

PRESS RELEASE

Black History Month 2024 Civic Launch at Manchester Cathedral

Theme: Our Stories, Our Contributions

CAHN set to host Annual Greater Manchester Black History Month Civic Launch Event at Manchester Cathedral this September

The Caribbean & African Health Network (CAHN) is delighted to once again host Greater Manchester's annual Black History Month Civic Launch at Manchester Cathedral.

Set for **Wednesday, 25th September** from **6.30pm to 9pm**, this yearly event brings together representatives from across Greater Manchester to commemorate and celebrate Black history and culture. The event is a curtain raiser for all Black history month activities in the region.

The evening will also serve as a platform to publicise Black History Month events taking place throughout October. Guests can expect an engaging lineup featuring creative and educational content from local exhibitions and beyond.

Dr. Faye Ruddock, Founding Chair of CAHN, highlights the event's significance, stating, **"Black History Month is a time to celebrate the global achievements of Black people. As a Black-led organisation in Greater Manchester, we are particularly proud to recognise local heroes. We look forward to highlighting the stories of trailblazers and community figures of Black Caribbean and African heritage, whose lived experiences and achievements enrich the dialogue on what it means to be Black in Britain today."**

This year's theme, **"Our Stories - Our Contributions,"** will be reflected in captivating keynote addresses and vibrant performances showcasing the diverse array of Black-origin cultures represented across Greater Manchester. Civic leaders and distinguished guests will be in attendance, demonstrating their commitment to cultural inclusivity and fostering unity.

Charles Kwaku-Odoi DL, Chief Executive of CAHN, remarks, **"In light of the social unrest we have seen across the country recently, it's more important than ever to come together to celebrate and uplift our communities in unity. This event is an opportunity to honour the invaluable contributions of Black Caribbean and African people to British society. It's also a time to reflect on our ongoing journey towards racial equality. As we celebrate our shared history, we look forward to a future free from discrimination."**

CAHN's Black History Month Civic Launch will be an evening filled with hope and community spirit. Entry is free, and all are welcome.

Location: Manchester Cathedral, Victoria Street, Manchester, M3 1SX

To book your free place, head to: <https://portal.cahn.org.uk/BHMEvent2024>

A limited number of spaces are available for Black-led organisations, both local and national, to exhibit their services and products at the event. For more information and to book a stall, please visit follow this link: <https://portal.cahn.org.uk/BHMstallbookingform>

To feature your Black History Month event in our virtual directory and increase its visibility, please visit <https://forms.gle/Rp1SrhmsCtEiNZWH7>

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About CAHN

CAHN is a Black-led organisation set up to address health inequalities affecting people of Caribbean and African descent in the UK. Working with community groups, faith networks and cross-sector organisations, CAHN leads on strategic engagement to ensure that the voices and experiences of Black people are placed at the heart of public policy and practice.

CAHN's **vision** is to eradicate health inequalities within a generation by building community resilience and a social movement.

Our **mission** is to ensure that strategic and operational actions of service providers across health and cross-sector agencies and commissioners, lead to racial and social justice for Black people.

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