

**Black History Season**

**1 October 2022 - 8 December 2022**



# Celebrating Black Culture and Achievement in Hackney

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# Hackney Black History

## Season 2022

**Here in Hackney we celebrate Black culture and history all year round. As we strive to be an anti-racist borough, it remains important to have focused time to learn, share and celebrate our African and African-Caribbean heritage and culture in Hackney and around the World.**

Hackney Libraries have curated a family-friendly programme with poetry readings, book clubs, film screenings and history-inspired craft sessions.

Hackney Museum's focus is on how African heritage individuals have shaped Hackney, sharing inspirational stories in the exhibition: Movers, Shakers and Community Makers. Join in the collaborative conversation that will help develop the 2023 exhibition on East African communities, by sharing your stories and memories.

A special programme of educational and interactive activities will take place in our youth hubs, sports hubs and adventure playgrounds, so children and young people in the borough can learn about Black history and the significance of the Black contribution nationally and internationally.

Hackney's Children and Education services are inviting Black and Global Majority students, residents and Council staff to share intergenerational stories of growing up, living or working in Hackney and will present these experiences as part of 'Stories

Untold: An intergenerational exhibition of stories about life in Hackney' at the Tomlinson Centre until the end of the year.

The season will end with an in-person event with Jay Blades, sharing lived experiences with a Hackney youth panel at Hackney Archives.

All events are free. Some you will need to book your place, others you can just turn up and enjoy!

Events may be subject to change and more will be added, so please check the details by visiting:

 [\*\*lovehackney.uk/black-history-season\*\*](https://lovehackney.uk/black-history-season)



# Exhibitions

## **Movers, Shakers and Community Makers: An exhibition about African heritage influencers in Hackney**

4 Oct 2022 - 2 Jan 2023

Hackney Museum, 1 Reading Lane, London E8 1GQ

**This new display explores how African heritage individuals have shaped Hackney to be the borough it is today.** Using objects, photographs, and personal experiences from Hackney Museum's collection, this display shares the stories of people who have influenced local life through their actions.

Free entry.

During October and November the exhibition will be busy Tues-Fri 9.30am-3.30pm with school groups.



Betty Nosipho Hlela at Zenzele, Haggerston 2007. She used recycled fabrics to teach arts and crafts.

Photo: © Robert Pereira-Hind / Hackney Museum

## **The World Reimagined**


**13 Aug - 31 Oct**

**The World Reimagined will see trails of over a hundred large globes in seven cities across the UK from 13 August – 31 October 2022.**



The sculptures have been created by artists to bring to life the reality and impact of the transatlantic trade in enslaved Africans and invite the public to engage with the dialogue and actions of making racial justice a reality.

All artists have created globes responding to the themes ranging from 'Mother Africa' and 'The Reality of Being Enslaved' to 'Still We Rise' and 'Expanding Soul'.

Hackney has a trail incorporating six of these globes and a series of smaller globes created by local primary school children. To find out more about the exhibition visit:  [theworldreimagined.org](https://theworldreimagined.org)

# Exhibitions

## **Stories Untold: An intergenerational exhibition of stories about life in Hackney**

1 Oct until the end of 2022 | 10am - 3pm Mon to Fri  
The Tomlinson Centre, Queensbridge Road E8 3ND

**Hackney's Children and Education services are inviting Black and Global Majority students, residents and staff to share intergenerational stories of growing up, living or working in Hackney.** The stories of Black and Global Majority people are often overlooked and this exhibition will acknowledge and celebrate the narratives and legacies of the young and old within our community. Hackney has a wealth of talent and this is an opportunity to showcase, inspire and connect as a community.

Expect to see writing, art, music, poetry - and plenty more - displayed in the Tomlinson Centre through to the end of the year.



# Events and Activities

## Black History Season Flag

**From 1 Oct**

**Hackney Town Hall, Mare Street, E8 1EA**

Hackney's unique Black History Season flag will fly above Hackney Town Hall throughout October to mark the borough's pride in its Black history. It was designed by local resident Malaika Parillon Langlais Baron, through a schools competition, in 2018.



