



Press Release

Reading Windrush Steering Group receives grant for Windrush Day 2021 events

The Reading Windrush Steering Group* is pleased to announce that it has been successful for a third year running to receive a grant from the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) to deliver products to celebrate Windrush Day 2021. The products we will be delivering are as follows.

1. Windrush 'Thanks and Praise' Church Service
2. Video recordings of the experiences of:
 - a. Windrush Elders
 - b. Windrush Children (with emphasis on school experiences)
3. History of Black worship in Reading
4. Windrush poetry competition in partnership with Barbados Museum and Historical Society
5. Windrush Day Experience

The above deliverables reflect the wishes of the Reading Windrush community.

Jeff Jones, Chair of the Caribbean Associations Group, said:

"The Reading Caribbean Community welcomes the opportunity this grant gives to celebrate our Caribbean forebearers' legacy. The members of the Reading Windrush Group are working together to deliver the Windrush Day 2021 programme of events. We encourage members of the Reading community to join with us in celebrating Windrush Day and to participate in the exciting projects that will appeal to all."

Victor Koroma - General Manager, Alliance for Cohesion and Racial Equality commented:

"The Windrush Steering Group is looking forward to working with members of the Reading Windrush community in order that their lived experiences are captured and that these experiences can be shared with the wider Reading community."

The Windrush Steering Group reiterates its invitation to the community if you are interested in contributing to any of the above and especially if you have a personal Windrush story you wish to have included in our video recordings.

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NOTES TO THE EDITOR:

*The Windrush Steering Group consists of representatives from Alliance for Cohesion and Racial Equality (ACRE), Caribbean Associations Group (CAG) Reading, AGE UK Berkshire, Reading Museum Service/Reading Borough Council (RBC). Regular updates on the planning will be posted on partners' websites and social media pages and shared with Caribbean Community Secretariats in the Greater Reading Area. Commemoration events are planned to commence week beginning 21 June 2021