

CELEBRATING AFRO-CARIBBEAN CULTURE

GILLETT SQUARE

**WINDRUSH
HERITAGE
FESTIVAL
2022**



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Windrush Day marks the anniversary of the arrival of MV Empire Windrush at the Port of Tilbury on 22 June 1948. The ship's arrival 74 years ago marked a seminal moment in Britain's history.

Those who arrived on the Empire Windrush, their descendants, and those who followed them, have made and continue to make an enormous contribution to Britain, not just in the vital work of rebuilding the country and public services following WWII, but in enriching our shared social, economic, cultural, and religious life.

The fourth national Windrush Day this year is dedicated to honouring, educating and inspiring future generations about the contribution of the Windrush pioneers.



GILLETT SQUARE WINDRUSH HERITAGE FESTIVAL FAMILY FUN DAY

Wednesday 22 June

#HackneyForWindrush

1pm

Play dominoes with
Gillett Square Domino Club


PopUp Playground

5pm Drum Circle workshop
You are welcome to
bring your own drum!

6pm Drum performance
led by Afrospot & One Drum

Caribbean food by Ewart's Jerk

8pm

Funded by  Department for Levelling Up,
Housing & Communities to mark National Windrush Day

THE WINDRUSH GENERATION

Did YOU
KNOW?

represents people of the Caribbean diaspora whose origins stem from Africa, Europe and Asia, who came upon invitation from the British Government to rebuild a nation ruined by war, among them veteran soldiers, doctors, nurses, teachers, university students, transport workers, artists, politicians, and athletes.



INGREDIENTS OF WINDRUSH 2022

MUSIC



FOOD



PLAY



GILLETT SQUARE

is a community-led public space, welcoming and engaging the local community and a wider audience, from an astonishing range of ages, socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds or beliefs. all sharing the space with each other, to work and to celebrate.



COMMUNITY-LED EVENT



HCD

is a local community economic development agency with membership open to all those who subscribe to its cooperative goals and values. Since 2006 HCD works within a local community to animate the square as one of most valuable cultural and dynamic urban spaces in London.

HCD supported local people to organise Windrush Heritage Festival, series of events celebrating Caribbean heritage and providing inter-generational learning experience for the younger generation.

COLLABORATION



"GROUP COLLABORATION AND OWNERSHIP OF THE PROJECTS ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, COMMUNICATE WITH DIFFERENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND PUSH THEMSELVES OUT OF THEIR COMFORT ZONES. FOR SOME, THEY ALSO DISCOVER WHAT THEY WANT TO DO IN THE FUTURE."

-LOCAL YOUTH WORKER



CO-PRODUCTION

Red Roots Incubator

engaged young reporters to work alongside mentors and get active in their community, encouraging younger generation to investigate important local issues, conduct interviews, and design promotional materials like postcards, brochures, podcasts or videos.



"IT WAS EXCITING TO BE
PART OF A MEDIA TEAM.
I WAS ABLE TO DISCOVER STORIES
'HIDDEN' IN MY COMMUNITY AND LEARN
ABOUT REAL LIVE JOURNALISM.,,
-YOUNG REPORTER



UNITY

THROUGH DRUMMING

People of different backgrounds and ages were expressing uplifting African rhythms.

Anyone interested in exploring the power of drumming was welcomed, no previous experience was necessary.



AFROSPOT

Kodjovi Kush from Afrospot, supporting African cultural projects, led drumming circle workshop and performance, supported by facilitator from One Drum Foundation.



UNITY

THROUGH SINGING AND DANCING

Many vibrant collaborations emerged from collective drumming sessions, proving that music has a power to unite people and Gillett Square is a great platform to showcase local talents.



**"A DRUMMING CIRCLE INDUCES HARMONY,
EUPHORIA AND RHYTHM TO THE
CHAOS OF TODAY'S LIFE"
WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT**

DOMINO IS PART OF US

Gillett Square Domino Club is led by Caribbean elders. It was founded in 2016 as a social club focused around the Caribbean dominoes partner game. In 2019 the Club organised a Domino Tournament.