## Hackney Libraries Presents YoungLitStars Authors

**1 Oct 2pm - 4pm**

**Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Square, E8 3BQ**

To launch Black History Season and National Libraries Week, young Black authors will share their writing journeys and the motivation and inspiration behind their books. The books cover the themes of Black role models, racism, affirmations and Caribbean and African legacy.

**Book:** [bit.ly/LitStarsDalston](https://bit.ly/LitStarsDalston)

## Under 5s Storytime

**3 Oct 11am to 12pm**

**Clapton Library, Northwold Road, E5 8RA**

African and Caribbean storytime session, plus make your own Anansi spider to take home.

## Wendy Shearer Story Teller: African and Caribbean Stories

**4 Oct, sessions at 4pm and 4:45pm**

**Hackney Central Library, Reading Lane, E8 1GQ**

Hackney Libraries present professional storyteller and author Wendy Shearer for trickster tales and origin myths. With music, dancing and costumes, everyone is welcome to join in these wonderful stories that celebrate Black history and culture.

**Book:** [bit.ly/WendyShearerStories](https://bit.ly/WendyShearerStories)



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### Bracelets, Necklaces and Rings

4 Oct 2pm - 3pm

Homerton Library, Homerton High Street,  
E9 6AS

Age 5 +

Jewellery workshop for children where you can design your own colourful African-inspired jewellery to take home.

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### Under 5s Storytime

5 Oct 2pm - 3pm

Stamford Hill Library, Portland Avenue,  
N16 6SB

Storytime with folklore from across the African continent.

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### Chatterbooks - Young People's Reading Group

6 October 4pm - 5pm

Homerton Library, Homerton High Street,  
E9 6AS

Ages 8 - 12

Come along to this friendly book club to meet people and chat about your favourite read.

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### Poetry Workshop for Children

8 Oct 2pm - 3pm

Clapton Library, Northwold Street,  
E5 8RA

Age 6 - 15

Tumble. Leap. Flip. Jiggle. At Clapton Library we're celebrating Black History Month and National Libraries Week with a children's poetry workshop. Learn how to write your own poems with a little help from John Agard, Valerie Bloom, Grace Nichols and Benjamin Zephaniah.

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### Baller Boy Stories at Shoreditch Library

8 Oct 11am - 12pm

Shoreditch Library, Hoxton Street, N1 6LP

Age 5+

Hackney Libraries present Venessa Taylor, author of the Baller Boys series. These football-themed stories are written with young readers in mind. Join Venessa for a fun and interactive session.

**Book:** [bit.ly/BallerBoyShoreditch](http://bit.ly/BallerBoyShoreditch)



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### Family Film Club: Black History Season Edition

8 & 22 Oct 2pm - 4pm

Homerton Library, Homerton High Street,  
E9 6AS

**Children must be accompanied by an adult**

Watch a family-friendly movie with your children. Juice and popcorn will be served.



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### Film Club: Black History Season Edition

8 Oct 2pm - 4pm

Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston  
Square, E8 3B

Age 15+

Join us at the Library for an afternoon of cinema celebrating Black history. 15+ only.

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### Under 5s and Family Event

11 Oct 11am - 12pm

Shoreditch Library, Hoxton Street, N1 6LP

African stories and craft event.



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### Under 5s Storytime - Garrett Morgan

12 Oct 2pm - 3pm

Stamford Hill Library, Portland Avenue,  
N16 6SB

Come along to this story and craft session all about African American inventor Garrett Morgan.

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### Health and Wellbeing Event

12 Oct 2pm - 3pm

Shoreditch Library, Hoxton Street, N1 6LP

Age 15 to 70

Learn African and Caribbean dance movements to improve the condition of the heart, lungs, muscular strength and fitness.



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### Mae Carol Jemison Rockets

12 Oct 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston  
Square, E8 3BQ

Age: 7+

Mae Carol Jemison is an American engineer, former NASA astronaut and the first Black woman to travel into space. Join us for this space-themed craft session and learn all about her work.

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### **African Mask Making**

**13 Oct 2pm - 4.30pm**

**Homerton Library, Homerton High Street, E9 6AS**

**Age: 5+**

Design and create your own African mask to take home.

