

HONOURING OUR COMMUNITIES

HONOURING BLACK BRITAIN 2026



KANYA KING CBE 1969–2026
She created a platform where Black music could be celebrated on its own terms, changing who was seen, heard and recognised in British culture.



AYAN MAHAMOUD MBE
Through Somali art, literature and culture, she has created spaces where memory is preserved, identity is affirmed and communities come together.



DR ANDREW BROWN
His work begins with people – strengthening health, wellbeing and community support by listening closely to the lives behind the statistics.



TREVOR BLACKMAN
For more than two decades, he has invested in young people, creating the opportunities, encouragement and belief from which futures are built.



PROF. UZO IWOBİ CBE
Her work has given voice, structure and strength to communities across Wales, placing racial equality firmly within public and civic life.



DR JAK BEULA – NUBIAN JAK
Through plaques, monuments and educational projects, he has made overlooked Black British lives and achievements visible in the public spaces of the nation.



DR WANDA WYPORSKA
Her leadership brings together equality, history and public life, helping ensure Black British stories are preserved, understood and given the recognition they deserve.



THE RT REVD ROSE HUDSON-WILKIN
She has devoted her life to faith and public service, bringing pastoral care, moral purpose and a deep commitment to the communities she serves.



PROF. SIR PATRICK VERNON OBE
Through history, campaigning and public service, he has helped ensure that Windrush stories are remembered and their significance understood.



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THE LORD OUSELEY 1945–2024
Across public life and football, he challenged prejudice with persistence and purpose, leaving a lasting legacy of equality, fairness and social justice.



PAUL CHAMBERS
Through heritage and remembrance, he works to ensure the service and sacrifice of Caribbean military personnel are preserved, honoured and passed to future generations.



LUDWIG RAMSEY
From the fire service to community leadership, he has spent decades serving others, strengthening communities and keeping Black history alive for generations.



ADE WILLIAMS MBE
Through community pharmacy and public health, he has brought healthcare closer to people, combining professional expertise with a deep commitment to service.



PAULINE CAMPBELL
Through law and advocacy, she has stood alongside Windrush victims, helping them pursue justice, fair compensation and recognition for the wrongs they endured.



CLLR LILIAN SEENO-BARR
From campaigning for women in Kenya to community leadership in Derry, she has devoted her work to advocacy, service and giving voice to those too often overlooked.



SUE LIBURD MBE DL
Across the Armed Forces, healthcare, business and civic life, she has made leadership a form of service, supporting people and strengthening communities.



PROF. ANNE-MARIE IMAFIDON MBE
Across mathematics, computer science and education, she has inspired a new generation to pursue STEM while helping shape the future of science and technology.



LORD WOOLLEY OF WOODFORD
For decades, he has widened political participation, opened doors to leadership and helped ensure Black communities have a stronger voice in public life.



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ADE ANIFOWOSE

Through rhythm, positivity and encouragement, he uses music to build confidence, support wellbeing and bring people together across Leicester.



CLAUDINE REID MBE

For more than three decades, she has opened doors for African-Caribbean women, entrepreneurs and communities, helping people turn ideas into opportunity.



DEAN FOSTER

Through Peckham Soup Kitchen, he offers far more than food, providing dignity, opportunity and trusted support to families and young people.



PROF. DAWN EDGE

Her work challenges mental healthcare inequalities, ensuring African and Caribbean families receive support that understands their culture, experiences and needs.



MAURICE COORE

Through boxing and mentoring, he continues the pioneering legacy of Champs Camp, giving young people in Moss Side discipline, confidence and opportunity.



RALPH OTTEY 1924–2026

His wartime service with the RAF's 617 Squadron represents a generation of Caribbean men and women whose courage became part of Britain's story.



MONICA D. BROWN

Through broadcasting, education and community archives, she helps Black communities tell their own stories and ensure those memories are never lost.



JAMES BARNOR

Through a lifetime behind the camera, he has documented Black life across Ghana and Britain, preserving history while inspiring new generations of photographers.



