

MAYOR OF LONDON

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# ARRIVAL

Celebrating Windrush and the communities who followed.

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The 'Arrival' event on 30 June marks the arrival, seventy years ago, of the HMT Empire Windrush at Tilbury Dock in Essex. But it also acknowledges the waves of Caribbean migration that helped shape London's diverse and open identity over hundreds of years.

It is both a time to celebrate and a moment to archive. We encourage you to come along to City Hall and share your own stories of arriving in London.

Our storytelling work with the community will continue beyond this day through further conversations and radio broadcasts.

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## MAYOR'S FORWARD

I am proud that City Hall is hosting 'Arrival', on the 70th anniversary of the arrival of HMT Empire Windrush from the Caribbean, with an exciting series of talks, workshops and exhibitions.

The iconic 'Windrush Generation' arrived with the work ethic and skills to help rebuild this nation. They brought culture, insight and positive energy even when facing unacceptable prejudice and hostility. We owe them an enormous debt of gratitude.

They are an inspiration to Londoners and everyone who has arrived in London to make this city their home. More than that, they have influenced almost every aspect of our culture and modern life. Their stories, some of which are showcased today, are an important part of all Londoners' shared history.

As we celebrate the Windrush Generation we must also recognise, and put right, the mistreatment they have endured. This includes, most recently, the appalling consequences of the Government's 'hostile environment' policy. I will continue to do everything I can, as Mayor, to support and defend the rights of Londoners and to make sure the Windrush Generation are properly honoured for their invaluable contribution to our great city.

I hope you enjoy the events today.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sadiq Khan', written in a cursive style.

**Sadiq Khan**  
**Mayor of London**



# LONDON LIVING ROOM

## Penguin Live

The top floor of City Hall will be transformed with workshops, talks and performance. Contributors include Nikesh Shukla, Colin Grant, Bernardine Evaristo. Legendary reggae poet and performer Linton Kwesi Johnson will bring the LLR to a close with signings from New Beacon Books.

**11.50am - 12.30pm**

Little Leaders Workshop  
hosted by Nadia Shireen

**12.50pm - 1.45pm**

Writing Workshop with  
Spread the Word

**2.05pm - 3pm**

Penguin Books Panel -  
Explorations of Windrush  
and Beyond

**3.20pm - 4.15pm**

The Good Immigrant Panel  
with Nikesh Shukla

**4.35pm - 5.30pm**

Linton Kwesi Johnson

## ROOM 1

**gal-dem**

**10.30am – 7pm**

'Windrush Women' is an exhibition of portrait illustrations that shine a light on pioneering Caribbean women from the world of politics and activism. gal-dem's 'Caribbean Kitchen' explores themes of food, heritage, culture and migration through the lens of 60s and 70s family memories. 'Untitled (Eat Good) Food Series' in the café offers a showcase of Caribbean meals from photographer, Rochelle White.

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## ROOM 2

**Hackney Museum, George Padmore Institute**

**10.30am – 7pm**

Hackney has been shaped by people from around the world. The museum brings Windrush suitcases and actors to tell the tales of the Windrush migrants. Hear why Caribbeans were invited to Britain after WW2 and discover the true stories behind the headlines. They are joined by the George Padmore Institute (GPI) which houses a 20th century archive of more than 40 years of UK black activism.







## **ROOM 3**

### **Conversation Booth with Michael McMillan**

**10.30am – 7pm**

Tell your story of arriving in London at the conversation booth. This mobile recording facility will capture the voices of participants and archive them. Michael McMillan will encourage people to share their stories, using his 'West Indian Front Room', artwork installation as a reference point.

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## **ROOM 5**

### **Special 1000 Londoners Windrush Screening**

**1pm - 2pm**

A series of short video portraits of black women in London encompassing the famous, the hidden, the influential and the unheard. Chosen from Chocolate Films' award-winning project 1000 Londoners.

### **Being Blacker Feature Documentary**

**2.30pm - 5pm**

Acclaimed film-maker Molly Dineen returns with Being Blacker; an intimate, 90-minute portrait of Jamaican-born reggae producer, businessman, and all-round top bloke, Blacker Dread.

## **Windrush Foundation Presentation**

**5.30pm – 6.45pm**

Windrush Foundation host a presentation with contributions from Windrush Pioneers.

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## **THE CHAMBER**

### **Conversations**

The Mayor, Sadiq Khan, will open the event, followed by keynote speaker, Baroness Floella Benjamin OBE, her Windrush Garden features at this year's Royal Chelsea Flower Show.

Chaired by broadcaster Brenda Emmanus, all four conversations will start with brief performances from Talawa Theatre exploring Sam Selvon 'Lonely Londoners.' They will close with perspectives from the Somali, Jewish, Latin American, Iranian and east European communities.

## **Opening**

**12pm – 12.30pm**

Mayor of London and Baroness Floella Benjamin OBE.

## **Conversation 1: Making the Journey**

**1pm - 2pm**

Personal testimony on reality for a London migrant.  
Brenda Emmanus, Dr Margaret Byron, Peter Dielhenn,  
Allan Wilmot.

## **Conversation 2: Telling our Stories**

**2.30pm - 3.30pm**

How we encourage discussion and preserve our  
stories for the future. Brenda Emmanus, Afua Hirsch,  
Kwame Kwei-Armah OBE.

## **Conversation 3: Windrush Women**

**4pm - 5pm**

How they helped to create strong workforces.  
Brenda Emmanus, Jennette Arnold AM OBE,  
Sharmadean Reid MBE.

## **Conversation 4: Moving Forward**

**5.30pm - 6.30pm**

What next for Caribbean Londoners. Brenda Emmanus,  
Symeon Brown, Sharmaine Lovegrove.

## THE MAP

### **A Mile in My Shoes**

**10.30am – 7pm**

Take a walk in someone else's shoes while listening to their story of migration. This collection of new audio stories is from refugees and migrants who've made London their home including a Jamaican war veteran and calypso star who came to London in 1933.

### **Paper Boat Making**

**10.30am – 7pm**

Make a boat, share a story of migration and add to the flotilla during the day with the Migration Museum Project.

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## THE SCOOP

### **Music Stage**

**1pm – 10pm**

The Scoop, outside City Hall, plays host to a platform of the best Caribbean and Caribbean-inspired music. Organised jointly by City Hall and London Bridge City's 'Summer by the River', the Music Stage will feature fresh young talent alongside established names: Carroll Thompson, Kioko, Sister Audrey with Mad Professor, Lisa Mercedez, Alacai Harley, Doktor, and DJ Hosts, Daddy Ernie and Enziga Soundz. Black Slate, one of the first British Reggae bands to surface in the 70s will headline at 8.30pm.

The Arrival event has been in collaboration with;



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