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### **Children's Film Club: Black History Season Edition**

**15 Oct 2pm - 4pm**

**Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Square, E8 3BQ**

Join us at the Library for an afternoon of family cinema and popcorn. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Rated U.

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### **CLR James - In Enduring Legacy**

**15 Oct 2pm - 5pm**

**Hackney Archives, Dalston CLR Library, Dalston Square, E8 3BQ**



C.L.R. James was an Afrikan heritage historian, activist, writer and philosopher who made critical contributions to Pan-Afrikan, anti-racist and Marxist thought. Dalston's CLR James Library continues to bear his name due to community activism spanning over 30 years. Join us and special guests for an afternoon of reflection on James' legacy. Hosted by the CLR James Legacy Project.

**Book:** [bit.ly/InEnduringLegacy](https://bit.ly/InEnduringLegacy)

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### **Adult Reading Group**

**17 Oct 6.30pm - 7.45pm**

**Homerton Library, Homerton High Street, E9 6AS**

**Age 18+**

Join us to discuss this number two Sunday Times Bestseller: *Queenie* by Candice Carty-Williams.

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### **CHARRED Anniversary Tour - Poetry Reading + Q&A with Andreena Leeanne**

**17 Oct 6.30pm - 7.30pm**

**Stoke Newington Library, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0LJ**

Join Andreena as she reads from her book and answers your questions during this intimate and special event during Black History Season 2022.

**Book:** [bit.ly/PoetAndreena](https://bit.ly/PoetAndreena)

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### **Kente Cloth Paper Weaving Craft**

**18 Oct 3pm - 4.30pm**

**Stamford Hill Library, Portland Avenue, N16 6SB**

**Age 6+ (children must be accompanied by an adult)**

Come along to Stamford Hill Library and have fun creating your own paper version of Kente cloth! Kente cloth, originated in Ghana, has become a colourful symbol of African culture.

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### **DIY Hair Braiding and Plaiting for Beginners**

**19 Oct 2pm - 3.30pm**

**Shoreditch Library, Hoxton Street, N1 6LP**

**Age 18+**

Come along to learn how to plait and braid your own hair.

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### **Garrett Morgan Traffic Lights**

**19 Oct 3.30 - 4.30pm**

**Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Square, E8 3BQ**

**Age 7+**

Garrett Morgan blazed a trail for African American inventors with his patents, including a 3 tier traffic signal. Join us for this craft and learn session about Garrett Morgan and the importance of road safety.

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### **Community Forum: How Have East African Communities Shaped Hackney?**

**20 Oct 6pm to 7.45pm**

**Hackney Museum, 1 Reading Lane, E8 1GQ**

Join Hackney Museum to create a special exhibition about East African communities in Hackney. Come and share your stories, memories, items or photographs and get involved by telling us about the people, places and events that you want to see in the final exhibition in September 2023.

**Book:** [bit.ly/hackneymuseum](https://bit.ly/hackneymuseum)

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### **Flag Charms**

**22 Oct 2pm - 3pm**

**Clapton Library, Northwold Street, E5 8RA**

**Age 5+**

Design and make your own jewellery and key ring charms to take home - inspired by African and Caribbean flags.

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### **Children's Craft Event Inspired by Hackney Artist Yinka Shonibare**

**22 Oct 2pm - 4pm**

**Stoke Newington Library, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0LJ**

**Age 5+**

Make wall hangings using African fabric and create unique versions of Yinka's work using plastic toys and other materials.

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### **Young Hackneys' Black History Season Launch Event**

**22 Oct 12 - 4.30pm**

**Forest Road Youth Hub, 29 Forest Road, E8 3BY**

**Age 6 to 19 and up to 25 with SEND**

Young Hackneys' Black History Season kicks off with a launch event at the Forest Road Youth Hub which will be hosted by Hackney Youth Parliament and include guest speakers, spoken word, music, food and dancing.

