

PRESS RELEASE: Celebrating Black History Month in Greater Manchester 2024

October 2024, Greater Manchester

As we embark on Black History Month (BHM) 2024, the Caribbean & African Health Network (CAHN) is proud to lead Greater Manchester's celebrations and activities, honouring the contributions of the Black community to our society. This year's efforts are fully supported by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and Mayor Andy Burnham. He said: *"There are forces trying to divide us every day. That is why we stand as one Greater Manchester, together".*

The Mayor added: *"One of the things I want to address it's not just about black history but black future. What we're going to do to unlock the talents of all of our communities, including our black community and our young people, going forward and change things in the way perhaps they've not changed enough in the past".*

Following the successful host of this year's curtain raiser event: *Civic Launch for Black History Month* at the Manchester Cathedral on the 25th of September which welcomed ceremonial and civic leaders, sector leads and residents from across the 10 boroughs of Greater Manchester there is an excitement about this year's celebration. CAHN is delighted to have the mandate of the Greater Mayor to take this momentum into our communities.

Charles Kwaku-Odoi, Chief Executive of CAHN: *"We are proud to be at the forefront of this important movement to inspire, empower, and engage."*

Black History Month is a vital time for both reflection and celebration. We've compiled information on Black History Month events happening across Greater Manchester throughout October and made it available to all through an online directory. This directory gives visibility to a wide range of events in our city, including educational workshops, galas, music events, cultural performances, exhibitions, and discussions.

Dr. Faye Ruddock, Chair of CAHN said: *"Black History Month is about more than just reflection; it is a call to action for all of us."* and *"We must honour the past while working towards a future where everyone is empowered to contribute, thrive, and lead."*

The directory is a comprehensive listing of all the key events and activities ([see here](#)). Access this resource to explore the many ways they can engage and celebrate during October. This asset is an accessible way for individuals, families, schools, and businesses to engage with Black History Month and deepen their understanding of its significance.

We will also be celebrating individuals and organisations making significant contributions to our city through a digital campaign, which will be available for public download starting Monday, 7th October 2024. This campaign highlights the positive impact of these changemakers and their contributions to Greater Manchester.

We invite everyone in Greater Manchester to participate in the month-long series of events. Whether by attending community events, hearing from those with lived experiences, or using your online platform to highlight the celebration, there are countless ways to get involved and show support throughout Black History Month.

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About CAHN

The Caribbean & African Health Network (CAHN) is a Black-led organisation set up in 2017 in Greater Manchester to address long standing health disparities within our community. We have grown to a national organisation leading the call to challenge and address the wider social determinants and reduce health inequalities for people of Caribbean & African heritage.

CAHN's **vision** is to end health inequalities and wider disparities for Caribbean and African people in a generation.

Our **mission** is to ensure that the 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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