Adult Learning and Skills Service

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

27–29 OCTOBER
10AM – 3PM

Join us for three days of free activities celebrating Black history, culture, creativity and community.



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Hammersmith W6 9JJ

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CELEBRATE BLACK CULTURE

Carnival arts



Let your creativity run wild with bold colours, rich patterns and vibrant African textiles. Explore Black heritage through mixed-media art and carnival-inspired designs. A fun, hands-on workshop for children and families.

New Generation Steel Pan Orchestra – live at the Macbeth Centre

Feel the energy of the Caribbean as New Generation Steel Orchestra brings the bright, joyful sound of live steel pan to Hammersmith. Enjoy a lively set of island classics and rhythms, with a chance for everyone to join in. Great for families and music lovers.

Spoken word and rap writing

Turn your thoughts into rhymes and your words into rap! Join musician Lucas Haughton, known as LHSZN, who has performed at venues across east London. Play with rhythm and wordplay, find your voice and bring your ideas to life.

Black history trails

Discover the stories on your doorstep. Join heritage officer Gaverne Bennett as he introduces the borough's Black history trails and reveals the people and places that shaped Hammersmith & Fulham. Come along, be curious and find out how to explore our local heritage for yourself.

TALKS AND CONVERSATIONS

In conversation with Tina Andrews



Spend an inspiring afternoon with award-winning author, screenwriter and playwright Tina Andrews. Hear about her work, creative journey and novel Queen Charlotte Sophia: A Royal Affair, which she has adapted for stage and screen.

Storytelling with Stella Oni

Enjoy a morning of storytelling, creativity and community with British Nigerian crime writer Stella Oni, whose debut novel, Deadly Sacrifice, introduced the first Black female police detective in UK fiction.



FOOD AND FLAVOURS*

Caribbean cookery – adults

Bring the flavours of the Caribbean to your kitchen. Learn to cook classic rice and peas with seasoned baked chicken or a vegetable curry, and pick up tips to recreate the dishes at home. Contains coconut milk.

Family cookery

Get the whole family in the kitchen for some hands-on baking. Mix, stir and make sweet potato brownies together, then enjoy the results. Gluten-free brownies can be made if you ask in advance.

African superfoods and their global influence with Beata



Discover baobab, moringa, hibiscus and more. Find out how they've travelled the world, learn about their nutritional benefits and explore simple ways to use them in everyday meals. Try tastings and hands-on activities too.

*** Cookery sessions must be booked in advance and spaces are limited. Please tell us about any allergies when booking.**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Beginners' ballet

Discover the joy of movement, music and imagination in our fun and friendly beginners' class. Build confidence, develop coordination, make new friends and learn the foundations of ballet. No previous experience needed. All ages welcome.

Glow with confidence: a Black History Month skincare experience



Treat yourself to a relaxing, hands-on skincare session. Learn how to give yourself a mini facial using products suitable for melanin-rich skin, and pick up simple tips on caring for pigmentation and hydration.

ADVICE AND OPPORTUNITIES

Finance, tax and business advice

Take the next step with your business. Get practical finance, tax and business information from Shawn Bond of BondEsq, followed by a question-and-answer session. Ideal for entrepreneurs and small business owners.

TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

Event	Time	Booking
TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2026		
Storytelling with Stella Oni	10.00 – 11.30	Drop-in
Spoken-word and rap writing	12.00 – 13.00	Drop-in
Caribbean cookery – adults	13.00 – 15.00	Booking req.
Jerk Corner (pay on the day)	13.00 – 15.00	Drop-in
New Generation Steel Pan Orchestra	13.00 – 15.00	Drop-in
WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2026		
Carnival arts workshop – session 1	10.00 – 12.00	Drop-in
Finance, tax and business advice	11.00 – 12.00	Drop-in
Spoken-word and rap writing	12.00 – 13.00	Drop-in
Caribbean cookery – family	13.00 – 15.00	Booking req.
In conversation with Tina Andrews	13.30 – 15.00	Drop-in
THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER 2026		
Black history trail 2	10.00 – 11.00	Drop-in
Carnival arts workshop – session 2	10.00 – 12.00	Drop-in
African superfoods and their global influence with Beata	11.00 – 13.00	Booking req.
Gaverne's poster tour	11.30 – 13.00	Drop-in
Spoken-word and rap writing	12.00 – 13.00	Drop-in
Beginners' ballet	13.00 – 15.00	Drop-in
Glow with Confidence: a Black History Month skincare experience	13.00 – 14.30	Drop-in

PLEASE NOTE
- Children must be with a responsible adult
- No previous experience is needed
- Programme and activities may change

Full programme, session times and booking link:

JERK CORNER

Enjoy home-cooked Caribbean favourites, including jerk chicken, curry goat, rice and peas and vegetarian options. Food is available to purchase.



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