

Black History Month is an annual celebration of Black culture, held in Britain every October since 1987. It highlights the significance of Black communities in the UK, and remembers the lives and achievements of those whose stories have too often been untold or ignored.

The aims are to:

- Promote knowledge of Black history, culture and heritage.
- Disseminate information on positive Black contributions to British society.
- Heighten the confidence and awareness of Black people to their cultural heritage.
- Support 'grassroots' celebration of Black people's heritage.

Black History Month celebrates the different communities that enrich the Bradford district in many ways, and aims to inspire the next generation of young people to write their own chapter of history.

**Admission to events is FREE (unless indicated otherwise)**

Access – For details please contact the individual venues. For programme details see [www.bradford.gov.uk/events](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/events)

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All information is correct at the time of going to press. Event details may be subject to change or cancellation without notice.



**Saturday 24th October  
Gospel Concert to Celebrate Black History Month**

Bradford Cathedral, Stott Hill, Church Bank, Bradford BD1 4EH. 7.30pm – 10.00pm. By popular demand, Bradford's own United Voices return to present a night of gifted, local talent. Performing renditions of traditional Caribbean folk songs and hymns. Contact: Joan and friends – 01274 720477

**Saturday 24th October  
A 'Creole' Open Day**

Dominica Association, 10 Worthington Street, City Road, Bradford BD8 8ET. 3.00pm – 5.30pm. Food, displays, pictures and artefacts from Dominica. Traditional music and dance with performers in traditional dress. Contact: Colum Sheridan-Small – 01274 770218

**Saturday 24th October  
'Back In Da Day!'**

Checkpoint (BWICCA), 45 Westgate, Bradford 1. 7.00pm – 10.00pm. A Jamaican adaptation of role plays and a concert with traditional Jamaican 'twang' and patois. Contact: Carmen – 01274 722996

**Saturday 24th October  
'Celebrating Ourselves' - ACAP Youth Group**

Great Hall, Bradford University, Richmond Road, Bradford 7. 7.00pm – 9.00pm. An evening of cultural activities with performances by young people facilitated by the African Caribbean Achievement Project. Contact: Gary Grant – 01274 720254/724918 Cost: £5 Adults, £3 Concessions

**Monday 26th October  
New Testament Church Open Day**

New Testament Church of God, Necropolis Road, Bradford BD7 2PU 11am - 2.00pm. Tour of the church and it's history. Contact: Bishop Tony Parry – 01274 502917

**Friday 30th October - GRAND FINALE. Venue and time to be confirmed. See local press for details or BHM website.**  
A fitting end to the month inviting all participants, groups, all the communities within Bradford to come together and embrace Black Peoples' Achievements. The event includes performances by local artists such as "Setal"; Buskin and Jeff.  
Contact: Marva Brown – 01274 431457

**Ilkley Literature Festival.** 'The North's most exciting literature festival' features discussions, workshops and performances including Lola Young OBE, Baroness of Hornsey, and Trish Cooke, author of multicultural children's books. For details visit [www.ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk](http://www.ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk)

**Thursday 29th October  
Bradford Black Film Club@FACE**

Mary Seacole Court, 89 Park Road, Bradford BD5 0SW. 7.00pm – 9.00pm. A special film dedicated to young people to celebrate Black History through media. Contact: Claudia McFarlane – 01274 391136

**Wednesday 28th October  
Storytelling & Traditional Dominican Dance**

Bradford Central Library, Princes Way, Bradford 1. 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Come and be entranced by Caribbean folk tales and stories as well as being dazzled by traditional costumes and the dance flavours of Dominica. Contact: Peter Walker – 01274 433657

**Wednesday 28th October  
Movie & Debate Night**

Great Hall (Cinema), Bradford University, Richmond Road, Bradford 7. 5.00pm – 9.00pm. Debate on students involved in Apartheid South Africa. Showcasing 'Sarafina', a South African Musical depicting students involved in the Soweto Riots. Contact: Kanja Sesay – 0750 668 4497

**29th October  
Introducing the Classical, Musical, Showstoppers**

FACE, Mary Seacole Court, 89 Park Road, Bradford BD5 0SW. 2-3.00pm. Be prepared to have fun, laugh and sing along to some classics. Contact: Claudia MacFarlane – 01274 391136 or Linda Peltier-Binns – 07946 608935. FREE

**Saturday 31st October  
Traditional Caribbean Storytelling**

Bradford Central Library, Princes Way, Bradford 1. 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Traditional Caribbean folk stories. Contact: Peter Walker – 01274 433657

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## Bradford October 2009

**Celebrating Black Culture and recognising the contribution of Black people to the City and its district**

[www.bradfordblackhistory.net](http://www.bradfordblackhistory.net)



Saturday 3rd October  
**Launch Day Celebration**

Dixons City Academy, Ripley Street, Bradford, BD5 7RR.  
12noon – 6pm. A celebration day under the theme of 'ACHIEVEMENT' promising a wide range of educational and entertainment activities for all the family. Everyone welcome. Contact: Marva Brown – 01274 431457 or Rudi Clarke 01274 431545

