



**Welcome to our exciting Black History Season programme!**

In Camden, we dedicate three months, from October to December, to celebrate the incredible and wonderful achievements and contributions of Black people across Camden and the UK.

The theme for Black History Month UK 2025 is “Standing Firm in Power and Pride,” a powerful tribute to the resilience, strength, and unwavering commitment to progress that defines the Black community across the globe. This is Camden’s sixth Black History Season, platforming Black creativity, excellence and Black futures through exhibitions, film, performance.

I’m so proud to be involved in this brilliant programme where we will be shining a light on the activists, changemakers and leaders we have here in Camden, whilst giving communities the chance to learn and explore the past, present and future of Black culture. Most of the events listed in our programme are free, with a small number of events having a Pay What You Can with proceeds going to support the brilliant work of Camden based Umoya Health Forum. I hope everyone in Camden will get involved in what will be a fantastic season of celebrations.

**Councillor Sabrina Francis**

Cabinet Member for Jobs, Young People and Culture



**THEATRE - EXHIBITIONS**

**FILM - WORKSHOPS**

**BLACK HISTORY SEASON  
CAMDEN**

**10 OCT - 11 DEC 2025**

**WALKS - TALKS**



Immerse yourself in our vibrant calendar of events celebrating Camden’s Black Culture



Discover the full programme:  
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**SEASON HIGHLIGHTS**

**All events in this season are free or provided at a low cost, with proceeds going to support the brilliant work of Umoya Health Forum.**

**Beyond Expectations: The Legacy of Black British Communities, Culture and Influence in Camden, 1960s–1970s**

A unique opportunity to explore the untold stories of Black British communities during the 1960s and 1970s. Featuring never-before-seen, newly digitised photographs from the Neil Kenlock Archive, this event highlights Black British leadership, activism, and cultural expression during this pivotal era.

**Notting Hill Carnival Through the Lens of Ian Watts - In conversation with Lisa Anderson**

Join photographer Ian Watts and curator Lisa Anderson for an immersive conversation exploring one of the UK’s most significant photographic archives of the Notting Hill Carnival and Black British life. Ian’s images capture the energy and struggle of the 1980s, 90s and 2000s, from the streets of Notting Hill Carnival to political protests and cultural milestones. Together, Anderson and Watts will reflect on the social and cultural history behind the images, followed by an open Q&A with the audience.

**Horace Ové’s ‘Pressure’ Film Screening + Q&A**

A cinematic milestone. The first Black British feature film, beautifully restored by the BFI National Archive and The Film Foundation in 4k. A groundbreaking and authentic exploration of the anxieties of an emerging second-generation of West Indians in Britain. Pressure (1975) is a significant title in the history of British Cinema, and remains as relevant now, almost 50 years on, as it ever was. Followed by a Q&A reflecting on the legacy and relevance today, hosted by Black British History Studies.

**Camden Black Radicals: a hub for the Pan-African movement**

Dr Akyaaba Addai-Sebo delves into the work of key Pan-Africanists living and working in Camden from the 1920s – 1960s, including George Padmore, Amy Ashwood Garvey, C L R James and Kwame Nkrumah. This talk explores their influential work, its global effect and the ripples of radical social activism which can still be felt in Camden today. It also marks the 80th anniversary of the Fifth Pan-African Congress (Manchester, 1945) organised by Camden’s Pan-Africanists - a key milestone in the struggle for African independence.

**22 OCT, 7pm-10pm**  
Everyman King’s Cross  
£10

**15 OCT, 7pm-8.30pm**  
Claudia Jones Room  
in Camden Town Hall  
Pay What You Can

**9 OCT - 11 DEC**  
Mon–Thu, 10am – 8pm  
Fri–Sat, 10am–5pm  
Swiss Cottage Gallery

**23 OCT, 7pm-9pm**  
Claudia Jones Room  
in Camden Town Hall  
Pay What You Can



**SEASON HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED...**

**3 NOV, 7PM**  
Koko Café  
Pay What You Can

**Nigeria’s Story: Beat of the West - Hosted by BBC presenter Eddie Kadi**

The west coast of Africa has been the central point for global music over the last few years. Heading the movement has been the music of Nigeria, which has produced some of today’s biggest music stars such as Burna Boy and Wizkid.