Gillett Square Domino Club

Chairman

Keith 'Star' Thompson,

Vice-Chairman

Mikie Brewster and

**friends from the
windrush generation.**





**Anyone fancy playing a game
with domino lovers ?**

**Club members introduced
the game of dominoes and
encouraged people to
join the Club.**

**Players recording their
game score were
rewarded with a
free patty
or
jerk chicken meal
for giving a feedback,
all freshly made by
Ewarts Jerk**



EAST LONDON'S MOST LEGIT JERK CHICKEN



EWARTS JERK

in the middle of Gillett Square, you can find a chef serving his speciality Caribbean-style jerk chicken, or other barbecued meats, served with rice and peas.

'WE ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT THE SQUARE WITH DELICIOUS SMELL FROM EWART'S SMOKING DRUM. IT'S RUBBED DRY WITH THE SMOKINESS THAT CAN NOT BE REPLICATED. YOU'LL WANT THE JERK WINGS, OR THE PORK BELLY CHUNKS FOR SURE.'

LOCAL YOUTH



GILLET SQUARE WINDRUSH HERITAGE FESTIVAL WINDRUSH LEGACY DAY

Saturday 25 June



#HackneyForWindrush

1pm 8.30pm

100 % Nyabinghi
Drumming and Chanting live

One+
Caribbean dance music

PopUp Playground

Domino table

Sharing memories

GS2

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MORE DRUMMING & CHANTING



100% Nyabinghi

The Nyabinghi resistance inspired a number of Jamaican Rastafarians, who incorporated what are known as nyabinghi chants (also binghi) into their celebrations (groundations). The rhythms of these chants influenced music styles like ska, rocksteady and reggae.

Nyabinghi is the gathering of Rastafari people to celebrate and commemorate through drumming and chanting, as an essential part of Rastafarian practice.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**



One Plus Band

**brings
Caribbean
rhythms**

**DANCE!
DANCE!
DANCE!
DANCE!**

**DANCE!
DANCE!
DANCE!
DANCE!**

**from
Montserrat
to any
dancefloor**



CHILDREN IN THE CENTRE OF A COMMUNITY



POP-UP PLAYGROUND

Everyone is invited to
come and play
Every week on:
Friday
3.30-6.30pm
Saturday
2-6pm
in Gillett Square
that will transform
into a playground
for children & families.



WE ALL LOVE TO COME HERE BECAUSE WE
CAN EXPLORE AROUND, DESIGN OUR OWN
CHALLENGES, AND USE
LOTS OF IMAGINATION.
-PLAYGROUND PARTICIPANT

SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

JOIN THE TEAM

Pop-up Playground in Gillett Square is an outdoor play initiative that welcomes enthusiastic people to run play sessions and offers training and support for local volunteers to become Play-Mentors, helping building stronger communities.



LET THEM VOTE

Hackney's Councillors promised to strengthen the voices of young people in council scrutiny, policy making and inspections, also to bring down voting age to 16 yrs old so that young people have more of a say over their future.

POWER OF PEOPLE POWER OF PLAY



The positive effects of play on young children are far-reaching, influencing their mental, emotional and physical health.

The benefits extend to adults as well and in times of stress it is good to remember playing is an easy way to boost your mood.

So let's find more time to play!

WINDRUSH
GENERATIONS
SATURDAY 3RD
SEPTEMBER
2022

Sounds by
DYNAMIC
SOLUTIONS

FLING FOOT SESSION 2-9PM

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DYNAMIC SOLUTIONS SOUNDS

Initially called Windrush Warrior Generations Legacy Community, Dynamic Solutions Sounds is a project aiming to educate the public about Black Caribbean cultural history and legacy in the UK with a mobile sound system, encompassing community engagement workshops, training, games and information.

