

MONTHLY Bulletin

We Keep You Updated!



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DANCE FOR PEACE



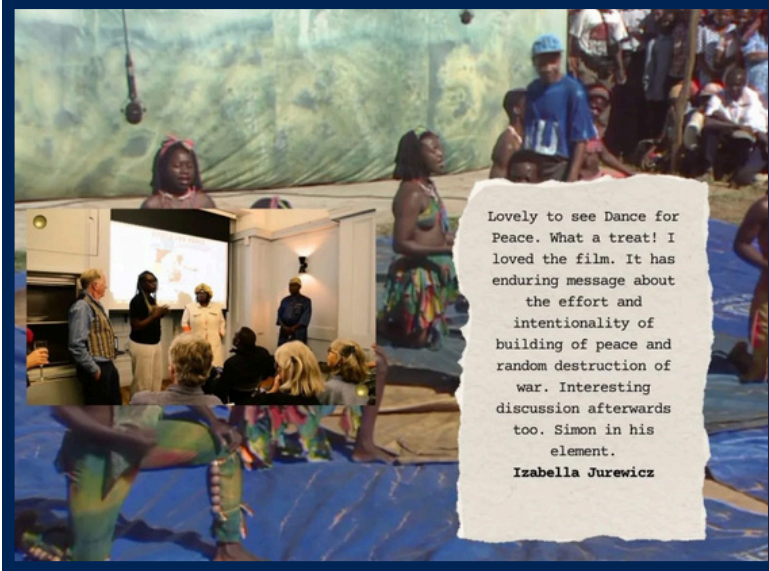
On 16th October, *Dance for Peace*, a powerful film by African Eye celebrating Mozambique's first democratic elections through dance was screened at the Commonwealth Society Bristol. The event, hosted in partnership with African Voices Forum, drew a diverse and remarkable audience. The film's message of unity, resistance to division, and the power of community struck a deep chord.

As Youth Engagement Lead for African Voices Forum, I felt compelled to share this story with our younger generation. The film doesn't just speak to Mozambique's journey, it speaks to humanity's. It reminds us that peace is a choice, and that dialogue must triumph over violence.

Thanks to the support of our partners, we were able to bring *Dance for Peace* to our youth group during Afrifest on 25th October. The screening sparked meaningful conversations and reinforced our mission to help young people build stronger networks rooted in empathy, dialogue, and community.

This film continues to inspire and we're proud to be part of its journey.

DANCE FOR PEACE IN PHOTOS



AFRIFEST 2025



On 25 October, African Voices Forum hosted Afrifest 2025 at Kuumba Community Centre in Bristol, a vibrant celebration of African and Caribbean heritage through music, food, art and community connection. The event brought together families, friends and community groups for a day filled with joy, learning and cultural pride.

Visitors explored stalls showcasing African and Caribbean crafts, enjoyed delicious traditional foods and participated in health focused sessions including liver screening and vaccinations. The stage came alive with performances from diverse groups including the Dominican Republic and other South American communities, highlighting the rich tapestry of global cultures. We were honored to welcome the Lord Mayor of Bristol - Councillor Henry Michallat and Mme Jenny Foster, Co Director of the Global Goals Centre, whose presence added warmth and recognition to the occasion.

A special highlight was the youth screening of *Dance for Peace*, a film by African Eye that celebrates Mozambique's first democratic elections through the power of dance. After attending the original screening on 16 October at the Commonwealth Society Bristol, an event that drew a large and engaged audience, I felt compelled to share its message with our young people. The film's themes of unity, resistance to division and choosing dialogue over violence align deeply with our mission at African Voices Forum.

We climaxed the evening with an exclusive youth session featuring a screening of the film *HIV* followed by engaging sexual health talks, music and food. It was a safe and empowering space for young people to learn, connect and celebrate together.

Afrifest 2025 was more than a festival. It was a powerful reminder of the strength we find in our community, culture and peace.

