

Black History Month 2014

EVENTS

Date & Time	Event	Venue
Thursday 2 October 7.30pm	Film screening: The Gods Must be Crazy (PG) £2 donation, includes African snacks	University Park Campus. Lecture Theatre TC014
Saturday 11 October 10.30am—12.30pm	Story telling and drumming with artist Kulcha Lee. Free admission, just drop in	St Paul's Community Hub, St Paul's Walk
Saturday 11 October Between 2 & 4pm	Buskers: gospel choir and dancing	Promenade
Saturday 11 October 5pm	Guest speaker: Giles Terrera Free admission	University Park Campus. Lecture Theatre TC014
Saturday 11 October 7.30pm	Film screening: The Butler (12) Free admission	Cornerstone Centre Film Club, Severn Road, Whaddon
Thursday 16 October 6pm	Cheltenham Together discussion event Free admission, refreshments provided	Municipal Offices, Promenade. (Committee Rooms entrance)
Thursday 23 October 7.30pm	Film screening: 12 Years a Slave (15) £2 donation, includes African snacks	University Park Campus Lecture Theatre TC014
Wednesday 29 October 8pm—11pm	Black History is World History: live music @ the Frog and Fiddle. Hip hop, R & B, reggae and more. £2 entry and hot food available	Frog and Fiddle, Lower High Street
Thursday 30 October 10.30am & 1.30pm	Story telling and drumming with artist Kulcha Lee. Free admission, just drop in	The Wilson, Clarence Street

Cheltenham Celebrates Black History Month



Cheltenham West End Partnership

What is Black History Month?

Black History Month celebrates the contributions and achievements that the Black, African and Caribbean communities have made locally in Cheltenham and in the world. The aim of the month is to promote knowledge of Black history and experience, disseminate information on positive Black contributions to British society, and heighten the confidence and awareness of Black people and their cultural heritage. It is hosted across the world every year in October. The month is an exciting time for both the Black community (also known as the African diaspora), and other communities that live in Cheltenham, to come together and share ideas about how to overcome some of the challenges which some members still face. These may be things like racism, accessing education, housing, health, business and much more.

The African diaspora refers to the communities throughout the world that originated from the historic movement of people from Africa. Many of the descendants of West and Central Africa, who were enslaved, were shipped to Britain during the slave trade.

Local history

It has been documented that Africans were brought over to live in Gloucestershire as slaves as far back as the 18th century. Since then, their descendants have continued to contribute to different aspects of life within the county. In 1964, Astley Lloyd Blair, aged 27, became England's first Black policeman, aged 27, when he joined the Gloucestershire police force. The picture shows Astley after taking his oath of allegiance at Gloucester Magistrates Court.



Gloucestershire African Community Foundation

Today, the Gloucestershire African Foundation has a strong presence here in Cheltenham. Its members felt the need to come together and form an organisation that would not only cater for those within the immediate community, but one that could work with partnership organisations to enable them to share and deal with some of the challenges that the community continues to face, as well as bringing greater understanding by working towards social cohesion, participation and empowerment.

Since the day it was formed, it has grown stronger and stronger.

What is happening?

Please see the back of this leaflet for the programme of events.

Who has organised the events?

Gloucestershire African Community Foundation, Cheltenham Borough Council and Cheltenham West End Partnership have worked together to organise the events, with support from Studio 340 and the Wilson Art Gallery and Museum.

Want to find out more?

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