COMMUNITY-LED SOUNDSYSTEM

**Raymond Brewster
and Roger Anderson setting up
all the equipment with other
community members.**





**"I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE YOUNGER
GENERATION, AND THOSE WHO HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT OUR FOREFATHERS WENT THROUGH,
TO GRASP HOW DIFFICULT IT WAS FOR THEM IN
TIMES WHEN IT WAS STANDARD TO SEE SIGNS
SAYING:**

'NO BLACKS, NO DOGS, NO IRISH.'"

EMPRESS-LOCAL LEADER



WINDRUSH PASSENGERS LISTS



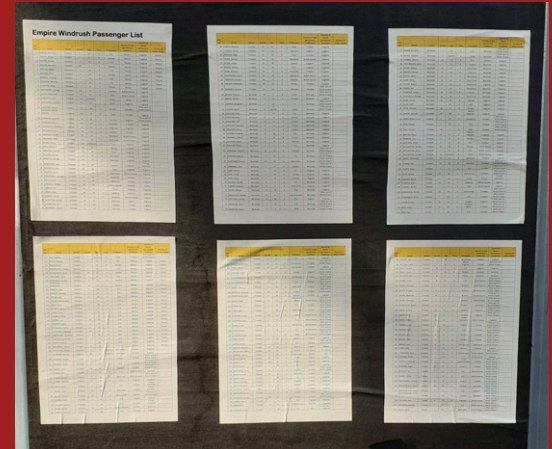
Exhibition by Re-Live

**'4027 PASSENGERS WERE ON BOARD THE EMPIRE WINDRUSH
WHEN IT ARRIVED IN BRITAIN.**

**JAMAICA WAS THE MOST POPULAR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
(539 PEOPLE), FOLLOWED BY BERMUDA (439), ENGLAND (419),
TRINIDAD (73), BRITISH GUIANA (44) AND OTHER
CARIBBEAN AND NON-CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES.**

**66 PASSENGERS – MAINLY DISPLACED POLISH REFUGEES WHO
HAD BEEN GRANTED BRITISH CITIZENSHIP FOLLOWING THE
SECOND WORLD WAR – HAD BOARDED THE SHIP IN MEXICO.'**

DATA FROM ROYAL MUSUEM GREENWHICH



**In 2019 Goldsmiths recreated
the passengers cards, destroyed
by Home Office in 2010, using
passenger list preserved in
National Archives .**

**DID YOU
KNOW ?**



RE-LIVE

is a pop-up hub run by Ange King, whose work inspires and educates about sustainable designs and ethically-resourced products.

'THEY SERVED THIS COUNTRY WELL.
IN JAMAICA THEY COULDN'T FIND WORK.
DISCOURAGED BUT FULL OF HOPE, THEY SAILED FOR
BRITAIN, CITIZENS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE COMING
TO THE MOTHER COUNTRY WITH GOOD INTENT.'

-PATHÉ NEWS



"FROM MY PARENTS GENERATION TILL NOW WE
WINDRUSH GENERATIONS ARE SUBJECTED TO BASIC
HUMAN RIGHTS DENIALS BY BRITISH GOVERNMENT, DUE
TO THE REJECTION AND INCOMPETENCE OF DEALING
WITH RECONCILIATION PROCESS.

-ANGE KING, RE-LIVE



**'THE WINDRUSH GENERATION WAS
COMING TO WHAT THEY
CONSIDERED THE MOTHER COUNTRY,
TRYING TO FIT IN AND FIND
A PLACE, YET EXPERIENCING
REJECTION AND DENIAL.
THAT'S WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT
TO HONOUR THE LIVES AND
CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR PARENTS
WHO HAVE MADE A HUGE
DIFFERENCE TO BRITISH SOCIETY
IN THE LAST 70 YEARS.'**

**MATTHEW- RESIDENT OF HACKNEY
(RIGHT)**



Windrush Compensation Scheme

-You may be able to claim compensation if you suffered losses because you could not show that you had a right to live in the UK.