**For more information and to book visit:**

 [younghackney.org](https://younghackney.org)

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### **Harriet Tubman Lanterns**

**25 & 29 Oct 2pm - 3pm**

**Hackney Central Library, Reading Lane, E8 1GQ**

**Age 7+**

Harriet Tubman was born into slavery in 1822, when she escaped as an adult she led many missions to rescue others using a lantern to help guide their way to freedom. This craft session is a great way to learn more about Harriet and teach children of the important role she played in history.



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## Taste of Africa

26 Oct 2pm - 4pm

Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Square, E8 3BQ

Age 5+

Learn about African food and try some for yourself!

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## Write Your Story

26 Oct 2pm - 4pm

Shoreditch Library, Hoxton Street, N1 6LP

Age 18 and under

Make, illustrate, and write your own book about your experiences of being a young Black person in Hackney.

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## Chatterbooks - Young People's Reading Group

27 Oct 4pm - 5pm

Clapton Library, Northwold Street, E5 8RA

Age 8 - 12

Celebrate Black History Season by joining our Chatterbooks reading group for children. Come along to our newly reformed book club to meet people and chat about your favourite read.

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## Rosa Parks Rocking Bus Craft

28 Oct 2pm - 3pm

Hackney Central Library, Reading Lane, E8 1GQ

Age 5 and under

Rosa Parks helped initiate the civil rights movement in the United States when she refused to give up her seat to a white man on a bus in 1955. This creative play learning activity is a great way to start talking about racial injustice at an early age and how we can create a more equitable world.



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## African Shield Making

29 Oct 2pm - 3.30pm

Homerton Library, Homerton High Street, E9 6AS

Age 5+

Join us for a craft session with a difference! Make your own shield to take home and impress your family and friends.

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## Poetry Reading with Poet Sharmay Mitchell

1 Nov 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Stoke Newington Library, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0LJ

Come and join Sharmay for an evening of poetry and find out about some of the other creative pursuits she dabbled in during her daily challenges.

**Book:** [bit.ly/PoetSharmay](https://bit.ly/PoetSharmay)

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5 Nov 2pm - 4pm

Hackney Central Library, Reading Lane,  
E8 1GQ

Young Black authors will share their writing journeys and the motivation and inspiration behind their books. The books cover the themes of Black role models, racism, affirmations and Caribbean and African legacy.

**Book:** [bit.ly/LitStarsHackney](http://bit.ly/LitStarsHackney)

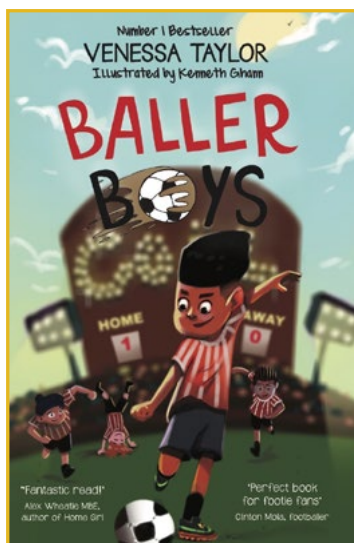
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E9 6AS

Age 5+



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**Book:** [bit.ly/BallerBoyHomerton](http://bit.ly/BallerBoyHomerton)

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## Archives Live with Jay Blades and Hackney Youth Panel

8 Dec 6pm - 8pm

Hackney Archives, Dalston CLR Library,  
Dalston Square, E8 3BQ

Join us for a relaxed and friendly in person event with Jay Blades.

He will be in conversation, sharing lived experiences with a Hackney youth panel.

In his recent documentary Jay Blades: No Place Like Home, the TV presenter explored his upbringing in Hackney. Join us to revisit his extraordinary journey to uncover the history of where he grew up, his career, sharing exclusive insights and knowledge with the panel.

**Booking required:** [bit.ly/ArchivesLive](http://bit.ly/ArchivesLive)



**For the latest programme of  
events make sure you visit:  
[lovehackney.uk/  
black-history-season](http://lovehackney.uk/black-history-season)**



# Activities for Schools and Youth Groups

## Young Hackney Youth and Sports Hubs

Young Hackney's youth and sports hubs will run a programme of activities to celebrate Black History Season.



