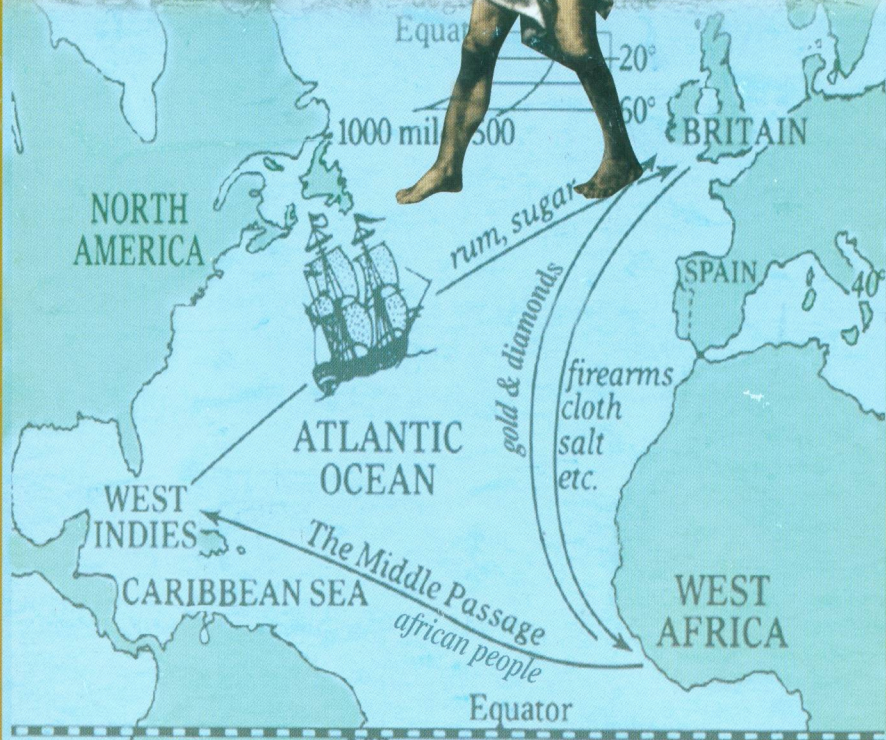
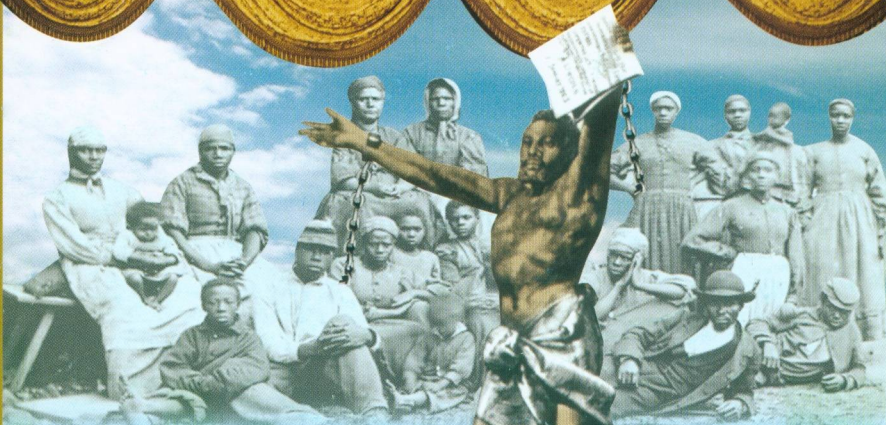


LEEDS BI-CENTENARY TRANSFORMATION PROJECT
HIGHLIGHTING AFRICAN ACHIEVEMENTS, LIBERATION AND ASPIRATIONS-
IN COMMEMORATION OF THE BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY ABOLITION ACT OF 1807



Leeds Bi-Centenary Transformation Project

**Highlighting African achievements, liberation and aspirations -
in commemoration of the British Parliamentary Abolition Act of 1807**

The Leeds Bi-Centenary Transformation Project is a collaborative community initiative in Leeds, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Parliamentary Act to end the kidnapping, capture and transportation of African people.

In 2007, we will celebrate the invaluable contributions of African peoples:

- to worldwide civilisation - from human antiquity to modern societies;
- to self-liberation - during and after enslavement;
- to British/European cultural and economic growth during the past 400 years.

Abolitionist Olaudah Equiano and many other Africans transformed themselves from enslavement into beacons of light for democracy and social justice. Citizens of Yorkshire also became celebrated campaigners for local and global human rights.

Similar to other parts of Europe, Yorkshire benefited economically from Trans-Atlantic trade routes. By 1807, Britain transformed itself from a slave-trading sovereignty into a proud anti-slavery nation. Many of us are aware that lesser forms of slavery still exist today: it has never stopped in Africa and other continents. Also significant are the socio-economic and psychological legacies of trans-Atlantic enslavement - which continues to bring trauma and misery to displaced millions.

In 2007, Leeds will also commemorate the 800 year-old charter that transformed a small market town into a thriving city of commerce and opportunity and there will be proud celebrations as we mark the 40th anniversary of the Leeds West Indian Carnival, the oldest Caribbean carnival in Europe! Themes will highlight the significance of heritage, liberation, respect and freedom.

Thanks to community support and funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund Rowntrees Charity Trust; we will deliver a year-long programme of informative and entertaining activities to include schools, museums, churches, the arts and communities - participating in exhibitions, scholarships, conventions, trips, talks, lectures, training, performances, Carnivals and more. Watch this space for our forthcoming publicity. Meanwhile...

**The Leeds Bi-Centenary Transformation Project - will hold it's -
LAUNCH :- January 25th, 2007, Leeds Civic Hall, 11a.m.**

With your help we are planning for this work to go well beyond 2007, so we look forward to you joining us for this eventful and transformational year.

Find out more -

Contact: Leeds Bi-Centenary Transformation Project,
Leeds West Indian Centre, Laycock Place, Leeds LS7 3AJ.

Arthur France M.B.E: 07931412227 / Tony Stanley: 0113 243 8421