You can apply if:

-You came to the UK from a Commonwealth country before 1973

-Your parents or grandparents came to the UK from a Commonwealth country before 1973

-You came to the UK from any country before 31 December 1988 and are now settled here

You can also apply if you are:

-The close family member of someone eligible to claim and you have had significant losses yourself representing the estate of someone who would have been eligible

For more info check website:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-windrush-compensation-scheme>

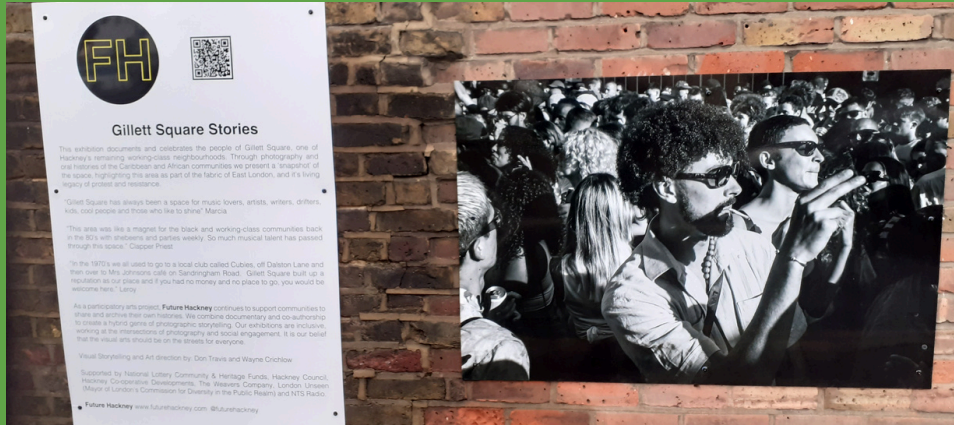
With any questions please contact

Windrush help team: 0800 678 1925

Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

GILLETT SQUARE STORIES

This exhibition by Future Hackney documents and celebrates people of Gillett Square, presenting a 'snapshot' of the space and highlighting this area's legacy of protest and resistance.



GILLETT SQUARE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PLACE FOR MUSIC LOVERS, ARTISTS, WRITERS, DRIFTERS, KIDS, COOL PEOPLE AND THOSE WHO LIKE TO SHINE.

-MARCIA, EXHIBITION PARTICIPANT

**CURRENT
EXHIBITION
AT GRAHAM RD.
CALLED
GILLETT SQUARE
STORIES**

Future Hackney

is a participatory art project of Innercity Films that continues to support communities to share and archive their own histories, with visual storytelling and art directions by Don Travis and Wayne Crichlow.



In 2023
Future Hackney will
bring a new
photo exhibition
"Carnival"
to the Foyer of
HCD's newly re-
opened building
in Gillett Square.

**CARNIVAL
PHOTOS
IN
BRADBURY
WORKS**

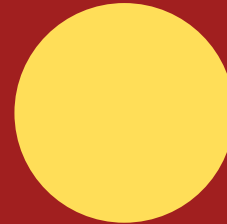
FUTURE PLANS

In December 2022 we have witnessed the opening of the refurbished Bradbury Works building in Gillett Square, developed by Hackney Co-operative Developments Community Interest Company, that will provide Dalston with offices, workshops and retail facilities for local businesses as well as arts and voluntary organisations, opening them up to the community.

**BE PART OF
EVENTS
IN GILLETT
SQUARE IN
2023**



FESTIVE SEASON WITH GREAT MEMORIES



We have ended the year by gathering together at the festive meal with home-made Caribbean, finger licking, curry goat, dumplings, stews and a sip of a rum punch.



DO YOU WANT TO DO MORE IN GILLETT SQUARE?

**You or your organisation are welcome to
send proposals for events and activities
which are:**

- **High quality**
- **Inclusive for all members of our
community and participatory where
possible.**
- **Accessible – free of charge, or low cost**
- **Promoting social cohesion**

Contact

e-mail: gs2@hcd.coop



check updates on the website

www.gillettsquare.org.uk

THANK YOU ALL!

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