

WALSALL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



WINDRUSH 75:
CELEBRATING THE PAST; CURATING THE PRESENT AND DRIVING THE FUTURE
Saturday 24th June 2023

PROJECT REPORT

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Introduction:

Today, the town of Walsall boast a diversity of visible communities and cultures. Of these, the African and Caribbean community have been included in the local fabric of the town area and across the wider Council borough since the 1940s, making a significant contribution to economic and cultural heritage over these many decades. In this, the 75th year of recognizing the 'Windrush Generation' across the United Kingdom, the Walsall Community Association was grateful to host the planning of a special one-day celebratory event under the theme, 'Celebrating the Past, Curating the Present, and Driving the Future.'

Project Priority:

- Support stronger and more inclusive communities
- Encourage and inspire future generations to take part in community activities

Key Tasks:

- Event Planning Manual/Task Schedule
- Recognizing the Windrush Generation in its 75th Year
- Increase awareness of the significant contribution made by the Windrush Generation particularly to post war Britain
- Engage communities in the Windrush Generation Story

Attendance:

- A broad range of local cultures represented
- Estimated number of children: 75
- Estimated number of adults: 400

Celebrating the Past:

Photographs and other visual mediums were displayed on the walls in the Centre to represent some of the achievements by individuals and groups. In addition, stalls and display holders were invited and presented information on the wide ranging contribution made by that generation to national security, civil and public services (National Health Service, Social care, transport, culture and recreation especially).

Curating the Present:

Video recordings and still photographs were used to capture activities inside and outside of the Centre during the day. These will be collected and archived at the Centre. In years from now the new generations will have access to material collected from the event.

Driving the Future:

A guest speaker, Dr. Maxie Hayles, OBE, presented information on the Windrush Story. He spoke to the several decades of positive contribution and progress made by the Windrush Generation, even in the face of racial discrimination and attempted exclusions. He concluded with exhortations for the subsequent generations to continue to drive forward for an even brighter future in Walsall and elsewhere.

WINDRUSH DAY COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS, WALSALL



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