



Greater Manchester  
Black History Month Civic Launch 2024

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024

18:30hrs - 21:00hrs

Manchester Cathedral, Victoria St,  
Manchester, M3 1SX



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# Welcome

## from the Founding Chair of CAHN

It's a privilege for CAHN to once again host the official Civic opening of Black History Month in Greater Manchester. We are grateful to Dean Rogers Govender for his continued support and for welcoming us to this historic venue.

The lasting significance of this event is reflected in the ongoing participation of civic leaders from across the county. Their presence highlights the importance of celebrating the Black diaspora while confronting the persistent inequalities our community faces. The contributions of people of Black Caribbean and African heritage have been invaluable in shaping the vibrant and diverse identity of Greater Manchester.

The conversation about being Black in Britain today remains fraught with strong emotions, including frustration, mistrust, and cynicism. We cannot ignore the very real challenges that persist. From institutional racism in law enforcement to the lingering effects of historical biases in education and healthcare, Black people continue to face disproportionate barriers. Yet, despite these obstacles, countless Black individuals have achieved remarkable success demonstrating resilience and making invaluable contributions across various fields - contributions that cannot be overlooked.

At a time when recent civil unrest has stirred unsettling memories for the UK's global minoritized communities, our gathering tonight holds particular significance. By choosing to attend this Black History Month Civic Launch event, you have chosen to be part of a space where complex issues are acknowledged, discussed with grace and unity, and approached with a commitment to understanding.

Black History Month presents us with another opportunity to share our stories often told about Black people and reframe them in a context of celebration and hope.

As CAHN, we remain committed to advocating for change. We dedicate our time, resources, and energy not only to addressing the visible health inequities faced by Black Caribbean and African communities, but also to tackling the underlying social factors that contribute to those disparities. This transformative work would not be possible without your support.

On behalf of the board we invite you to join us on this journey of reflection and celebration tonight. And it is our hope that when you leave this evening, you will do so with greater insight, renewed courage, and a deeper sense of inspiration.

**Dr. Faye Ruddock DL, Founding Chair of CAHN**





## Note

### from the Chief Executive of CAHN

Welcome back to Manchester Cathedral for another inspiring Black History Month celebration!

2024 has been an extraordinary year for CAHN, one marked by significant progress and bold, pioneering efforts.

In March, CAHN partnered with grassroots organisations in Greater Manchester and held International Women' Day on Womb Health with over 350 people at the Lancashire Cricket Club. In May we held African Day in partnership with the University of Bolton in Bolton where we acutely shone the spotlight on Black businesses from across the African Diaspora. In June, we had a glorious sunny day where we celebrated Windrush at Alexandra Park in Manchester which was attended by thousands of people. We were pleased to be joined by our now Health Minister Wes Streeting who spoke about the importance of the Windrush generation, he also spent time with our Windrush nurses discussing actions for the government to improve the experiences of Black nurses across our health and care services.

In March we went beyond Greater Manchester and proudly spearheaded the first-ever Black Health Inequalities Summit under the London inspire Programme, bringing together 480 individuals at the Royal Society of Medicine in London to discuss and develop actionable solutions on health disparities within the UK's Black Caribbean and African communities.

Building on that success, in July, we achieved the ambitious goal of hosting the inaugural Black Healthcare Awards, a celebration of the remarkable contributions of Black healthcare professionals. Nearly 500 attendees from both our community and the wider healthcare sector came together in London to honour the dedication, innovation, and resilience of individuals whose work across our health care often goes unnoticed, yet whose impact is profound. It was a night of pride, celebration, and inspiration for us all we witnessed alongside our esteemed Patrons and Sponsors.

Again in July, we took a bold step forward by launching three impactful manifestos urging the new government to take action on our recommendations to improve the health outcomes of Black women, Black children and young people, and Black men. These manifestos represent our continued commitment to changing the narrative and securing a healthier, more equitable future for our communities.

The theme for Black History Month this year, "Our Stories – Our Contributions," resonates deeply with us. It is essential that we actively celebrate the diverse experiences and contributions that enrich and strengthen our society.