AFRIFEST IN PHOTOS



AFRIFEST 2025 IN PHOTOS



ORAL HISTORY- CELEBRATING AFRICAN & CARIBBEAN HEROES DURING THE WWI & II



Over the past six months, the African Voices Forum, in partnership with the University of Sheffield, embarked on a powerful journey to uncover and preserve the untold stories of African families whose relatives served in World War I and World War II. This initiative aimed to spotlight the contributions and experiences of African communities often overlooked in mainstream historical narratives.

Through extensive travel and heartfelt conversations, the team connected with individuals across regions, gathering personal accounts that shed light on courage, resilience, and legacy. These stories were brought to life at a vibrant launch event held in the heart of the community, where they were shared outdoors in a spirit of remembrance and celebration.

The event was graced by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Bristol, Dr Rtd Col J L Thompson TD, DL. and Dr. Sarah Frank, Lecturer in the History of the Francophone World and the lead researcher for this project.

Their presence underscored the importance of inclusive historical recognition and community engagement.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the remarkable individuals who generously shared their family histories and personal reflections: Mr Eddy Smyth, Mme Iva William, Mr Logan Pemberton, Col (Rtd) Yvette Gordon, High Chief Gabuth Edahe, Brg. Gen. (Rtd) Oghale Olorok, Mr Ellis Madu, Mrs Evandie Eupharzene Demonfries. Their voices have enriched our understanding of wartime history and strengthened the bridge between generations.

This launch marks just the beginning. As we continue to honour these narratives, we invite the wider community to engage, reflect, and celebrate the diverse heritage that shapes our shared past.

ORAL HISTORY EVENT IN PHOTOS



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YOUTH WORKSHOP



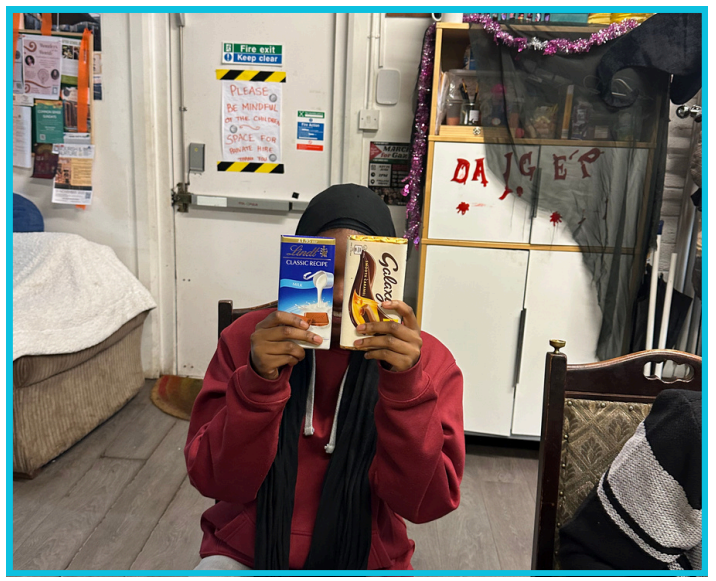
On November 2nd, the African Voices forum proudly hosted another inspiring edition of our YouthWorkshop series – a vibrant space where young people from African and Caribbean backgrounds come together to talk, cook, eat, and grow.

This month's session was a beautiful blend of teamwork, play, and powerful conversation. Our young participants kicked things off with energizing group activities that sparked laughter and connection. The highlight of the afternoon was a heartfelt discussion on self-esteem and confidence, where everyone shared personal insights, challenges, and uplifting strategies. The contributions were thoughtful, brave, and deeply resonant – a testament to the strength and wisdom of our youth.

And of course, no YouthWorkshop is complete without a culinary journey! 🌍👩🍳 This time, Ms. Fatima transported us to Somalia with her incredible preparation of Surbiyaan Somali Rice – a fragrant, spiced dish that delighted every palate. The aroma filled the room, and the flavors brought us all together around the table in joy and appreciation.