JENNY GORDON

She leads Southampton's Priory Road Community Group, creating a culturally rooted space where Black elders find friendship, support, celebration and protection from loneliness.



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CHISOM UWAEZUOKE

His work in nursing and public health is helping create safer healthcare, using knowledge and innovation to protect patients and prevent infection.



CHARLES ADEGBORO

In the classroom and through boxing, he gives young people the confidence, discipline and encouragement to believe in what they can achieve.



CONSTANTIA PENNIE

Across a lifetime of service, she has opened doors for Black families and helped children grow with dignity, opportunity and pride in their heritage.



DR MAHAMED HASHI

From Brixton Soup Kitchen to community safety, he has turned lived experience into practical action against homelessness, poverty and violence.



HODEN MOHAMOUD

Beginning as a volunteer in the community that raised her, she now leads services helping children and families feel understood, supported and valued.



HORACE WRIGHT

For more than four decades, he has brought people together through faith, culture, health and community action, strengthening Black identity and wellbeing.



JACQUELINE ROBERTS

Through steelpan, heritage and historical research, she has helped African and Caribbean communities preserve their stories and pass them confidently to future generations.



SAMANTHA TORINDO

Through law and advocacy, she stands alongside those facing injustice while working to change the systems that too often fail them.



JEREDYNE JESTINA STANLEY

Through Rivers, she has helped women overcome isolation and hardship, creating opportunities for learning, safety, confidence and greater independence.



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BOLANLE OYEDIRAN

Through Wonderful Way CIC, she combines practical support with long-term guidance, helping people build confidence, opportunity and stronger futures.



CHARMAINE SIMPSON

Through Black History Studies, she has made Black history more accessible while building knowledge, confidence and empowerment in the community.



TONY FAIRWEATHER

He is a lifelong champion of Black literature and Windrush heritage, helping preserve stories, celebrate culture and bring Black British history to wider audiences.



DR MYRTLE EMMANUEL

Through education and race equality work, she has helped challenge inequality, reshape institutions and place students' lived experiences at the centre of change.



GILBERT CLARKE 1925–2026

He was a Second World War RAF veteran whose life stands as a lasting reminder of the service and sacrifice of Caribbean personnel in Britain's wartime history.



OLIVIER TSEMO

Through his leadership at SADACCA, he has strengthened community wellbeing, cultural inclusion and the representation of African and Caribbean communities in Sheffield.



SCRATCHYLUS

Using music, performance and education, he brings African and Caribbean history to life, inspiring pride, cultural awareness and learning in new generations.



SUSAN PITTER

Through exhibitions, heritage work and community leadership, she has helped ensure Caribbean and Black British stories are preserved, shared and remembered.



CLLR DOUGLAS HAMANDISHE

As a community leader, nurse and Mayor of Medway, he has shown a strong commitment to representation, inclusion and opportunity through public service.