I invite you to deepen your involvement by joining us at our annual Black History Month Fundraising Awards Gala on Saturday, 12th October - a night dedicated to celebrating excellence and raising vital funds for the work ahead. Tickets are available at [portal.cahn.org.uk/gala](https://portal.cahn.org.uk/gala). If you are inspired to support our mission further, you can also make a donation directly through our website [www.cahn.org.uk](https://www.cahn.org.uk).

I would like to extend a special thank you to Greater Manchester Combined Authority for supporting and funding this event, it has been a great opportunity for us to work with them to ensure that this opening to what Greater Manchester will offer throughout the month has been undertaken in collaboration and partnership. I extend a special thanks to Professor Geoff Thompson for agreeing to be our Keynote speaker and for his ongoing commitment to uplifting our community especially young people.

Thank you to all our attendees for being part of this journey, for standing with us, and for helping us make a lasting impact. Together, we are creating a future where health, equality, and opportunity are accessible to all.

Charles Kwaku-Odoi DL, Chief Executive of CAHN

## Introduction to CAHN's Patrons

CAHN would like to seize this singular opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to our Patrons for their unrelenting dedication to our work and mission.



### Dean Rogers Govender MBE

The Very Reverend Rogers Govender MBE was appointed the Dean of Manchester in January 2006 after spending over twenty years as a parish priest in South Africa and Manchester.

His role at the Cathedral has involved major fabric interventions and repairs as well as extensive change management of the outreach ministry of the Cathedral as Mother Church of the Diocese of Manchester.

Dean Rogers has spearheaded outreach to other faith communities, the statutory sector and community groups. He is also a member of Our Manchester, the representative group responsible for setting the ten-year strategy for the development of the City of Manchester.

In addition, he chairs the Challenging Hate Forum which was established over a decade ago. In recognition of his role in the City of Manchester and his inter-faith work, Dean Rogers was awarded a MBE in the late Queen's New Year 2018 Honours List.



### Lord Woolley of Woodford

Lord Simon Woolley CBE is a political and equalities activist, best known for founding Operation Black Vote (OBV) in 1996. As director until 2021, he played a key role in empowering the Black community through voter registration and increasing political engagement. A 2019 OBV report revealed that over 130 key local authorities had little to no BME representation, highlighting the need for greater diversity in politics.

From 2009 to 2012, Lord Woolley served as a Commissioner for the Equality and Human Rights Commission, where he launched investigations into Black youth alienation and the political representation of Black and minority ethnic women. Throughout his career, he has collaborated with figures like Reverend Al Sharpton, Reverend Jesse Jackson and Naomi Campbell on anti-racism campaigns.

In 2018, Theresa May appointed him to chair the Race Disparity Unit, where he secured £90 million to support disadvantaged youth. Knighted in 2019, he was also made a life peer as Baron Woolley of Woodford. In 2021, he became the first Black principal of an Oxbridge college, when he became Principal of Homerton College, University of Cambridge.



## Mark Adlestone OBE DL

Mark Adlestone OBE DL is Chairman of The Beaverbrooks Group. Mark joined the company in 1979, became Joint Managing Director in 1990, sole Managing Director in 2000 and Chairman in 2012.

Beaverbrooks, which operates 81 stores nationwide, has consistently ranked among the top 20 in the "Top 100 Best Companies to Work For" since 2004, taking 1st place in 2009 and 2021, and 6th in 2022. The company has also received the HM Government Payroll Giving 'Platinum Award' annually since 2012 and the Diamond Award every year since 2018. Mark himself has won the Leadership Award seven times.

In recognition of his contributions to business and charity in the North of England, Mark was awarded an OBE in 2015. He was appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Greater Manchester in 2017 and received the UK Jewellery Awards' 'Outstanding Contribution to the Industry' the same year. From 2019 to 2020, he served as High Sheriff of Greater Manchester and became a trustee of the Greater Manchester High Sheriff Police Trust in 2019.