We're so proud of the energy, openness, and creativity that each young person brought to the space. These gatherings continue to be a safe, empowering environment where culture is celebrated and voices are heard. Stay tuned for our next session – more stories, more flavors, and more growth await

YOUTH WORKSHOP IN PHOTOS



EDITOR'S PICK



Kendrick Lamar, American rap artist heads into the 2026 Grammy Awards ceremony as the top nominee with 9 Grammy nominations.



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THE CENTURION INN

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3PM

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16TH

Party

IN AID OF HURRICAN MELISSA RELIEF
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Social Housing Drop-In

for Black and Racially Minoritised Council Tenants

Our free Social Housing Drop-in sessions help members of racially minoritised communities get answers to questions and raise concerns about social housing. These sessions provide a space to engage with council housing services and make them easier to access.

Are you a Black and Racially Minoritised Council Tenant looking to improve your living situation? Do you live in Easton/Eastville?

Come speak to a Council Housing Officer on:

Easton and Eastville
Easton Community
Centre, Kilburn Street,
Easton, BS5 6AW

18th
Nov 2025

11:30am - 1:30pm

Appointments are allocated on a first come, first served basis, so come early!

Due to high demand, only six HomeChoice appointment slots are available for this session.



Scan the QR
code to
register or call
07495 329990



UPCOMING EVENTS

KNOWLE WEST DREAMS

CELEBRATION EVENT!

Wednesday 19 November
6-8.30pm

Inns Court Community Centre
Knowle West, BS4 1TR

We've spent the past few months chatting to the community to find out their dreams for themselves and Knowle West. Join us in celebrating the project.

Performances
Activities
Free food
All ages welcome

Dreams Fair
Find out how to
land your
dream job

For more info call/text/whatsapp 07518 739 186
or email suzie@filwoodcentre.org.uk
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With thanks to Bristol Museums Development Trust for supporting this project



THE SIERRA LEONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION (UK)

Kicking Off 180th Anniversary Celebrations
of their Alma Mater

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

IN AID OF ONGOING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AT THE SCHOOL

Music: DJs: The Double Act
of DJ Gravy & DJ Abba,
supported by DJ
Super-Med

8PM - 4AM

SATURDAY 28TH DECEMBER 2024

OASIS BANQUETING 6-8 THAMES RD,
BARKING IG11 OHZ

Food and drinks will be sold

TICKET SALES CONTACT

07359 115 227, 07850 033 294, 07946 030 537
07949 211 859, 07973 601 153, 07961 451 285

Buy Tickets online to: @www.regentonians.org

TICKET PRICE : £35.00

No tickets will be sold at the door, security checks at the door



Think Tank & Lobby Group

Emergency Relief Air Fares (£500) Lobby

COMMUNITY STATEMENT & CALL FOR FEEDBACK

“Would You Travel to Jamaica to Help?”

Dear Jamaicans and Friends of Jamaica living in the UK,



In the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa, many of us have been deeply moved by the devastation across our island home. Families have lost homes, livelihoods, and peace of mind.

We are now exploring a community-led initiative – calling on major airlines such as British Airways, Virgin Atlantic, and TUI Airways to offer Emergency Relief Fares (£500) to help Jamaicans in Britain travel home and assist loved ones directly.

Before this appeal is formally presented, we want to hear from you – the community:

1. Would you take up this opportunity to travel home and lend a hand if these relief fares were available?
2. Would you support this initiative – even by sharing, signing, or volunteering?

Your feedback and voices will help strengthen this call for action to airlines and UK decision-makers.

Together, we can show that the Jamaican spirit of “One Love” is more powerful than any storm.  



Relief Fare

Goal

£500

**Emergency
Relief Fares**

Share your thoughts and support this vital initiative for our community.

Contact Us
Ffbj2003@yahoo.co.uk



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LAST CHECK IN 5:30PM

1ST THURSDAYS @ MONTPELIER
LAST THURSDAYS @ CHARLOTTE KEEL

Meet The TEAM



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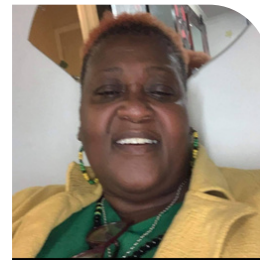
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