



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

OCTOBER 2015

Exploring the heritage
and history of Southwark's
African, Caribbean and
diaspora communities

All events
are **FREE**
unless stated
otherwise

FOREWORD

Welcome to the exciting and varied programme of events that are part of Southwark's contribution to Black History Month in the UK.

Black History Month both educates and reminds us about how our society has been shaped by the contributions of migrants from Africa and the Caribbean. They have contributed so much to our public services, armed forces, economy, culture, arts, sports and society through the years.

The main theme for this year is: Fit to achieve – how our community has struggled and succeeded in Britain and how to build on this success. In addition to recognising and celebrating past struggles and achievements, this year we encouraged event organisers to consider how their event could contribute to improving the health and wellbeing of our communities.

Planned events include music, dance, cultural film screenings, storytelling, historical walks and talks, as well as exhibitions and advice about healthy living. No matter who you are or where you live in the borough, there should be something of interest.

We have organised a wide range of events suitable for children and adults. Our libraries across the borough will offer children and their families great stories full of fun and laughter told by acclaimed storytellers, while John Agard and Maggie Harris host an enthralling evening of poetry, stories and performance at Canada Water Library.

Black History Month is for everybody and all events are free or low cost, so please get involved and get inspired.



Cllr Ian Wingfield
Cabinet member for
business, employment
and culture.



Cllr Michael Situ
Cabinet member
for communities
and safety.

For more information on Black History Month or to download a copy of this brochure, visit www.southwark.gov.uk/blackhistorymonth





Meet journalist and presenter of CBBC's Newsround

**AYSHAH
TULL**

Journalist and TV presenter Ayshah Tull is coming to Dulwich Library this October to talk about all things Newsround. Her job on this iconic CBBC show includes everything from reading the news live on TV to reporting on stories that can be weird and wonderful, sad or inspiring.

Ayshah sat down with Southwark Life for this exclusive Q&A about her career, her most nerve-wracking TV experience and what Black History Month means to her.

Book your free place to meet Ayshah on Monday 12 October at 5.30pm

SOUTHWARK LIFE: When did you decide you wanted to be a journalist?

AYSHAH: I went on a school trip to a newspaper when I was 15 as part of my media studies GCSE. We had to come up with the stories for the front page. I sat down at the desk and realised how much fun I was having. And from that moment, I said to myself, I want to be a journalist.

What advice do you have for someone who would like to become a journalist?

Firstly, get as much work experience as you can; you won't know you like the job until you do it. Hospital and local radio and newspapers were how I started out. Secondly, be persistent and don't give up; journalism is very competitive and loads of people want to do it. Don't be put off by that, keep going for the job you truly want to do.

What has been your funniest Newsround experience?

I have so much fun on Newsround. Probably the funniest standout moment was filming with Chantico the spider monkey. She would not stop crawling over me when we were filming. And then when we stopped filming she pooped near my welly boots. She was an awesome guest.

And what has been your most nerve-wracking television experience?

I was doing a live bulletin from the Isle of Lewis for the eclipse and all the communication from the team back at the studio went down. It was a bit of a nightmare because the team tell me lots of important information in my ear while I'm on telly. Luckily we were able to get through the bulletin surprisingly well, but I did feel very nervous doing it.

Who has inspired you?

I'm inspired by the amazing journalists on our screens who tell us what's going on in the world. One of my favourite journalists (I have many, I'll name some of them later) is Matt Frei. I still vividly remember some of his powerful and brave storytelling in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, when he was describing how some people were left to fend for themselves and the lack of help they got from anyone. I admire so many people in the industry like Isha Sesay (CNN), Moira Stewart (BBC Radio 2), Clive Myrie (BBC News channel), Lindsey Hilsum (Channel 4) and Lyse Doucet (BBC).

Who would play you in a film of your life?

I've never been asked this question before. I'm going to say Gabrielle Union. She's the star of Being Mary Jane and loads of other films too. She comes across as sassy, intelligent, brave and beautiful. If someone like her could play me, it would be a dream come true. ►

Has there been any particular praise or criticism that has stuck with you?

I got praised for my work that I did on black children and their aspirations. It was a Newsround exclusive and we found in a survey that some black children didn't think they could be what they wanted to be in the future because of the colour of their skin. Some of the people I interviewed like Alesha Dixon and space scientist Maggie Aderin-Pocock said it was a good issue to bring up and they were very happy I was doing the story.

Do you hear from your viewers much?