## Professor Jacqueline Dunkley-Bent OBE

Professor Jacqueline Dunkley-Bent OBE, is the first Chief Midwife for the International Confederation of Midwives. She has a passion for supporting midwives and health systems to ensure that all women and gender-diverse people have the same maternity experiences and outcomes as those who have the best. She served for four years as the first Chief Midwifery Officer for the NHS in England and was one of two National Maternity Safety Champions appointed by the Department for Health and Social Care.

Professor Jacqueline is a registered nurse and midwife and a visiting Professor of Midwifery at Kings College London and London South Bank University. She has held numerous senior positions in clinical practice, education, leadership and management including: Consultant Midwife; Director of Midwifery; Head of Nursing; Senior Lecturer; Lead Midwife for Education and Professor of Midwifery.

Jacqueline has supported the education of midwives internationally through conference contributions and publications. She acts as Chair of the Maternity Advisory Group for the Race and Health Observatory in England, is a member of the Women of the Year management committee, a Midwifery Ambassador for charity Saying Goodbye and until recently, a trustee for the Royal College of Nursing Foundation.

In 2015, Jacqueline won the Health Service Journal's (HSJ) BME Pioneers Award and was selected from over 100 nominations for inclusion in the Nursing Times' Leaders list, which celebrates nurses and midwives who are pioneers, entrepreneurs, and inspirational role models in their profession. In recognition of her contributions to the healthcare sector, Professor Dunkley-Bent has received numerous awards, including an OBE and recognition as one of 75 nurses and midwives who have significantly impacted the NHS.



## Professor George E. Holmes DL

Professor George Holmes, became the youngest university head in the UK when he was appointed Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bolton in 2005. He remains one of the longest-serving Vice-Chancellors in Britain, with over 18 years in the role. He holds a Doctorate in Education, a Master's in Business Administration, and a BSc in Economics.

Professor Holmes is a Fellow of the Institute of Directors. In 2002, he was appointed as an advisor to the Department of Education and Skills by the then Secretary of State. He became one of only two sector representatives on the Department's Higher Education Policy Delivery Steering Group, which was involved in drafting the Higher Education White Paper.

In 2015, Professor Holmes was appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Greater Manchester by HM Queen Elizabeth II's Lord-Lieutenant. In 2024, he played a key role in launching a new programme, in partnership with CAHN, aimed at helping BAME staff in higher education institutions aspire to the position of Vice-Chancellor.

## Our Keynote Speakers



Andy Burnham, a Labour politician, has served as the Mayor of Greater Manchester since May 2017. He was previously the Member of Parliament for Leigh for 16 years.

Andy held several key ministerial positions within the Labour Party, including Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Secretary of State for Health, and Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. Andy used his considerable influence to bring about the second Hillsborough inquiry, a matter of particular importance to him as someone born and raised in Merseyside.

After the 2015 general election, which Labour lost to the Conservative Party, Andy entered the race to succeed Labour leader Ed Miliband, eventually finishing second behind Jeremy Corbyn. He subsequently accepted a role as Shadow Home Secretary.

In May 2016, Andy announced his candidacy to become Labour's candidate for the position of Greater Manchester Mayor. He was elected to the newly created role on 5 May 2017, receiving 63% of the vote and winning majorities across all ten of Greater Manchester's boroughs. In 2021, Andy was once again chosen by the citizens of Greater Manchester to be their mayor, backed by 67.3% of voters.

Andy Burnham was re-elected Mayor of Greater Manchester yet again in the May 2024 elections, gaining 63% of the electoral vote.



## Professor Geoff Thompson MBE, FRSA, DL, QP JM

Professor Geoff Thompson has a 40-year track record in the social and human development of young people and communities. As a former five times world karate champion, sports administrator and politician, he has realised a unique range of skill sets that have seen him advise, develop and deliver social and human project and programme initiatives globally. Geoff has also undertaken a number of public and private sector appointments developing and contributing to equality, diversity and inclusion at all levels of society.

