Thank you for joining in our commemoration of Windrush Day 2020.

The celebration acknowledges the Windrush Generations continued contribution to the NHS and other key service workforces, especially during the battle against the coronavirus – often at great personal cost.

I hope you take the beautiful templates created by local artist Carolyne Hill, and put your work artwork in the window to show your solidarity.

You can also join in and raise your voice in unity with all of Lambeth to celebrate the Windrush Generation on Monday 22nd June at 10:27. We have created a unique version of a universally loved song “You Can Get It If You Really Want”.

Please do share your Windrush Day stories, photographs of your artwork and singing for Windrush with us on our social media.

@WindrushLambeth
www.love.lambeth.gov.uk/windrush-day-2020
The ‘Windrush’ generation are so called after the Empire Windrush that arrived in the UK on 22 June 1948 carrying passengers from the Caribbean who were invited by the UK government to help rebuild the country after the Second World War. It is estimated that around 550,000 people from the Caribbean migrated to the UK between 1948 and 1973. Many of the new arrivals were some of the first people to work in the newly formed health service and subsequently across all public services. Their legacy lives on today with the thousands of Windrush descendants now working across the NHS and other public services. In 2020 they have all carried the enormous burden of managing the pandemic, working tirelessly alongside colleagues from across the world.

Windrush Day is an annual celebration that commemorates the arrival of the Empire Windrush its passengers and descendants who made a huge contribution to the UK’s cultural, social and economic life over the decades. The Borough of Lambeth is home to many descendants of Windrush and June 22 is a date of special significance in the annual calendar.

The Windrush Scandal
In 2018 The Windrush scandal brought to light how some migrants from Commonwealth countries, who were encouraged to settle in the UK from the late 1940s to 1973, were being wrongly categorised as illegal immigrants. Some who had lived and worked in the UK for years were threatened with deportation or refused jobs and healthcare. Lambeth Council’s Cabinet member for Equalities and Culture, Cllr Sonia Winifred continues to lead efforts to support and help fight for justice for the Windrush Generation in Lambeth.
Hello, my name is Carolyne Hill, a Londoner who grew up in Brixton. I went to school in Lambeth and my family are very much part of the Brixton community.

I am passionate about art, creativity and recognising our history through the stories that brought us here today. Windrush day is important to me as growing up in Brixton, the Windrush generation were the first generation of Black people to build our beautifully diverse community. They are our friends, neighbours, NHS staff, transport workers, leaders, support staff and family.

I have created a poster for Windrush Day 2020 to represent the journey taken by the Windrush generation with the waves, the bright shining future we all want with the sun rays and the ‘rainbow of gratitude’ that we have for all the support workers who still provide for us all to this day. The centre graphic is a ‘life saver’ framing the iconic Windrush ship that sailed into England on the 22nd June, 1948.

I hope you have fun colouring in the template and Windrush bunting, creating your own version of bright displays. We look forward to seeing your creations.

What are the colours that represent Windrush day for you?
We want to make Windrush Day 2020 an extraordinary collective event for the community despite the restrictions of lockdown and social distancing. In this art and actives pack you have everything you need for you, your class, family and friends, to pay your respects to the people of Windrush by decorating your windows and doorsteps in time for June 22.

We would like to see Windrush 2020 pictures all over Lambeth – in every window of your house if you want – on your front door or turn it into a flag!

**Let’s all get ready!**
- Print off the templates onto white paper.
- Or draw your own version using the template as inspiration.
- Colour in the poster and bunting with your family and friends.
- Use your favourite colours.
- Use the spaces to write messages of love and thanks to share with your neighbours.
- Decorate your windows and doorway.
- Share your images on Instagram and Facebook and decorate our streets.

**Call to action!**
Display your support and solidarity for Windrush
Be the first to post your Windrush Windows:
@WindrushLambeth

**Monday 22nd June at 10:27 am**
Raise your voice and be heard in tribute to the people of Windrush!
We have created a unique version of ‘You Can Get It If You Really Want It’ by Desmond Dekker.

We want everyone wherever they are to play this song at 10:27 on Windrush Day. Be out on the on your doorstep and tuned in to Colourful Radio at 10.20 for the countdown

Find out more: love.lambeth.gov.uk/windrush-day-2020
• Print your bunting on the B/W setting
• Fit to page (A4)
• Colour in with your favourite colours!
• Cut out and attach to string or ribbon or just use some blue tack or tape and attach to your wall or window.
Lambeth Council have worked in partnership with The Brixton Project to develop the Lambeth Windrush 2020 engagement programme of which this Arts and Activity Pack is part of.

The Brixton Project work to connect business, citizens and creative networks to bring the positive power of creativity to the heart of local communities.

Carolyne Hill is a local artist and designer from Brixton.

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