



Windrush Day 2020

Celebrating Windrush has never been more important.

Thank you for joining in the Windrush Day 2020 Celebrations.

We want to make Windrush Day 2020 an extraordinary collective event for the community despite the restrictions of lockdown and social distancing.

The Art and Activity pack has everything you need to join in and show your appreciation to the people of Windrush by decorating your windows.

Monday 22nd June at 10:27 we are asking all of Lambeth to come outside and take part in our Song for Windrush. This is a great opportunity for schools and home school pupils.

The Song for Windrush is 'You Can Get It If You Really Want It' written by Jimmy Cliff, Released by Desmond Dekker in 1970, it went to No 2 in the charts. A specially recorded 90 second version of this song has been made by Lambeth musicians and singers. This is available to download from Thursday 17th June from the Windrush Day webpage. You can also tune into Colourful Radio on the day.

It is important that as a community we hold and share the knowledge of the Windrush generation and their contribution to British society and culture.

In the following pages are further suggestions and resources for teachers, parents and caregivers. Ideas and activities to support further learning, spark conversation and inspire further joining in on the celebrations.

Further information and resources can be found on:

<https://love.lambeth.gov.uk/windrush-day-2020/>

You can also contact us at

windrushday@lambeth.gov.uk

Don't forget to share your Windrush Day stories with us.

Further activity ideas

a) The Windrush Arm Wave

On Monday 22nd June - Come out in the playground for 10.20 turn up your speaker and play the song. Tune into Colourful Radio (www.colourfulradio.com) or download the song from (www.lovelambeth/windrush-day-2020),listen for the countdown and join in!

Stand at a two-meter distance and do the Windrush Body Pop. You can imagine your arms are ocean waves.

Instructions here on how to do the POP arm wave!

<https://www.wikihow.com/Body-Pop#Popping-Your-Arms>

b) Creative Writing Exercise - Diary entry

- Imagine you are arriving on the Empire Windrush.
- Write a diary entry about the journey and your first impressions of the UK.
- Include drawings to help capture the story.

c) Creative Writing Exercise - Letter home

- Imagine you have been in the UK for a couple of months.
- Write home to a friend / family member about life in the UK.
- Include drawings if wanted to help capture the story.
- Get creative with how the letter looks - smudged, tea stained parchment.

d) Drawing or Making Exercise - Design a statue celebrating the Windrush Generation.

- Think about what the Windrush Generation means to you, your friends, your family, your classmates, your doctors, nurses, musicians, artists, bus drivers whoever!
- Celebrate them on a poster.
- Think carefully about what materials to use, what other motifs you could include and how else to make your statue stand out!

e) **Making Exercise - Make a mobile to hang in celebration of the Empire Windrush.**

- Decorate several pieces of paper/card anyway you like (min 3-max you name it!) - paint, pens, collage, glitter, whatever you have handy!
- Think about why you are using those colours and materials - make them significant. The colours of the rainbow, the NHS, relevant to your family's heritage however you like.
- Turn your newly decorated pieces of paper into boats
(Watch this simple clip which shows you how - [clip](#))
- Attach them by creating a small hole somewhere on each boat and threading a piece of string/wool through each hole (tie a knot underneath each boat so they remain spread out).
- Voila you have your Windrush mobile - hang in your classroom at school! Or wherever you like!

About the Windrush Generation

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.

Further Learning Resources

There are further learning and research resources online. Below are a few recommendations:

Black Cultural Archives

Search their online collection, listen to their newly digitized Windrush Generation Oral Histories and view their online exhibition '[From War to Windrush](#)'. Their Windrush Journeys learning sessions for key stage 1-2 and 3-5 are not available online. However, contact them and they can talk through how post COVID-19 you can book in these sessions for classes.
learning@bcaheritage.org.uk

National Archives

The National Archives has papers and documents in their collection which relate directly to Windrush Empire. They also have online teaching resources entitled 'Bound for Britain' exploring at experiences of immigration to the UK between 1948 and 1970.

British Library

The British Library online resource based around their Windrush Collection can be found here www.bl.uk/windrush. The online resource is curated around the theme of explorations of race, migration & culture has teaching resources available.

Further Reference Resources

The following list of websites are further resources to explore topics around Windrush, Windrush Generation, Windrush Celebrations and Windrush Scandal.

This is not a definitive list and should be used as suggestions and an aid to help being searching and finding all the resources, opinion and archives collections.

- **Windrush Foundation – www.windrushfoundation.com**
- West African Service Personnel UK – www.waspuk.co.uk
- Windrushday.org.uk
- **Black Lives Matter -**
- **Black History 365**
- **Royal Museums Greenwich**
- **Bristol Museums – Bristol's Windrush generation**
- **Museum of London – pocket histories – Where do Londoners come from?**
- **Museum for London - Docklands**
- **Royal Air Force Museum**
- **The Voice**
- **Windrush Scandal**
- **Love Lambeth – Windrush Scandal statement**

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