

Welcome to "Passion and Pride", a programme of unique and entertaining performances, exhibitions, workshops and celebrations of black heritage and culture in Leeds.

Twelve local community organisations have come together to develop Passion and Pride throughout 2007, culminating in this series of events across the city. Working in partnership with Leeds City Council's Arts & Regeneration Unit, the partners have built on momentum established through Black History Month, which has seen a regular programme of African and Caribbean events and activities become established.

These organisations saw an opportunity to develop that work further to widen the region's awareness and understanding of their diverse histories, heritage and cultures. This programme complements the range of BHM grant aided work being undertaken with support from the Council's Equalities team. Look out for the separate Black History Month leaflet which will give details of more special events taking place in Leeds during October.

Passion and Pride has been supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund to enable black history and culture to be more widely celebrated throughout Leeds. It forms part of the Celebrate Leeds 2007 programme of events marking 800 years of our city.



Theatre Under Fire

September

Ethiopian Millennium Celebrations

The Wardrobe
St Peter's Square
11th September
7pm - 1am

This event is free

A not to be missed, once in a lifetime event, since in Ethiopia it will be the year 2000 on the 12th September. The New Years Eve celebrations will include traditional dance, food and live music as well as exhibits portraying the rich history and heritage of this unique country & community.

Leeds Ethiopian Community
0113 247 1155

Ethiopia on the Big Screen

Millennium Square
11th September
10am - 5pm

This event is free

A captivating short documentary portraying the extraordinary history and traditions of Ethiopia. This unique video will be shown alongside a new multi-media work of art "Pinnacle of Light" produced by the well known artist Marcia Brown.

Arts & Regeneration Unit

0113 395 2816



"Passion" Art Exhibition

Carriageworks Theatre
Millennium Square
Leeds
17th September
11am - 3pm

This event is free

Ethiopian born contemporary artists Abebe Admsu, Derje Kebde alongside Leeds born Marcia Brown display some outstanding works of art. Some of the pieces have been especially produced to commemorate the Millennium.

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October

Here to Stay

Carriageworks, Millennium Square
3rd October
10am - 12pm

This event is free, please book

Local school children take part in dynamic Intergenerational story telling describing the contrasts and common ground between young & old black & white. Performances will portray the contributions made by African and African Caribbean people since the 1950's to British society.

Leeds Black Elders

0781 211 2324

“Bowl Go. Packy Come”

Jamaica Society
277 Chapeltown Road
6th October
2pm - evening

This event is free

Experience the vibrant heritage of Jamaica through a colourful historical exhibition, flower and sugar craft displays plus taste some irie traditional foods. It's also an evening for Miss Lou poetry with special guest speaker Melanie Rose, talking about historic Black women.

Leeds Jamaica Society
0113 262 6435

Montserrat “the Irish Connection”

Seven Arts Centre
Harrogate Road
Chapel Allerton
11th October
4pm - 9pm

This event is free

Discover the “Emerald Isle of the Caribbean” and it's close connections to Ireland. A delightful evening of history, folk songs, exhibits, costume, music and dance from both Islands.

Montserrat Association
0113 368 9486

Generation to Generation

Carriageworks, Millennium Square
23rd October
11am - 2pm

This event is free

This moving and inspirational short film captures the real life stories and memoirs of those who experienced migration from the Caribbean to Leeds. Filmed by young people with learning disabilities, it offers a new and challenging perspective.

People in Action
0113 247 0411

We is Bajan

Carriageworks, Millennium Square
23rd October
3pm - 5pm

This event is free

If you're from Barbados then you're a “Bajan”. Find out what this wonderful culture has to offer through some fascinating pictures, drama and stories but be prepared for a few surprises.

Barbados Association, Leeds
01274 813 150

Interact

Carriageworks, Millennium Square
23rd October
5pm – 7pm

This event is free

This is the time to get involved. Join the “Passion & Pride” book club or take part in an open discussion about the Yorkshire connection to the slave trade. It's an opportunity to check out and comment on some unique works of art, poetry and print. A selection of inspired creative short films will be shown too.

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Caryl Phillips

Carriageworks
23rd October
7pm – 9.30pm

£3.50 / £2.50

Acclaimed writer Caryl Phillips gives a launch reading from his brand new work of fiction “Foreigners” followed by an on-stage interview. Six writers, selected for the FWord project will also perform from their new anthology, and offer stimulating workshops based on ‘Freedom’.

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Fashion & Ting

West Yorkshire Playhouse
St Peter's Square
23rd - 25th October

This event is free

A fascinating exhibition of traditional African fashion alongside some dramatic photography depicting magical moments from the Roscoe Women's Fellowship Black History Month celebrations.

West Yorkshire Playhouse
0113 213 7800



Culture & Cookies

Roscoe Church Hall

27th October

3pm – 5pm

This event is free

An eclectic mix of Caribbean and African history, heritage and culture including drama, poetry and fashion. A special guest speaker will talk about black history, past and present and there will be a performance of the soothing song of "Freedom".

Roscoe Women's Fellowship

0113 262 3313

The Journey

West Yorkshire

Playhouse

St Peter's Square

27th October

10am – 2pm

This event is free

Discover the arts of

braiding, plaiting,

weaving, twisting, extensions, and waves. All part of the

hair world of Black beauties, male and female. Try some

delicious Caribbean dishes like johnny cakes and fritters.

Some fascinating stories of living in the West Indies are on

the menu too.

St Kitts & Nevis Association

07809 477 373



"The arts play an important role in shaping our perceptions, identity and experience. Audiences and participants alike can enjoy the energetic creative interpolation involved. The impact can be a catalyst for change and an appreciation of the incessant scope of diversity and potential in our communities."

Mrs Jean White

Secretary - Barbados Association Leeds

Former Deputy Lord Major 1999-2000

Grandma's Story

West Yorkshire Playhouse

St Peter's Square

27th October

3pm – 5pm

This event is free

Talented under 16s perform this unique short play about the real life experience of living through the period of slavery, commemorating the abolition of the trans-atlantic slave trade in the UK. It imaginatively recreates the vivid stories that were passed from generation to generation to present a compelling piece of drama.

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"The Trunk"

West Indian Centre

Laycock Place

31st October

5pm – 8pm

This event is free

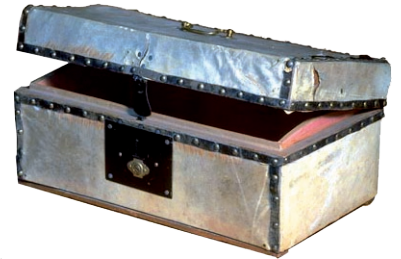
Photos, stories and the

written word promise to break

the chains that hold us back. Forget Pandora's box, this is "The

Trunk" - a West Indian tradition transported to the diaspora.

Rising Notes Project 0793 144 4400



November

Naija Yakata

Irish Centre, York Road LS9 9NT

9th November

6pm - 1pm

£5.00

Rhythmic gyrations fired on by talking drums will announce the celebration of Nigerian Independence day and an evening of traditional performance, music and dance. With abundant human and natural resources, Nigeria has a diverse yet united population of over 140 million.

Nigerian Community Leeds 0789 424 3785

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