

BREAKING THE CHAINS

AN EXHIBITION TO COMMEMORATE THE BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY ABOLITION OF THE TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE IN 1807.

This exhibition tells the story of the British Transatlantic Slave Trade and its abolition.

For over 300 years Britain and other European countries forcibly transported millions of African people across the Atlantic to work as enslaved labour in North and South America, and the Caribbean.

By the 18th century the trade was considered vital to Britain's economy.

Campaigners in Britain, fired by humanitarian and religious ideals, worked tirelessly for many years to have this brutal trade abolished. The Transatlantic Slave Trade, but not slavery, was outlawed by an Act of Parliament in 1807. Slavery in British colonies was finally abolished in 1834.

In 2007 we remember the courage and strength of all those who fought and campaigned against slavery – in Africa, Britain and the Caribbean.