London (and in particular Koko) has become its spiritual European home - this conversation looks at the rise and rise of Nigerian music, it’s impact in the UK and the effect it is having globally. Hosted by BBC presenter Eddie Kadi.

**5 NOV, 6PM-8.30PM**  
Coal Drops Yard  
Pay What You Can

**African Leaders in Camden**

African Leaders in Camden is a celebration of identity, excellence, and community spotlighting individuals of African heritage in leadership roles. This event is tailored for 16-25 year olds who are either at the start of their career journeys or considering a transition, and are seeking inspiration and guidance as they take their next step. It offers a unique opportunity to connect with impactful role models and network with peers.

**7 NOV, 6PM – 8.30PM**  
(FILM BEGINS AT 6.30PM)  
Clarence Hall  
Pay What You Can

**‘Frederick Douglass – My Path to Freedom’ Film Screening + Q&A**

A faithful visual representation of one of the most important narratives of American history, written by the Founding Father of US Civil Rights Frederick Douglass - a formerly enslaved man who became a leading abolitionist, writer, and orator in 19th-century America. The script is entirely based on his historical narrative, which was published to great acclaim in the spring of 1845, necessitating his two year exile in the UK.

**UNTIL 5 JAN 2026**  
Tuesday - Sunday,  
10:00 - 17:00  
The Postal Museum  
Included in price  
of museum ticket:  
£11-£18.50

**Voices of Resistance: Slavery and Post in the Caribbean**

Explore the powerful stories of enslaved people whose labour fuelled 19th-century postal ships. These ships carried mail between the UK and the Caribbean, enabling enslavers to distance themselves from the atrocities of transatlantic slavery. Through letters discovered in Postal Museum archive, we can piece together glimpses of the lives of enslaved people and their courageous acts of resistance.

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or scan the QR code:

