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Celebrating Black History Month 2020



We look at some famous
names from entertainment,
sport and politics

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Why Black History Month?



Black History Month recognises the achievements and contributions of people from African and Caribbean descent. In the United States it has history dating back to the 1920s, originating from Negro History Week. It was later decided that a week was not a long enough period to recognise the contributions of black people and therefore was extended for the month of October.

Ghanian-born Akyaaba Addai-Sebo visited America during the 1970s, and founded Black History Month in the UK in 1987. Addai-Sebo fled to the UK following political persecution in Ghana.

Addai-Sebo (right) worked for the Greater London Council as Chairman of the African Refugees Housing Action Group and was later Operations Manager of Notting Hill Carnival.



Black History Month is important as an opportunity to reflect on the diverse histories of people from African and Caribbean descent, black people's contribution to the UK's social, political, economic and cultural development. It is also an opportunity for people outside the black community to educate and inform themselves on the history and culture of black people.

Black History Month is challenged by some as tokenism attempt, instead arguing that education about black people would be better integrated to our everyday lives and culture.

Black History Month is especially important this year, following the #BlackLivesMatter protests around the world, earlier this year. The protests were a crucial reminder that black people still face prejudice, discrimination and danger throughout the ongoing pandemic.



Inspirational People



Nicola Adams OBE

Born and raised in West Yorkshire, Adams competed as a British professional boxer from 2017 to 2019. She is openly gay and often discusses the racial and homophobia discrimination and abuse she faces, on her social media channels.



David Olusoga OBE

Olusoga was born in Nigeria and migrated to Gateshead, UK when he was 5. He is a Professor of Public History at the University of Manchester and presents historical documentaries on the BBC, contributed to The One Show, written his own book and writes for The Guardian.

Clive Sullivan MBE

A Welsh rugby union and professional Rugby League World Cup Winner, Sullivan was the first black captain of the Great British Lions and for any national British sporting side.



Inspirational People



Dame Jocelyn Barrow DBE

Born and raised in Trinidad, Barrow travelled to the UK for postgraduate studies. Barrow was a British educator, activist and politician, and was the first black woman to be a governor for the BBC. She was the founder and Deputy Chair of the Broadcasting Standards Council.

Doreen Lawrence OBE

Born in Jamaica, Lawrence moved to London when she was 9. Lawrence was studying for her undergraduate degree when her son, Stephen was murdered – forever changing Doreen's life, along with the UK's attitude toward racism and policing. Lawrence campaigned for justice and now serves as a Life Peer in the House of Lords.



Samuel Jackson

Born and raised in Jamaica, Jackson moved to the UK in 1952 to help rebuild infrastructure following WW2. Overcoming continuous and blatant racism, Jackson became the first black train driver.



Resources to Read



Some books to look out for are:

- **Noughts and Crosses book series**
by Malorie Blackman
- **The Good Immigrant - A Collection of Essays**
Edited by Nikesh Shukla
- **Natives**
by Akala
- **Memoirs of a Black Englishman**
by Paul Stephenson and Lilleith Morrison
- **Black and British**
by David Olusoga
- **Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race**
by Reni Eddo-Lodge



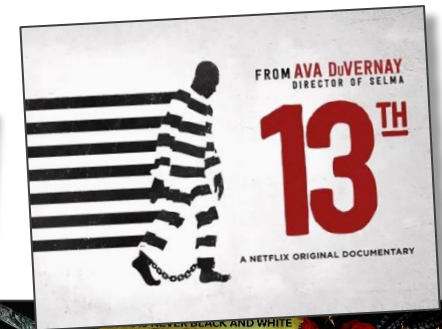
Resources to Watch and Listen



Some things to look out for are:

- **After Windrush**
Guardian Documentary
- **Black is a Dirty Word**
BBC Radio 1
- **Is Britain Racist?**
BBC Three Documentary on YouTube
- **The Life and Death of Marsha P. Johnson**
Netflix
- **When They See Us**
Netflix
- **The 13th**
Netflix
- **Noughts and Crosses (television series)**
BBC iPlayer
- **Pose (television series)**
BBC iPlayer

**A DIRTY
WORD**



Find Out More



If you would like to find more information about Black History Month, please visit:

www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/

The National LGBT Ambulance Network is extremely grateful for the collaboration with the National Ambulance BME Forum on this 15 Minute Read for Black History Month.

Please don't forget to get involved during Black History Month by using **#BHMUK** and tagging **@NatAmbBME** and **@NatAmbLGBTUK** on Twitter.



New CPD Opportunities



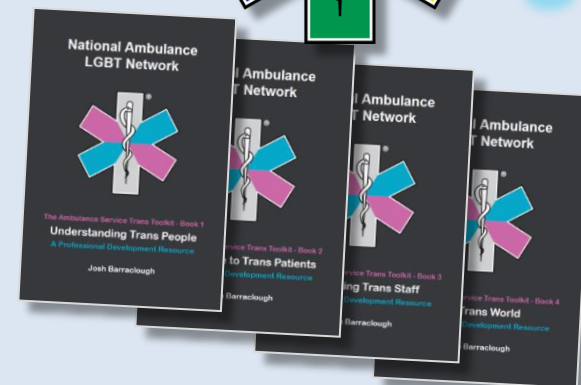
‘I read them with real pleasure. This suite of documents are notable for their brilliant design as well as their content.’

Kath Lavery
Chairperson
Yorkshire Ambulance Service

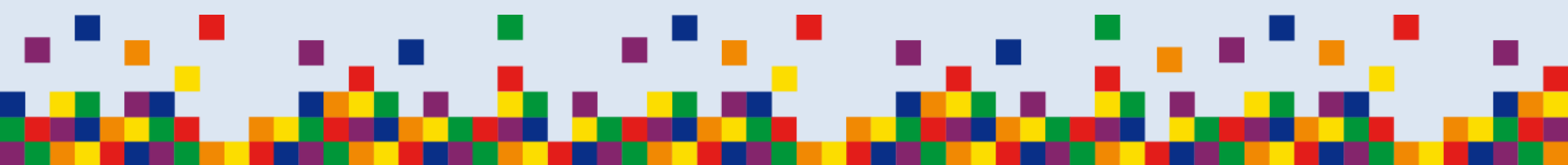
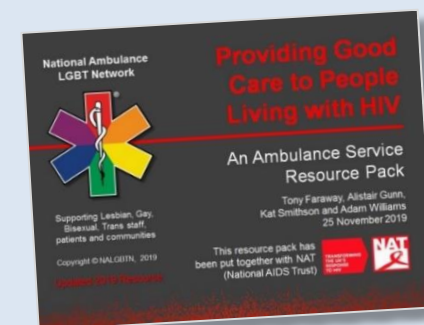


‘The lived experiences shared are, for me, particularly helpful in stimulating personal reflection as I continue my journey to be a great ally.’

Helen Ray
Chief Executive
North East Ambulance Service



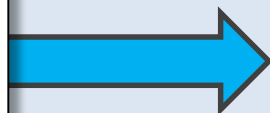
The Ambulance Service Trans Toolkit (above) and Providing Good Care to Living with HIV (below)



New CPD Opportunities



1



*Providing
Good Care to
People Living
with HIV*

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2



*The
Ambulance
Service
Trans Toolkit*





**‘We are
victors, not
victims.’**

La Chun Lindsay speaking at
the National Ambulance LGBT
Network Conference 2017

