



BLACK HISTORY MONTH!



**2023 THEME:
Matriarchs of Movement /
Saluting Our Sisters.**

October is black history month in the UK. It is an annual event honouring the contributions and accomplishments of the black British community. It celebrates both current and historical individuals and the positive impact they have made to our society.

Black history month provides great opportunities to highlight key moments in black British history. It is important to celebrate and support the multi-culturalism and diversity that helps shape our communities.



'Black women have always been at the forefront of social justice movements, fighting against oppression and paving the way for change. Despite their countless contributions to society, their achievements have too often been overlooked or forgotten.'

Black history month 2023 is a momentous opportunity to recognise and celebrate the exceptional achievements of black women with a focus on honouring the matriarchs of movements and saluting our sisters.'

-written by Cherron Inko-Tariah MBE

Scan the QR code to read about key moments in black British history- past and present.



JORJA SMITH R&B ARTIST

JORJA SMITH IS A 25 YEAR OLD WEST MIDLANDS ARTIST THAT CLIMBED HER WAY UP FROM A WORKING-CLASS GIRL TO AN ARTIST FIGHTING FOR A SPOT ON BILLBOARD'S TOP 100.

HER SINGLE "BE HONEST" HAS CATAPULTEED HER INTO POPULARITY, SELLING NEARLY A MILLION RECORDS.



TESSA IONE SANDERSON CBE FORMER JAVELIN THROWER



SANDERSON CLIMBED TO THE TOP OF THE OLYMPIC PODIUM IN THE LA COLISEUM ALONGSIDE TEAM-MATE FATIMA WHITBREAD, TAKING JAVELIN GOLD WITH AN INCREDIBLE GAMES RECORD THROW OF 69.56M.

SANDERSON WOULD GO ON TO BECOME ONLY THE SECOND ATHLETE FROM ANY NATION TO GO TO SIX GAMES IN TRACK AND FIELD, A BEACON OF EXCELLENCE FOR 20 YEARS IN A COMPETITIVE DISCIPLINE.

SONIA BOYCE OBE ROYAL ACADEMICIAN, ARTIST AND ARTS PROFESSOR



SONIA IS A BRITISH AFRO-CARIBBEAN ARTIST WHO LIVES AND WORKS IN LONDON. SHE WAS A PART OF THE BLACK BRITISH CULTURAL RENAISSANCE OF THE 1980S.

HER ART THEME IS SEEN TO REPRESENT THE EXPERIENCES OF A BLACK WOMAN LIVING IN A WHITE SOCIETY.

IN FEBRUARY 2020, BOYCE WAS SELECTED TO REPRESENT THE UK AT THE 27 59TH ANNUAL VENICE BIENNALE. SHE IS THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO DO SO.



DR MAGGIE ADERIN-POCOCK SPACE SCIENTIST AND SCIENCE EDUCATOR

DR MAGGIE IS AN HONORARY RESEARCH ASSOCIATE AT THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON AND HAS HELPED TO DESIGN REVOLUTIONARY SPACE INSTRUMENTS SUCH AS THE GEMINI OBSERVATORY TELESCOPES IN CHILE, THE JAMES WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE AND SATELLITES FOR THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY.

ADERIN-POCOCK ALSO REGULARLY VISITS SCHOOLS TO EDUCATE AND INSPIRE CHILDREN TO PURSUE THEIR INTERESTS IN SCIENCE.

SHE IS A TV PRESENTER FOR THE BBC AND EVEN HAS HER OWN BARBIE DOLL!

CIANNON SMART UPCOMING YA AUTHOR

CIANNON IS A YOUNG ADULT, FANTASY AND LITERACY FICTION AUTHOR.

SMART GREW UP IN A SMALL TOWN IN THE SOUTH-EAST OF ENGLAND. SHE DEVELOPED A VORACIOUS APPETITE FOR READING FROM AN EARLY AGE, PREFERRING 'ANARCHY' IN STORIES RATHER THAN REAL LIFE. IN YA SHE LOVES HER HEROINES EXACTLY AS SHE LOVES HER VILLAINS: WILFUL, WILY, AND UNPREDICTABLE.



DAME JOCELYN BARROW WAS A BRITISH EDUCATIONALIST, COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, AND THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO BE A GOVERNOR OF THE BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION (BBC). SHE WAS ALSO A PIONEER IN THE WINDRUSH GENERATION, WHICH REFERS TO THE WAVE OF IMMIGRANTS WHO CAME TO THE UNITED KINGDOM FROM CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES BETWEEN 1948 AND 1971.

DAME JOCELYN BARROW'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE UK HAVE HAD A LASTING IMPACT AND SHE REMAINS AN INSPIRATION TO MANY PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM BLACK AND MINORITY ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS.



DAME JOCELYN BARROW OBE DBE BRITISH POLITICIAN



A COLLECTION OF INSPIRATIONAL BLACK BRITISH WOMEN.