# CAMDEN BLACK HISTORY SEASON

## EVENTS CALENDAR 2025

EXHIBITIONS	
<b>UNTIL 5 JAN 2026</b> Tuesday - Sunday, 10:00 - 17:00 The Postal Museum <b>Included in price of museum ticket: £11-£18.50</b>	<b>Voices of Resistance: Slavery and Post in the Caribbean</b>  Explore the powerful stories of enslaved people whose labour fuelled 19th-century postal ships and discover their courageous acts of resistance.
<b>9 OCT - 11 DEC</b> Mon-Thu, 10am – 8pm Fri-Sat, 10am-5pm Swiss Cottage Gallery <b>FREE</b>	<b>Beyond Expectations: The Legacy of Black British Communities, Culture and Influence in Camden, 1960s–1970s</b>  A unique opportunity to explore the untold stories of Black British communities during the 1960s and 1970s through never-before-seen, newly digitised photographs from the Neil Kenlock Archive.
<b>18 OCT - 29 NOV</b> Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11am-5pm, Saturdays 1pm-6pm  Camden Black British History Community Hub <b>FREE</b>	<b>Camden Blossoms</b>  Artworks from local visual artist Matt Small who has been commissioned by Camden Council to produce a mural in Talacre Gardens that celebrates the contributions made by the Caribbean community in the borough.
<b>22 NOV, 2PM-4PM</b> Kentish Town Library <b>FREE</b>	<b>Sankofa Arts Lab: Anthology Exhibition</b>  Immersive exhibition by multi-racial and mixed-heritage girls - blending photography, performance, and spoken word.
FILM	
<b>16 OCT, 6pm-10pm</b> HELLO LOVE, WC1B 4AR <b>FREE if booked in advance or £20 on the door</b>	<b>Film screening of Soundtrack to a Coup d'Etat with art, spoken work and discussion</b>  Jazz and decolonization are entwined in this historical rollercoaster that rewrites the Cold War episode that led two musicians to protest against the murder of Patrice Lumumba. With art, spoken work and discussion post-screening.
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TALKS	
<b>9 OCT, 6pm-9pm</b> The Pantry, Atrium, Stables Market <b>FREE</b>	<b>'A Whole Heap of Mix Up' - Stella Dadzie : Book Launch</b>  A book launch of Stella Dadzie's 'A Whole Heap of Mix Up'. Including conversation with Stella Dadzie; readings; and guest performances from Sandra Agard (Poet), Cherie Taylor Battiste (Spoken word performer), and Esuantsiwa Jane Goldsmith.
<b>15 OCT, 7pm-8.30pm</b> Claudia Jones Room, Camden Town Hall <b>FREE</b>	<b>Notting Hill Carnival Through the Lens of Ian Watts - In conversation with Lisa Anderson</b>  'Join photographer Ian Watts and curator Lisa Anderson for an immersive conversation exploring one of the UK's most significant photographic archives of the Notting Hill Carnival and Black British life.
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<b>3 NOV, 7pm</b> Koko Café <b>Pay What You Can</b>	<b>Nigeria's Story: Beat of the West - Hosted by BBC presenter Eddie Kadi</b>  An in-depth conversation looking at the rise and rise of Nigerian music, it's powerful impact in the UK and the effect it is having globally.
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<b>12 NOV, 7-9pm</b> Kilburn Library <b>Pay What You Can</b>	<b>Tell Me Something I Don't Know - Author Talk with Allyson Williams MBE</b>  Allyson Williams MBE, trailblazing midwife, educator, and celebrated cultural icon, brings her story to Camden offering the chance for people to have an intimate glimpse into her life through the unveiling of her autobiography at Kilburn Library.
<b>8 NOV, 6PM-7.30PM</b> Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre <b>FREE</b>	<b>Caribbean protests, uprisings and role in World War 2 victory: The Camden connections - An Illustrated Talk</b>  Author, Colin Douglas, explores Caribbean protests against racism and colonial rule and the Caribbean role in WWII victory and the Camden connections.
THEATRE	
<b>17 – 18 OCT</b> Conway Hall <b>£10-£12</b>	<b>Up in the Mango Trees By Britny Virginia</b>  Tas'xi - a young disabled woman living on the Caribbean island of Saint Lucia - is encouraged to run for the prestigious title of Carnival Queen. With the help of her fierce MaMae jovial chaperon Michael and secure faith, Tas'xi takes the stage, but not without many hurdles along the way. Part of Bloomsbury Festival's New Wave programme, a platform for emerging talent.
MUSIC	
<b>4 OCT, 1.25PM-10PM</b> Cecil Sharp House <b>£20.50-£35.50</b>	<b>Black British Folk Takeover</b>  This festival-style all-dayer includes traditional folk sounds, modern British music inspired by folk traditions, a live conversation on African diasporic identities and relationships with British folk, and much more.