What kind of things do they say?

It's my favourite thing in the world to hear from our audience. They always have an opinion about what we do; sometimes good but sometimes bad. At least they're honest. I get a couple of letters sent to my office, which I absolutely love. One girl said I was her inspiration and she wanted to be like me when she was older. That made me cry, it was so sweet. I keep all the letters that are sent to me.

What book are you reading right now and do you have an all time favourite book?

I'm reading *The Road to Memphis* which is written by Mildred D. Taylor, the author of *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*. It's a good read so far and I love books set in America, because it's my favourite place in the world. I think my all time favourite book has to be *Noughts and Crosses* by Malorie Blackman. The vivid characters and the fantastic storylines of the series kept me hooked. I think they should make it into a TV show one day; I'd love to see that.

What does Black History Month mean to you?

It's a chance to reflect, celebrate and remember the rich history of my ancestors. It means so much to have a chance to do this. I always seem to learn something new from the wonderful exhibitions, plays and TV programmes that come out at this time.

Book your free places to see Ayshah at Dulwich Library on Monday 12 October 2015 at 5.30pm by emailing southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

FEATURED EVENT

16 OCTOBER

Strange Fruit: a tribute to Billie Holiday with Helen MacDonald, Keith Waithe and the Macusi players

This dramatic musical performance written by Helen MacDonald and Keith Waithe offers interpretation of the life and music of Billie Holiday. Prepare to be moved as Helen, Keith and the Macusi players journey through such classic songs as: *Strange fruit*, *God Bless the child*, *Don't explain*, *Lover man*, *Stormy weather*, *Summertime* and *Good morning heartache*. Musical performance is interspersed with spoken word relating to the tumultuous life and career that took Holiday from poverty to the New York jazz scene and to the iconic status she holds today. Advance booking is essential via southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Canada Water Library, 21 Surrey Quays Road, SE16 7AR

Contact: www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries, southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk



EVENTS LISTINGS

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1 TO 31 OCTOBER

Black History Month at CoolTan Arts: 50 years of black British music

Come to our gallery and listen to music in our music installation; view music themed artwork; watch a film screening of the Stuart Hall project; listen to poetry by Linton Kwesi Johnson and much more. Check the website for events, times and dates across the month.

Time: Please contact CoolTan Arts

Venue: CoolTan Arts, third floor,
224-236 Walworth Road, SE17 1JE

Contact: www.cooltanarts.org.uk,
info@cooltanarts.org.uk, 020 7701 2696

1 TO 31 OCTOBER

Doing nothing is not an option

Join Peckham Platform throughout Black History Month for free drop in workshops and a series of events including a live artist talk and an evening of performance with writers and spoken word artists.

Artist talk: You can't kill an idea
15 October, 6.30pm to 8pm (this event is free but advance booking is essential via www.peckhamplatform.com)

Friday night performance salon:
30 October, 6pm to 8.30pm

Time: Workshops open all day Monday and Tuesday, 11am to 6pm Wednesday to Friday and 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday

Venue: Peckham Platform,
89 Peckham High Street, SE15 5RS

Contact: info@peckhamplatform.com,
020 7358 9645, www.peckhamplatform.com

1 TO 3 OCTOBER

Cultural exchange

Three days of Afro-Brazilian martial arts, music, dance workshops and performances to celebrate the freedom of the African slaves brought by the Portuguese conquerors to Brazil more than 500 years ago. Booking is not required to watch the performances. Booking is required for participation in the workshops. Email info@culturalexchange.org.uk to book your place.

Time: 6.30pm to 9pm on 1 and 2 October;
12pm to 7pm on 3 October

Venue: 1 and 2 October - Afro-Brazilian arts and cultural exchange institute (Maculele Academy) Lancaster House,
70 Newington Causeway, SE1

Saturday 3 October - from 12pm to 1.30pm there will be a public exhibition on the Southbank before moving to 85 St George's Road, London SE1 6ER, at 2pm.

Contact: info@culturalexchange.org.uk
www.capolondon.com
www.culturalexchange.org.uk

2 OCTOBER

The Sickle Cell story: history, legacy and achievements

Celebrating and charting the unique history, legacy and achievements in sickle cell through film, presentations, discussion, personal stories and comedy including its African and Western discoveries and the struggle to achieve equity and better care.