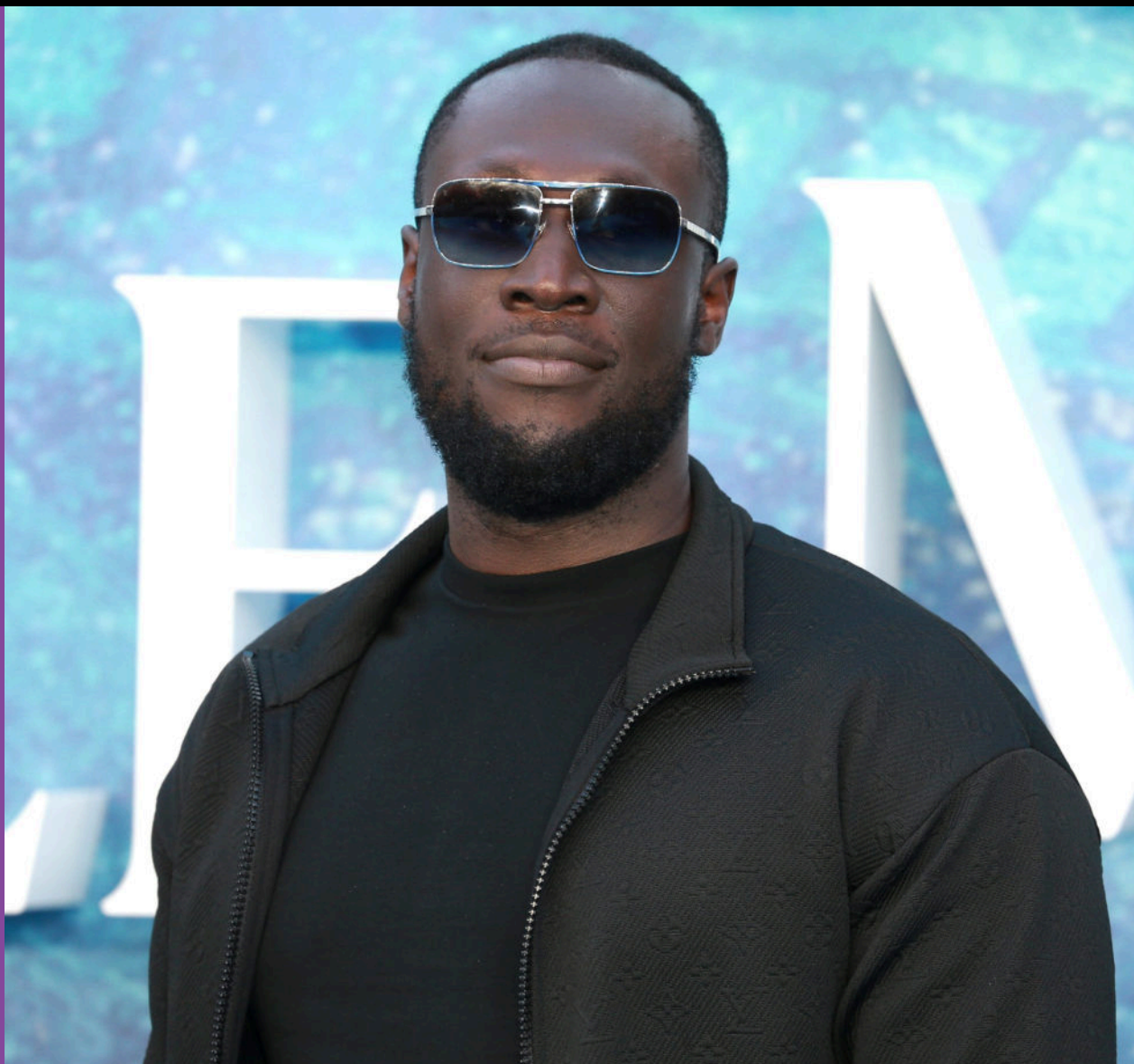
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ZARAH HENRY

At just 17, she is turning enterprise into opportunity, creating practical experiences that build confidence, skills and ambition in other young people.



STORMZY

He has turned cultural influence into opportunity, using music, education and philanthropy to open doors for young Black people and invest in the next generation.



SERGEANT AFUA AMPONSA

Through Army service, representation and education, she is opening doors for young people and showing that leadership creates opportunities for others.



DR DELROY BEVERLEY JP

He has transformed personal experience of disadvantage into a lifetime of service, opening pathways into education, business, justice and public life for others.



ANNA NJIE

She has created spaces where African and Caribbean culture, enterprise and community can flourish, strengthening identity while turning cultural pride into practical opportunity.



AKEIM MUNDELL BEM

He has placed community at the heart of education, turning compassion into practical support and helping young people and families overcome barriers to opportunity.



ADEBOLA ADISA

She brings families together in Darlington, using advocacy, community action and support to reduce isolation and strengthen everyday lives.



IAN THOMAS CBE

Through civic leadership and public service, he is helping shape a more inclusive City of London while widening opportunity and representation for others.



PROF. DIANE ASHIRU-OREDOPE

Her pioneering work in public health has protected lives, influenced global thinking on antimicrobial resistance and inspired a new generation of healthcare leaders.