WALKS & TOURS	
<b>4, 10, 12 &amp; 30 OCT</b> British Museum <b>FREE</b>	<b>African heritage and histories tour</b>  Join volunteer-led tours, developed in collaboration with community members, to explore their personal selection of objects ranging from the ancient world to the present day.
<b>21 OCT, 1pm-3pm</b> Meeting point: Friends Meeting House, 173-177 Euston Road <b>FREE</b>	<b>A Black History Walk Through Bloomsbury</b>  A guided walk celebrating the achievements of influential black people and their connection to Bloomsbury, including Angela Davies, Paul Robeson, Dr Martin Luther King Jr, Claudia Jones and many more.
<b>2 NOV, 2pm-4pm</b> Meeting point: Kilburn Park tube station <b>FREE</b>	<b>A Black History Walk through Kilburn</b>  A guided walk celebrating the achievements of influential black people and their connection to Kilburn, including Zadie Smith, Adrian Lester, Ella Fitzgerald and many more.
<b>5 NOV, 11am-1pm</b> Meeting point: Clock outside Kings Cross Mainline Station <b>FREE</b>	<b>Camden Black History Tour</b>  Camden has a history that not everyone knows. Come and hear Shirley Fortune give a breakdown of Bloomsbury's Black History.
WORKSHOPS	
<b>5 OCT, 1PM-4.30PM</b> The Place Theatre <b>£25</b>	<b>African Contemporary Dance Workshop and Book Launch</b>  An afternoon of dance, live music & Black dance history.
<b>27 OCT, 11AM-12.30PM,</b> Kentish Town Library  <b>28 OCT, 11AM-12.30PM,</b> Pancras Square Library  <b>28 OCT, 5-6.30PM,</b> Kilburn library  <b>29 OCT, 4-5.30PM,</b> Queens Crescent Library  <b>30 OCT, 11AM-12.30PM,</b> Swiss Cottage Library	<b>Design and Create Kente Patterned Necklaces</b>   A vibrant, hands-on creative workshop inspired by the bold patterns, colours, and symbols of Ghana's traditional Kente cloth. An opportunity for children and adults alike to learn, share, and connect through art, heritage, and imagination.
<b>20 - 23 OCT, OPEN FROM 10AM, MAIN WORKSHOPS FROM 3.40PM - 6.00PM</b> KIOSK NTC <b>FREE - Limited spaces per session</b>	<b>Create and Learn</b>  Come and allow Children to learn how to sew or create a design on a product that they can use. With these key skills children can be inspired to create their own designs. Spaces will be limited.
<b>23 OCT, 2PM-3.30PM</b> Queens Crescent Library <b>FREE</b>	<b>Taste of Africa</b>  Join the Explore Africa! workshop to learn how to greet in a range of languages and create colourful flags of the continent.
<b>27 OCT, 2PM-4PM</b> Kentish Town Library <b>FREE</b>	<b>Heritage Hunters: Creating Poems Together</b>  Come on a literary treasure hunt celebrating mixed-heritage voices as inspiration for crafting poems that shape Sankofa Arts' Winter exhibition.
<b>28 OCT, 11.30am</b> Kentish Town Library <b>FREE</b>	<b>Carry Her Power: From Mary Seacole to Marley Dias - Discover Amazing Black Women and Girls in History</b>  Discover the stories of Black heroines past and present in a creative workshop where you design a tote bag to “carry her power.”
<b>20 NOV, 2PM-10PM</b> BFI Stephen Street <b>FREE (Limited priority booking for Camden young people)</b>	<b>Storytellers Linkup: Youth Takeover</b>  Come vibe with fellow creatives. Whether you're into filmmaking, writing, directing, editing- or just curious. This is your place to connect, learn and get inspired. Expect: Screenings, Q&A, Industry Talks, Practical Workshops, Guest Speakers and Career Tips.
ENTERTAINMENT	
<b>24 OCT, 6PM-9PM</b> Crowndale Centre <b>FREE</b>	<b>Camden African Network Launch</b>  Join us as we celebrate the launch of Camden African Network - a new platform for African residents in Camden to unite, share, and thrive. Enjoy an evening of culture, connection, music, food, fashion, and much more!
<b>30 OCT, 4PM-8PM</b> Camden High Street and Hawley Wharf	<b>Drawing with Light</b>  Internationally acclaimed dancers will be celebrating Camden High Street's pedestrianisation scheme and the Canalside at Camden Market's Hawley Wharf with extraordinary wearable lighting, projections, sounds and voices.
<b>21 NOV, 4.30PM-8PM</b> Council Chamber, Camden Town Hall <b>Pay What You Can</b>	<b>Somali Cultural Day 2025</b>  A celebration of Somali culture with live music, performances and Somali food
<b>5 DEC</b> Workshop: Claudia Jones Room, Town Hall / Showcase: TBA <b>Pay What You Can</b>	<b>BMT Proud To Be in partnership with CrossWord Lyric: Celebrating Camden's Cultural Stories</b>  BMT Proud To Be and CrossWord Lyric present a day of cultural storytelling workshops culminating in an evening spoken word showcase.
BUSINESS	
<b>4 OCT, 12PM-6PM</b> Market Place, Hawley Wharf <b>Free</b>	<b>Cashblack Market</b>  A thriving and vibrant open-air Black History Season market place, supporting black-owned businesses. Cashblack's first IRL event! Expect: Fashion, Health and Beauty, Arts and Craft, Toys and Games, Food and Drink.

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