Sunday 4th October  
**Black History Month Church Service**

New Testament Church of God, Necropolis Road, Bradford BD7 2PU from 11.00am. Bishop Tony Parry invites you all to rejoice and commemorate all aspects of Black people throughout the centuries to the present in the form of hymns and prayers. Contact: Bishop Tony Parry – 01274 502917

Thursday 8th October  
**International Soirée & Cultural Market**

Bradford University Atrium, Richmond Road, Bradford 7.  
12noon – 7.00pm. Different cultures share their traditional food for presentation. Countries involved include Nigeria, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Pakistan, China and England. Contact: Kanja Sesay – 0750 668 4497

Thursday 8th October  
**Black Workers Support Group (BWSG)**

Carlisle Business Centre, 60 Carlisle Road, Bradford BD8 8BD.  
9.30am-4.30pm. Members of Adult and Children's Services are holding a 'Black Awareness Day' – a catalogue of activities to celebrate Black History. Contact: Rashid Karolia – 01274 435901

Friday 9th October  
**MAPA Presents ... 'RAPoetry Night'**

Macmillan Adventure Playground Association, Coates Terrace, Bradford BD5 7AB. Part of National Poetry Week.  
7.00pm – 11.00pm. An evening of poetry by young people, using their life experiences to reflect and overcome misconceptions and stereotypical views of youths. Contact: 01274 731604

Saturday 10th October  
**Trip to Liverpool Maritime Museum**

A chance to witness the era of slavery and the part Britain played. Contact: Kanja Sesay – 0750 668 4497

Saturday 10th October  
**Black History Gospel Concert**

New Testament Church of God, Necropolis Road, Lidget Green, Bradford BD7 2PU.  
Gospel artists from a range of Black majority churches from across the region will perform an evening of enlightenment through traditional hymns and songs to celebrate Black History Month. Contact: Bishop Tony Parry – 01274 502917

Sunday 11th October  
**An Audience with Trevor Phillips OBE**

Bradford Cathedral, Stott Hill, Church Bank, Bradford BD1 4EH.  
7.30pm – 10.00pm. Hear the Head of the Equality and Human Rights Commission talk about his life and work. Organised by The Soroptimist International (Yorkshire). Contact: Cathedral Secretary – 01274 777720

Wednesday 14th October  
**Youth Empowerment & Self-Fulfilling Prophecy**

Horton Barn, Bradford University, Bradford.  
2.00pm – 5.00pm. A debate with guest speaker. Contact: Kanja Sesay – 0750 668 4497

Thursday 15th October  
**African Meals for Special Occasions**

The Peacemakers' Project, 554 Manchester Road, Bradford BD5 7LR.  
11.00am - 3.00pm. A demonstration and tasting of traditional, cost effective African meals, prepared for various celebrations and events. FREE. Contact: Yemi Fagborun – 01274 737831

Thursday 15th, 22nd & 29th October  
**Video Reminiscence Sessions@FACE**

Mary Seacole Court, 89 Park Road, Bradford BD5 0SW.  
11.00am – 3.00pm. A series of weekly events dedicated to capturing the memories of our elders will be encouraged to build a legacy and to speak about the good, bad and hilarious times from the past. A delightful series of events for all the community. FREE. Contact: Claudia MacFarlane – 01274 391136

Thursday 22nd October (BMESN)  
**The Black & Minority Staff Network's Celebration**

Lynfield Mount Hospital, Heights Lane, Heaton, Bradford BD9 6DP.  
9.30am – 3.30pm. Bradford District Care Trust in partnership with the BMESN opens its doors, with an opportunity to hear about the services provided, and to meet some of the staff who work in our mental health and learning disability services. Contact: George Deane – 01274 497121

Thursday 22nd October  
**Ambient Night/Open Mic**

University of Bradford Atrium, Richmond Road, Bradford 7.  
5.00pm – 9.00pm. Poetry by Leeds young authors, Leeds ACS choir, music, drama, quizzes and more. Contact: Kanja Sesay – 0750 668 4497

Saturday 24th October  
**BCB Live Link on Black History**

Mary Seacole Court, 9 Park Road, Bradford BD5 0SW.  
6-9pm. With special guest, Robin Walker. Jennifer Davis and guests discuss issues surrounding African & Caribbean history, probing into the myths and realities around this thought provoking subject. Contact: Jennifer Davis – 01274 391136 or 07761 732638

Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th October  
**Musical Show Stoppers**

Bradford Playhouse, Chapel Street, Little Germany, Bradford BD1 5RE.  
7.00pm. X-Plosion Cultural Arts present 'Aiming Higher'. Come along and be entertained by a community cast of all ages. Performing stories in a black perspective and bringing alive songs and dances of the 60s, 70s and 80s. This is a show you don't want to miss, full of fun and laughter for all ages. Contact: Linda Peltier-Binns on 07946608935 or the Playhouse on 01274 820666. Cost £6 Adults, £4 Children