Book your free tickets online at:
bit.ly/sicklestory

Time: 6.30pm to 10.30pm

Venue: The Crypt, St Peter's Church,
Liverpool Grove, SE17 2HH

Costs: Free but donations welcome

Contact: 07841 558 611,
iyamide.thomas@sicklecellsociety.org,
www.sicklecellsociety.org

3 OCTOBER

Speak to me as I am: with Stephen Bourne

Learn about the achievements of black people in Southwark, from 1600 to the present day.

Time: 2pm to 5pm

Venue: Peckham Library (Pod 2), 122
Peckham Hill Street, London, SE15 5JR

Contact: estella@familyhealththisis.org.uk,
www.familyhealththisis.org.uk

Yesterday, today, tomorrow: kindred minds Black History Month

An event celebrating black and minority ethnic communities in Southwark using drama, a reconsideration of black history, music and interactive discussions to feel uplifted and positive and address themes related to wellbeing and mental health. Food will be provided. Booking is essential.

Time: 1.30pm to 6.30pm

Venue: InSpire, The Crypt at St Peters,
Liverpool Grove, SE17 2HH

Contact: 07737 647 445
kindredmindslondon@gmail.com

4 OCTOBER

The Peckham promenade

Join us on an interactive walking tour through 175 years of Peckham's black history, where we encounter musicians and performers who changed history.

Time: 11.30am to 1pm, 3pm to 4.30pm

Venue: Starting at the corner of Bellenden Road and Choumert Road, Peckham, SE15. Finishing at 164 Queens Road, Peckham.

Contact: simmart@btinternet.com

6, 13, 20, 27 OCTOBER AND 3 NOVEMBER

INCPA celebrating black history

A series of health and wellbeing workshops using drama and dance to explore the historical struggles and culture of black African, Caribbean and British achievers from past and present generations.

Book tickets by emailing info@incpa.org.uk

Time: Tuesday 3 November, 4pm to 8pm.

All other dates 4.30pm to 6.30pm

Venue: Wickway Community Centre,
St Georges Way, SE15 6PL

Contact: 07535 408 348, info@incpa.org.uk,
www.incpa.org.uk, www.wickway.org.uk

8 OCTOBER

Black Poppies for black women

Historian Stephen Bourne talks about some of the women in his book *Black Poppies*: Britain's black community and the Great War, such as the composer Amanda Ira Aldridge and the music hall star Mabel Mercer.

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Venue: Southwark Council,
160 Tooley Street, SE1

Contact: helen.laker@southwark.gov.uk

Coming home: Alex Pascall in conversation

Grenada-born broadcaster, journalist, musician and oral historian Alex Pascall OBE will be talking to Sandra Agard about his life and work. Based in Britain for over 50 years, Alex was one of the developers of the Notting Hill Carnival and part of the team behind the birth of Britain's first national black newspaper *The Voice*. For adults. Advance booking is essential via southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

Time: 7pm

Venue: Peckham Library,
122 Peckham Hill Street, SE15 5JR

Contact: www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries,
southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

The Tragedian

This event tells the story of Ira Aldridge, a great actor who fought his way from humble beginnings and personal tragedy coupled with open hostility and blatant racism from the London press, to become one of the most celebrated actors of his age.

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Canada Water Culture Space, Canada Water Library, 21 Surrey Quays Road, SE16 7AR

Costs: £10, £8 concessions

Contact: 020 8692 4446, www.canadawaterculturespace.org.uk

9 OCTOBER

Projections of: Miles

Jay Phelps is a vibrant and young jazz trumpeter in the UK. In this special event he has assembled an international all star line up to rearrange and perform the wonderful music of jazz legend, Miles Davis.

Time: 7.45pm

Venue: Canada Water Culture Space, Canada Water Library, 21 Surrey Quays Road, SE16 7AR

Costs: £10 in advance, £12 on the door

Contact: 020 8692 4446, www.canadawaterculturespace.org.uk

10 OCTOBER

Lorna Liverpool: drums, dance and storytelling

Author and musician Lorna Liverpool presents her unique mixture of African drums, dance and storytelling. For children aged five and over, and families.

Time: 11am to 2pm

Venue: Peckham Library, 122 Peckham Hill Street, SE15 5JR

Contact: www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries, southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

Loving the Africa in each and everyone of us: our natural inclusionality with Dr. Ian Phillips

Writer Ben Okri says, learn to love the Africa in us, otherwise the world will not heal. Dr. Ian Phillips demonstrates how our self identities naturally include neighbourhood in co-creating a loving world embracing Okri's warning.

