



## Windrush Day Celebration 2020



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This year there is greater need than ever to commemorate and celebrate the arrival of the Empire Windrush and the people aboard who came to the UK with determination and optimism to build, their promised, bright new futures. The energy, passion and considerable skills they applied to building families and a way of life in Britain led to their exceptional contribution to the NHS and across our public services - They re-built Britain.

This year in the light of the COVID pandemic, those delivering unconditionally at the frontline in hospitals, on public transport and in the care service are dealing with the immense responsibilities of keeping people, hundreds of people, alive whilst they are also most at risk - this is the personal legacy of a generation of formidable people.

The Windrush generation also brought a fierce pride in the culture, heritage and traditions of home; a social culture that has had a defining influence - reflected throughout the UK in music, food and fashion. On a sunny day in Lambeth the streets are full of the sound of this legacy - Reggae, Ska, Grime, Hip-Hop, Soul, Funk and everything in between drifts out of windows and speakers around every corner.

The Brixton Project and Lambeth Council are organising a literal all-singing, all-dancing celebration of the Windrush generation for Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Sing for Windrush**

Working with local musicians and community groups we will record the voices of Brixton in a universally loved song to lead us all on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10.27 am in a musical tribute to the Windrush generations contribution to the NHS and to all those working across our public services.

Residents across Brixton and surrounding area will be invited to download or tune-in to use the musical backing track and lyrics as a guide for the big sing-song at 10.27am\*

Sing from your doorstep, your front garden or window.  
Join your neighbours and fill Brixton's streets with song!

### **Windrush Windows**



We will also be working with a local artist Carolyne Hill to create a celebratory Windrush Day Art Pack to be distributed across local websites for everyone to download. Draw, paint or make with your family and join in making your street a colourful celebration of the day. We aim for Windrush windows to be visible throughout Brixton in businesses and residential streets.

## **We need your help**

Due to the tight turnaround of the project we are calling out to the local community to help us make this day as joyous, successful, colourful and loud as possible!

In particular we need champions within our local communities to spread the word and get everyone involved.

- Share and post across your social networks
- Join in with the campaign activities as they develop over the coming weeks
- Use your influence and network to amplify this moment in tribute to the people of Windrush
- Amplify the broadcast on Colourful Radio from 10.20 on June 22

Get your speakers at the ready!

## **For more information...**

Please email [getinvolved@thebrixtonproject.com](mailto:getinvolved@thebrixtonproject.com)

THANK YOU!