He is the Founder and Chair of the Youth Charter, a UK-based international charity and United Nations NGO that uses the ethics of sport, arts, cultural and digital activities to tackle the problems of educational non-attainment, health inequality, anti-social behaviour and crime in some of the most troubled areas around the world. Geoff is also a Board Member of the London Legacy Development Corporation an Advisory Board Member of the Muhammad Ali International Committee, Board Member of HMC (The Head's Conference) and was Chair of the Board of Governors at the University of East London for two years. Geoff is Chair of the Operational Board of the Professional Footballers' Association, Chair of the London Youth Games and was Deputy Chair of the highly successful Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.





## Event Schedule

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Business Name	Business Information	
SheaClass Ltd	<p>SheaClass products are made from natural moisturising, nourishing, and rejuvenating sheanut butter and seed oils and fragranced with pure essential oils. This combination provides skin-nourishing nutrients that relieve irritating dry skin problems like acne, eczema and psoriasis.</p> <p>07899 050 664 mosob2350@gmail.com</p>	
Apollo Care	<p>Apollo Care provides home care services to adults and elderly in the comfort of their homes.</p> <p>0748 759 3687 m.kufuor@apollicare.co.uk</p>	
Sincerely Sheila	<p>Sincerely Sheila makes, sells and leases ethnic reborn lifelike baby dolls.</p> <p>0793 949 9817 sheila.paul26@hotmail.com</p>	
Black Beetle Health	<p>Black Beetle Health is dedicated to promoting health, wellbeing and equality for LGBTQ+ Black and People of Colour.</p> <p>www.blackbeetlehealth.co.uk</p>	
Issik House of Prints	<p>Pamela Aluko-Olokun</p> <p>07930 281 060 issikhof@gmail.com</p>	
DCYPHR	<p>D-CYPHR supports health research for ages 0 - 15, pioneering new treatments and creating better care for children and the adults they will become.</p> <p>dcyphr@bioresource.nihr.ac.uk</p>	
MOR3 SKINCARE	<p>Skin care products.</p> <p>07857 953203 info@moreskincare.co.uk</p>	

**Business Name**

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**GM Race Equality Panel**

Greater Manchester's Race Equality Panel work to promote racial equality, tackle racial discrimination and foster positive relationships between ethnically diverse communities, and embed the Public Sector Equality Duty in polices, processes, procedures, practices and people development.



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**NHS Blood & Transplant**

[www.nhsbt.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk)



# Greater Manchester Black History Month Event Directory

## Artisan Market

Join us at our Artisan Market to celebrate and support local businesses and communities.

[g.ofori@salford.gov.uk](mailto:g.ofori@salford.gov.uk)  
[@SalfordCouncil](#)



## 7th Annual Black History Month Celebration

Join us for a night of music, food, and community as we celebrate the 7th Annual Black History Month Celebration!

**Date:-** Thursday, October 24th

**Time:-** 6pm - 10pm

**Venue:-** Rochdale Town Hall, Town Hall, The Esplanade, Rochdale, UK  
The Esplanade Rochdale OL16 1AZ

**07944238892 - [info@caringandsharingrochdale.org](mailto:info@caringandsharingrochdale.org)**



## COBO: Comedy Shutdown Black History Month Special – Manchester

Comedy Shutdown proudly presents a Black History Month special touring UK venues this October! Experience the magic of COBO with top comedians delivering belly laughs and good vibes.

**Date:-** Sunday, 20th Oct 2024

**Time:-** 5.30pm – 10.15pm

**Venue:-** Frog and Bucket Comedy Club  
102 Oldham Street Manchester M4 1LJ  
[info@coboevents.co.uk](mailto:info@coboevents.co.uk)

**Price:-** £20.21 (Eventbrite)



## Reclaiming the Narrative - Auto Trader's Black History Month Celebration

Join Auto Trader on the 15th October, during this Black History Month for an inspiring event, Reclaiming the Narrative, hosted at HOME, Manchester. This powerful event will spotlight the stories, contributions, and influence of Black voices in shaping industries and communities across the UK.