Time: 10am to 1pm

Venue: Southwark Senior Citizens Group, Elim House, 86 Bellenden Road, Peckham, SE15 4RQ

Contact: estella@familyhealththisis.org.uk, www.familyhealththisis.org.uk

Music in black British history: early 1900s to 2015

Celebrating music in black British history from the early 1900s to 2015. In recognition of the significance of music in black British culture, there will also be storytelling sessions for all ages.

Time: 11am to 4pm

Venue: Room/Pod 2, Peckham Library, 122 Peckham Hill Street, SE15 5JR

Contact: 07529 927 383

Pentecostal Church of God Black History Month celebration

A family event focusing on health issues through workshops, exhibitions and opportunities for various health checks by health professionals. An opportunity also to meet high achievers and pioneers of the black and ethnic community.

Time: 12.30pm to 5pm

Venue: St John's Church, 10a Meeting House Lane, Peckham, SE1 2UN

Contact: slytwitter@aol.com 07957 648 069

11 OCTOBER

Reflections: Paxton Green time bank celebrates Black History Month

Take part in workshops including art, self portraits and also a mental health workshop. Stalls will include Zionly arts, diabetes awareness, dementia awareness, chiropody and the Southwark wellbeing hub. Hear from sickle cell experts, inspirational young people and black history expert Kwaku, whilst enjoying a delicious Caribbean buffet.

Time: 3pm to 8pm

Venue: Kingswood House, Seeley Drive, SE21 8QR

Contact: broker@pgtimebank.org, 020 8670 0990, www.pgtimebank.org

12 OCTOBER

Meet journalist and Newsround presenter Ayshah Tull

Journalist and TV presenter Ayshah Tull is coming to Dulwich Library to talk about all things Newsround. Her job on this iconic CBBC show includes reading out bulletins live on TV but also going out on the road to report on stories that can be serious, funny, sad and inspiring. Read Ayshah's exclusive Southwark Q&A on page 2.

For children aged five and over and families. Advance booking is essential via southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Dulwich Library, 368 Lordship Lane, SE22 8NB

Contact: www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries, southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

13 OCTOBER

Feel better with a book: with Sandra Agard

Adults rarely get to enjoy the luxury of having stories and poems read out loud to them. Storyteller Sandra Agard will help you feel the benefits of shared social reading. For adults.

Time: 2pm

Venue: East Street Library, 168-170 Old Kent Road, SE1 5TY

Contact: www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries, southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

14 OCTOBER

The Dream: the story behind Martin Luther King's speech. A talk by Garry Younge

In this talk, based on his critically acclaimed book, author, broadcaster and award winning columnist, Gary Younge sheds new light on the background, delivery and enduring importance of Martin Luther King's I Have A Dream speech; examining what made the speech so timely... and so timeless. Why do we remember it? How do we remember it? And what about it have we chosen to forget?

For adults. Advance booking is essential via southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

Time: 7pm

Venue: Canada Water Library, 21 Surrey Quays Road, SE16 7AR

Contact: www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries, southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

15 OCTOBER

Southwark Disablement Association (SDA) Black History Month event

Join in a dance workshop to learn and feel the benefits of a few simple moves that you can repeat at home to improve your health and wellbeing. The event will include a warm up session, music and exercises. Advance booking is essential. Please book via phone.

Time: 11am to 2pm

Venue: Southwark Resource Centre, 10 Bradenham Close, SE17 2QB

Contact: sda@sdail.org, 020 7701 1391

**Vitamin D and you:
with nutritionist Brenda Lee**

Come along to this fascinating talk to learn about vitamin D deficiency, widely acknowledged as a growing concern amongst those of African, Caribbean and Asian heritage. Discover the latest research and learn what you could do to improve your vitamin D level. Brenda Lee is a nutritionist with over 15 years experience in the field and an MSc in Food Science. For adults.

Time: 7pm

Venue: Peckham Library,
122 Peckham Hill Street, SE15 5JR

Contact: www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries,
southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

16 OCTOBER

**The only true system is the sound
system. Players of instruments,
music and sounds: Dr Lez Henry and
Aubyn Graham.**

Music is one of the most influential factors of our lives; it is thought provoking; it makes us ask questions. Dr Lez will focus on the impact of sound systems on social lives and living in Southwark.

Time: 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Venue: Dulwich Library, 368 Lordship Lane, SE22 8NB

Contact: estella@familyhealththisis.org.uk,
www.familyhealththisis.org.uk

17 OCTOBER

**Celebrating diversity:
learning from others**

Join us for an evening of inspirational tales, entertaining performances and motivational words from people in Southwark.

