintendent and founder of the Black Police Association, Abimbola Johnson, Barrister and Chair of the Police Independent Scrutiny and Oversight Board and Lee Jasper, former Deputy Mayor for Policing and Chair, Alliance for Police Accountability.

Moderator: Tinu Adeshile, Lawyer

Venue: *PWC, Embankment, 1 Embankment Place, London WC2N 6RH (Embankment Station)*

FRIDAY 30 JUNE 7-9 PM

PANEL AND ART EXHIBITION

Artists Zita Holbourne and Antonietta Torsiello showcase their work and explain how art has emerged as a means of both celebration and struggle for the Windrush generation.

Venue: *Streatham Space Theatre – Bar area, Crn Sternhold Avenue and Blairderry Road, London SW2 4PA (Streatham Hill Station)*

TUESDAY 4 JULY 6-8.30 PM

THE INAUGURAL VOICES OF WINDRUSH LECTURE

Martin Forde KC delivers the inaugural Voices of Windrush Lecture:

When They Called, We came, But Then...

Introduced by Jacqueline McKenzie, Partner Leigh Day.

Venue: *Bloomberg London, Queen Victoria Street, London EC4N 4TQ (Canon Street Station)*

WEDNESDAY 5 JULY 6-8.30 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION

Maisie Barrett, Noel Gorden, authors and survivors, and Professor Leslie Thomas KC, examine the experiences and evidence of the state's role in misclassifying some children as educationally subnormal, depriving them of both an education and lifelong opportunities.

Moderator: Akima Paul Lambert – Partner, Hogan Lovells

Venue: *Hogan Lovells, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1A 2FG (Farringdon Station)*

THURSDAY 6 JULY 6-8.30 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION

Kane Jackson, Trainee Lawyer and Dirg Aaab-Richards, Community Youth Worker assess whether the accusation of homophobia long levelled at the Black community is justified, and look at the challenges for Black LGBTQIA, today.

Moderator: Lianne Walters, Trainee Lawyer

Venue: *Sedulo Office, 605 Albert House, 256-260 Old Street, London EC1V 9DD (Old Street Station)*

FRIDAY 7 JULY 7-9 PM

SPOKEN WORD

Spoken word artists Ngoma Silver and Nairobi Thompson take us on a journey of the identity, struggles and resistance of the Windrush generation through poetry and the spoken word.

Venue: *Streatham Space Theatre, Bar area - Crn Sternhold Avenue SW2 4PA and Blairderry Road (Streatham Hill Station)*

MONDAY 10 JULY 6-8 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION

How the Windrush Scandal came to be exposed and its lingering malaise

With Subira Cameron-Guppy, Claudia Jones Organisation's Windrush Justice Clinic, Anthony Brown, WD Legal, Grace Brown, Lawyer, Garden Court Chambers, Amelia Gentleman, Journalist, The Guardian.

Moderator: Nath Gbikpi, Lawyer

Venue: *Garden Court Chambers, 57-60 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3LJ (Holborn Station)*

TUESDAY 11 JULY 6-8 PM

FILM NIGHT WITH LEIGH DAY

The screening of journalist and film maker, Nadine White's debut, Barrel Children: The Families Windrush Left Behind. Nadine will be in conversation with Evadney Campbell MBE, PR Executive and Shaun Pascall, Journalist.

Venue: *Leigh Day, 27 Goswell Road, Barbican London EC1M 7AJ (Barbican Stations)*

WEDNESDAY 12 JULY 6-8 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION

Consultant Psychiatrists Dr Aggrey Burke and Dr Rebecca Amisah discuss the intergenerational health challenges of the impact of racism on health and well-being with lawyer, Fran Swaine.

Venue: *Black Cultural Archives, 1 Windrush Square, Brixton, London SW2 1EF (Brixton Stations)*

THURSDAY 13 JULY 6-8 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION

Creating a National Health Service Fit for All: The pride of the Windrush generation

With Lynette Richards Lorde, Dr Donald Palmer and Rev Charles Morris, Deputy High Commissioner of Barbados.

Moderator: Councillor Patsy Cummings

Venue: *The Barbados High Commission, 1 Great Russell St, London WC1B 3ND (Goodge Street Station)*

FRIDAY 14 JULY 5-7 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION

"The Light Shines in the Darkness": The importance of faith in the Black Community

With Bishop Desmond Jadoo, Reverend Yvonne Clarke CoE Vicar and Jeff Peart, Trustee of 12 Tribes of Israel (UK Chapter).

Moderator: Liz Farrell, Lawyer

Venue: *Suite 16, Lambeth Town Hall, 1 Brixton Hill, London SW2 1RW (Brixton Stations)*

WEDNESDAY 19 JULY 6-8 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION

Raising the Stakes for the 4th and 5th generation of the Windrush: the challenges of adultification, stereotyping, stop and search, and the quest for attainment with Sarah Burke, Christxpher Oliver, Jerome Bond, Trainee Lawyer and Mr Prospect, Youth Ambassador.

Moderator: Donna John, Executive Director, Ignite Youth

Venue: *Queen Of The South, 367 Norwood Road, Tulse Hill, London SE27 9BQ (Tulse Hill Train Station)*

THURSDAY 20 JULY 6-8 PM

A SEMINAR

Windrush Voices: Building an Oral History

With Dr Juanita Cox, Oral History expert, Melissa Williams, PhD Student and Her Excellency Janet Charles, High Commission of Dominica to the UK.

Venue: *The High Commission of Dominica, 1 Collingham Gardens, London SW5 0HW (Earls Court Station)*

MONDAY 24 JULY 6-8 PM

A SEMINAR

Enabling Economic and Political Power: Breaking Down the Barriers

With Bell Ribeiro Addy MP, Councillor Carole Williams and Glenroy Watson, Pan African Trade Unionist.

Moderator: Sharon Thomas, Founder and Director of the Black Counsel Forum

Venue: *Black Cultural Archives, 1 Windrush Square, Brixton, London SW2 1EF (Brixton Stations)*

WEDNESDAY 26 JULY 6-8 PM

PANEL

The Role of The Windrush Generation in Creating Economic and Social Growth in The Caribbean Region

With Dr Jonathan Thomas, Economist, Dr Godfrey Martin, Statistician and Actuary and Her Excellency Karen-Mae Hill, High Commissioner of Antigua and Barbuda to the UK.

Moderator: Creana Dodson, Pupil Barrister

Venue: *High Commission for Antigua and Barbuda, Abrar House, 45 Crawford Place, London W1H 4LP (Edgware Road Station)*

28 JULY 6-8 PM

LAUNCH OF BUILDING A LEGACY FOR THE WINDRUSH GENERATION AND CLOSING EVENT

See our website for further details.

EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS VISITS

INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS FOR PUPILS ON THE WINDRUSH GENERATION

Led by Sinai Fleary, journalist, broadcaster, educationalist, and school's workshop leader at:
The Woodlawns, 16 Leigham Court Road, 30 June 2023
Streatham London SW16 2PJ 7 July 2023

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS FOR WINDRUSH ELDERS

Led by Denise Roberts, writing poetry, memory pieces, autobiographies, family histories at:
The Woodlawns, 16 Leigham Court Road, 30 June 2023
Streatham London SW16 2PJ 7 July 2023

FREE DROP IN LEGAL SURGERIES

With lawyers for Windrush, 1 July 2023
Immigration, and human rights matters at:
The Woodlawns, 16 Leigham Court Road, 8 July 2023
Streatham London SW16 2PJ 15 July 2023
22 July 2023

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