### Youth Hubs:

- **Forest Road**, 29 Forest Road, E8 3BY
- **Stoke Newington**, Chaucer Court, N16 8TS
- **The Edge**, 7 Woodberry Grove, N4 1ST
- **Concorde**, Kingsmead Way, E9 5PP

### Sports Hub:


- **Eastway** 80Z Eastway, E9 5JH

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## Adventure Playgrounds

Young Hackney's Shoreditch and Hackney Marsh adventure playgrounds will host a series of play activities throughout Black History Season, including music, dancing, film screenings alongside storytelling, puppetry and arts-based activities.

### Find out more

To view the programme for youth and sports hubs, plus adventure playgrounds **visit:**  [younghackney.org/whats-on](https://younghackney.org/whats-on)

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## Schools Sessions at Hackney Museum

### 1 Oct onwards

Throughout October and November, Hackney Museum will be running free school sessions for Hackney primary schools, inspired by our temporary exhibition about Hackney's African heritage communities.

To find out more you can join the teachers' mailing list by **emailing** [museumbookings@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:museumbookings@hackney.gov.uk)

# Hackney Windrush Artworks


Hackney is home to two permanent public artworks that have been commissioned as symbols of honour and respect for the Windrush generation in Hackney and in recognition of their legacy and contribution to life in Hackney today.

**‘Warm Shores’** by artist **Thomas J Price**, can be found in Hackney Town Hall square. The two striking 9ft bronze figures were informed by 3D scans of 30 Hackney residents with a connection to the Windrush generation, capturing their stature, stance, clothing, features and posture.



A short walk away, next to St Augustine's Tower, you will find three large marble and bronze sculptures of Caribbean fruits by **Turner Prize nominee Veronica Ryan OBE - 'Custard Apple, Breadfruit and Soursop'** is inspired by the artist's memories of visiting Hackney's Ridley Road Market as a child.

To learn more about the Windrush artworks and to enjoy highlights from the annual Windrush Generations Festival **visit:**

 [lovehackney.uk/windrush-generations-festival](https://lovehackney.uk/windrush-generations-festival)



# Windrush Compensation Scheme

**The Windrush generation refers to people who, between 1948 to 1971, were invited by successive governments to relocate to Britain from their homes in Commonwealth countries in the Caribbean to address labour shortages.**

New laws which came into force with the 2014 Immigration Act, which the Government called its 'hostile environment' approach, led to some facing immigration checks and despite being British citizens, many from the Windrush generation didn't have formal papers to prove their lawful status. This led to many being denied access to benefits, healthcare, social housing and losing their jobs, with some even wrongly detained and deported.

In April 2018 the Windrush Compensation Scheme was launched for those who have 'suffered a loss' because they couldn't easily demonstrate their right to live in the UK.

The scheme is open to anyone from a Commonwealth country who arrived before 1 January 1973, and those with a 'right of abode' or 'settled status' who arrived in the UK before 31 December 1988, regardless of their original nationality. As well as those directly affected, it also covers other family members such as children and carers.



Compensation could be paid for losses related to:

- employment
- immigration fees
- housing
- health
- education
- driving licences
- banking
- impact on normal daily life (for example, you missed key family events or were unable to travel)
- detention and removal

To apply to the Windrush Compensation Scheme visit:



[gov.uk/apply-windrush-compensation-scheme](https://www.gov.uk/apply-windrush-compensation-scheme)

# Search Hackney Archives and uncover more about Black history in the borough

Look through local documents and old newspapers, search through photographs and discover more about the Black history of Hackney and the people that made it.

## Hackney Archives

Dalston CLR James Library  
Dalston Square  
E8 3BQ

**020 8356 8925**

[hackney.gov.uk/archives](http://hackney.gov.uk/archives)  
[archives@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:archives@hackney.gov.uk)

## Opening Times:

Wed - Fri 10am - 6pm

First Sat of the month  
10am to 5pm

Closed Mon, Tue & Sun



MacKenzie Frank, Hackney's first Community Librarian (African-Caribbean) mans a Library stall at Hackney Town Hall in 1983, when the writer Pan-Africanist and historian CLR James addressed the Hackney Black Alliance. Image courtesy of the Rio Cinema Archive.