Time: 6pm

Venue: Walworth Methodist Church Clubland, 54 Camberwell Road, SE5 0EN

Contact: Call Johnson on 07568 377 445

Go get it

Empowering young people by getting them to research the achievements of black Londoners from the past and present, and giving them the opportunity to display their research. This event will demonstrate the ability to succeed through interests and positive choices.

Time: 12pm to 5pm

Venue: Green area on Southampton Way estate, SE5 7DH

Contact: swtra01@yahoo.co.uk

20 OCTOBER

**Renaissance One presents John Agard
and Maggie Harris: performances
and book launch**

An enthralling evening of poetry, stories and performance by two acclaimed Caribbean writers. Maggie Harris has received the Guyana Prize for her poems and a Commonwealth Short Story Prize for her prose. John Agard is a writer of books for children and adults and he was a recipient of the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry in 2012. Event produced by www.renaissanceone.co.uk. Advance booking is essential via southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

Time: 7pm

Venue: Canada Water Library,
21 Surrey Quays Road, SE16 7AR

Contact: www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries,
southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

21 OCTOBER

Meet author Tessa McWatt

Meet author Tessa McWatt at the John Harvard Library café to chat with her about her career and discuss her latest book, Higher Ed. The book follows five diverse characters as they strive to make their way against the backdrop of a rapidly changing London. For adults.

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: John Harvard Library,
211 Borough High Street, SE1 1JA

Contact: www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries,
southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

24 OCTOBER

**Cambridge House black health
and vitality fair**

A celebration of health, hearts and minds, this event highlights the black community's approaches to living well, with performance poetry, complementary and alternative therapies, as well as opportunities to explore health improvement.

Time: 12pm to 7pm

Venue: Cambridge House, 1 Addington Square, SE5 0HF

Contact: 020 7358 7000, www.ch1889.org

**Mother Country and
The Motherland Calls**

Stephen Bourne talks about his books Mother Country and The Motherland Calls, focusing on the period 1939 to 1945. The books document the participation of Britain's black community on the home front and in the armed services during the Second World War.

Time: 1pm to 2.30pm

Venue: Imperial War Museum,
Lambeth Road, SE1 6HZ

Contact: www.iwm.org.uk

25 OCTOBER

**Does Africa really matter:
who do you think you are?**

A session of spoken word, music and presentation by Daniel Pink (Ubuntu Social Living Networks) on Africa's value to the world.

Time: 4pm to 7pm

Venue: Cossall Centre, 48 Mortlock Close,
Cossall Estate, SE15 2QE

Contact: estella@familyhealththisis.org.uk,
www.familyhealththisis.org.uk

26 OCTOBER

**Go tell it on the mountain: the life
and times of James Baldwin**

This illustrated talk by Sandra Agard looks at the astonishing life and times of James Baldwin. Baldwin was one of the great writers of the last century, exploring issues of race and racism in America, class distinction and sexual difference. His timeless works include: Go Tell It on the Mountain, Giovanni's Room and Another Country. Advance booking is essential via southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

Time: 7pm

Venue: Peckham Library,
122 Peckham Hill Street, SE15 5JR

Contact: www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries,
southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

**Telling African Caribbean tales:
with Sandra Agard**

Great stories, full of fun and laughter told by acclaimed storyteller Sandra Agard. For children aged five and over, and families.

Time: 10.30am and 2.30pm

Venue: Dulwich Library,
368 Lordship Lane, SE22 8NB

Contact: www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries,
southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

27 October

**Grove Vale book group discusses:
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks**

This monthly book group will be discussing The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot. Henrietta, born a poor black tobacco farmer, had her cancer cells taken without her or her family's knowledge. Those cells created a multimillion-pound industry and became one of the most important tools in medicine. For adults.

Time: 7pm

Venue: Grove Vale Library,
25-27 Grove Vale, SE22 8EQ

Contact: www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries,
southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

Lorna Liverpool: drums, dance and storytelling

Author and musician Lorna Liverpool presents her unique mixture of African drums, dance and storytelling. For children aged five and over, and families.

Time: 2pm

Venue: Camberwell Library,
17-21 Camberwell Church Street, SE5 8TR

Contact: www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries,
southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

**Peckham book group discusses:
A Long Walk to Freedom**

Peckham's monthly book group will be discussing Nelson Mandela's autobiography, A Long Walk to Freedom. For adults.

