



Ealing awarded funding to recognise Windrush generation contribution

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Funding designed to recognise and celebrate the important contribution the Windrush generation has made to the UK, has been successfully awarded to Ealing Council in partnership with a number of local organisations.

The money, awarded by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, will fund vital activities designed to inform and educate our communities about the Windrush generation. This comes as Windrush Day (22 June) will celebrate the significant impact and achievement that the Windrush Generation has made.

Working with established local partners – WAPPY, Communities Empowerment Network and Oshun Education - funding will go towards local events and creative workshops that bring the stories of the Windrush generation to life. Training for parents will enable them to understand the impact of historical events on their role as parents and carers; and peer advocacy training for young people will help them to lobby and campaign on the issues that are important to them. Working with a group of schools, the funding will also enable us to upskill teachers with an aim of integrating it into the curriculum for young people in the borough.

The grant was applied for as part of the Ealing Learning Partnership's 'No Learner Left Behind' project that focuses on the under-achievement of Black Caribbean pupils and seeks to raise attainment through links with schools, young people, parents, the community and the voluntary sector. The project, which started in 2019 has worked closely with the Black Caribbean Parents' Forum. An important aspect is to understand how Black history can be better incorporated into the school curriculum and understanding more about the Windrush generation will be a key element of this programme.

Get involved

Activities will take place in the autumn and spring school terms next academic year. For more information on how you can become involved in the project, please contact either Sarah Thompson sthompson@ealing.gov.uk or Samira John-Bailey sjohnbailey@ealing.gov.uk

Further information

Information about the project partners:

- WAPPY is a well-established local community social enterprise, founded as a voluntary community organisation in 2008. It develops the writing, artwork and performance skills of young people (4 – 18 years), with opportunities for performance, research, interviewing, exhibition and publication. WAPPY also provides volunteering and training opportunities for students, job seekers and WAPPY participants
- Communities Empowerment Network provides free advice, support and representation to parents across London. Their team of advocates work with over 1000 parents per year to retain young people in mainstream education with a passion that all young people have the opportunity to fulfil their potential
- Oshun Education has extensive experience of designing and delivering bespoke courses relating to diversity, Black British history, Black self development, culture and identity. Currently they are working with a number of primary schools in Ealing and nationally

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