**Date:-** Tuesday 15th Oct 2024

**Time:-** 10:00 - 13:00

**Venue:-** HOME, Manchester, Tony Wilson Place

#2 Manchester M15 4FN For more information, visit Eventbrite.



## A Day In Africa

Experience Africa! Enjoy music, food, stories and more at a lively fundraiser showcasing Africa's vibrant culture.

**Date:-** Saturday 19 Oct 2024

**Time:-** 12:30 - 17:00

**Venue:-** Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist

250 Chapel Street Salford M3 5LE

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salfordcathedralafricanmass@outlook.com / 07939 753594



## Reclaiming Narratives: Celebrating 100 Birthday of Amilcar Cabral

Family Day celebrating the contribution of Black Africans from the Portuguese-speaking community in building local communities. As we mark the 100th birthday of Amilcar Cabral, we'll honour his legacy in shaping Afro-Lusophone history through stories, allegories, and a workshop on his life. Celebrate the richness of African-Portuguese culture with us through its diverse flavours and vibrant traditions.

**Facebook:-** @lusoconnectionuk

**Instagram:-** @lusoconnectionuk

**Twitter:-** @LCUKCIC



## Black Creative Trailblazers 2024

Black creatives take centre stage at the Black Creative Trailblazers Showcase, a glamorous black-tie event celebrating Black art, music, poetry, dance, and fashion during Black History Month. Expect dynamic performances from Black musicians, poets, and dancers, along with fashion shows by independent Black designers and an art exhibition, all exploring this year's theme of Black Resistance.

### Ronke Jane Adelakun

**Email:-** [info@blackcreativetrailblazers.com](mailto:info@blackcreativetrailblazers.com)

**Instagram:-** [@blackcreativetrailblazers](https://www.instagram.com/blackcreativetrailblazers)



## Danesha at The Lowry

**Date:-** Wed 2nd October – Sat 5th October

**Venue:-** Pier 8, The Quays, Salford, M50 3AZ



This Olivier Award-winning show from world-renowned artist and cultural innovator Ivan Michael Blackstock fuses dance, live music and spoken word to explore life, death and rebirth.

**Date:-** 26th-29th September 2024

IVAN MICHAEL BLACKSTOCK

# TRAPLORD

26 - 29 SEP 2024



# Upcoming Events

**CAHN**  
Caribbean & African Health Network

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH GALA

**Celebrating Black Excellence**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024**  
Hilton Manchester Deansgate,  
303 Deansgate, Manchester M3 4LQ

Get your early Bird Tickets now.  
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or visit: <https://portal.cahn.org.uk/gala>

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# Celebrate Black History Month in Style!

**Join us for a memorable Black History Month celebration at CAHN's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Awards Gala on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**

Enjoy a night of elegance and contribute to a healthier future for all.

**Standard ticket: £85 / Discounted rates: £45 for children and £65 for over-65s**  
**Group discounts: Team up with friends or family and buy a table of 10 for a special rate!**

Your attendance will help raise vital funds to continue CAHN's transformative work in promoting health equity.

Ready to join us? **Purchase tickets at: <https://portal.cahn.org.uk/gala>**

For sponsorship opportunities, ticket reservations, or more information, please email [elizabethm@cahn.org.uk](mailto:elizabethm@cahn.org.uk)

**SHARON AMESU**  
CO-HOST

**AFIYA AMESU**  
CO-HOST

## EMPOWERED TO LEAD 2024

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### Keynote Speakers

**CANDICE BRATINWATE**  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**FIMI DESALD-VOLD**  
CEO, LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

**SIZZY LEVY**  
CEO, LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

**VERONICA SAFRA OWUSU**  
CEO, LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

**Join us for the largest conference for Black women and Allies in the North!**

The Lowry, Quays Theatre, Salford, Manchester, M50 3AZ  
Doors open at 8:00am

Wigan Council | North West Business Leadership Team | EY | The Growth Company | TalkTalk For Everyone



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