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Peckham Library,
122 Peckham Hill Street, SE15 5JR

Contact: www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries,
southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

Thinking health: moving forward

Increase your awareness of healthy living for black and minority ethnic families through dance performances, arts and crafts cooking and Zumba® workshops and in a fun and enjoyable environment.

Time: 4pm to 6pm

Venue: Rye Oak Primary School and children's centre, Whorlton Road, SE15 3PD

Contact: office@ryeoak.southwark.sch.uk,
020 7358 8649, 020 7358 8654,
www.ryeoak.southwark.sch.uk

29 OCTOBER

Inspiration

This performance will be created by young people aged 11 to 15. By researching inspirational people both past and present, they will create a dynamic and unique performance, including drama and dance, celebrating positive role models.

Time: 7pm

Venue: Blue Elephant Theatre,
59a Bethwin Rd, Camberwell, SE5 0XT

Contact: 020 7701 0100,
Bianca@blueelephanttheatre.co.uk,
info@blueelephanttheatre.co.uk,
www.blueelephanttheatre.co.uk

Lorna Liverpool: drums, dance and storytelling

Author and musician Lorna Liverpool presents her unique mixture of African drums, dance and storytelling. For children aged five and over, and families.

Time: 2pm

Venue: John Harvard Library,
211 Borough High Street, SE1 1JA

Contact: www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries,
southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

Phenomenal women: black female poets

Bring along your favourite works by black female poets to the regular Newington Library poetry group. We'll be discussing and reading aloud poems by great writers such as Maya Angelou, Lorna Goodison, Audre Lorde, Phillis Wheatley and Patience Agbabi. For adults.

Time: 7pm

Venue: Newington Temporary Library,
Artworks Elephant, second floor,
Elephant Road, SE17 1LB

Contact: www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries,
southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

Stepping out: Afro-Carib style and fashion back in the day

A day of participation and activities for elderly people family and friends; come dressed in style and colour. The centre will be providing entertainment, activities for participation by all attendees and free refreshments. Lunch is available for £5. Booking via phone is essential.

Time: 11am to 8pm

Venue: Elim House Day Centre, 86-88
Bellenden Road, Peckham, SE15 4RR

Contact: 020 7639 8655,
begselim@btconnect.com

**Writing workshop for teenagers:
with author Catherine Johnson**

An exciting opportunity for children and young adults aged 11 and over to work with a bestselling author in this two hour creative writing workshop. Catherine Johnson has written 15 books for children and young adults and she also writes for film, television and radio. For children and young people aged 11 and over.

Time: 2pm

Venue: Dulwich Library,
368 Lordship Lane, SE22 8NB

Contact: www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries,
southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

30 OCTOBER

**Divine Rescue hosts
Black History Month**

The event will promote healthy living and lifestyles through dance, plays and activities. It will also provide insights into the history and cultures of African and Caribbean communities.

Time: 1pm to 4pm

Venue: Thurlow Lodge Community Hall,
Thurlow Street, SE17 2US

Contact: admin@drescue.org,
www.drescue.org

30 AND 31 OCTOBER

Adinkra Arts Collective: help me and let me help you

An engaging programme of African centred events including spoken word, film screenings, self-employment workshops, an African market and more. Explore and celebrate African culture while building positive mental wellbeing for greater success and aspirational growth.

Time: 6pm to 9pm on 30 October and
12.30pm to 8pm on 31 October

Venue: Bell Gardens Community Centre,
19 Buller Close, SE15 6UJ

Contact: orvilkunga@gmail.com,
07827 537 519, www.facebook.com/adinkraartscollective.org

31 OCTOBER

Black Poppies: Britain's black community and the Great War

Historian Stephen Bourne talks about his most recent book, the award winning Black Poppies which spans the First World War to 1919 and explores the military and civilian wartime experiences of black Britons.

Time: 1pm to 2.30pm

Venue: Imperial War Museum,
Lambeth Road, SE1 6HZ

Contact: www.iwm.org.uk

31 OCTOBER TO 1 NOVEMBER

Black Poppies display

The Black Poppies display linked to Stephen Bourne's book can be viewed at the Imperial War Museum. The display has been developed with Southwark Council and funded by the Heritage Lottery First World War grant scheme.

Time: 10am to 6pm

Venue: Imperial War Museum,
Lambeth Road, SE1 6HZ

Contact: www.iwm.org.uk