

Black
History
Month

2025



“Standing firm in Power and Pride...”

YOU'VE GOT

TO BE KIDDING!

THE RISE OF FASCISM

IN 2025 ??

NO thanks

#JOY NOT HATE



1931: League of Coloured Peoples:
One of Britain's first anti-racism
campaigns

DAMN



Racism
being
booted
away
by the
League of
Coloured
people!

1970: Mangrove

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The first ever
instance in history
where racial hatred
by police was
acknowledged.

1963: Bristol Bus Boycott:

A Bristol bus company refused to
employ any black bus crew.
Due to successful boycott
campaigns, the Race
Relations Act was
passed.



1965/1968:

Race and Relations
Act

Made racial
discrimination
unlawful in
public places.
1968v made illegal
in employment areas
& housing.

A Timeline
Resistance in Black History
(the UK) 1900s onwards



The police



1981: Riots/Rebellion

East London's
Metropolitan Police
performed over
a thousand stop
searches in six
days.

Blm

2012: BLM
movement was
founded!

Global
unification
through BLM

Leading to global BLM
(2020)
protests following the death
of George Floyd
in America

Jumpstarted
Campaign
and raised
awareness
of the
injustices of
the legal
system

1993: Murder of
Stephen
Lawrence



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Black History Month

Standing Firm in Power and Pride

This year's Black History Month's theme is recognising the contributions made by Black people in shaping HISTORY

through activism, and looking towards a future of continued empowerment, unity and growth

Discover how Black History Month started, what it is about, and more on this year's theme!!!

How did Black History Month start?

Black History Month's origins started in the U.S., where Carter G Woodson, the father of black history, launched the first Black History week in 1926.

The purpose

of the week-long celebration was to remind and educate the African American people about their contributions to the world, and its history.

Woodson felt that the teaching of the history was important for the physical and intellectual survival of race within broader society. "If a race has no history, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world, and it stands in danger of being exterminated."

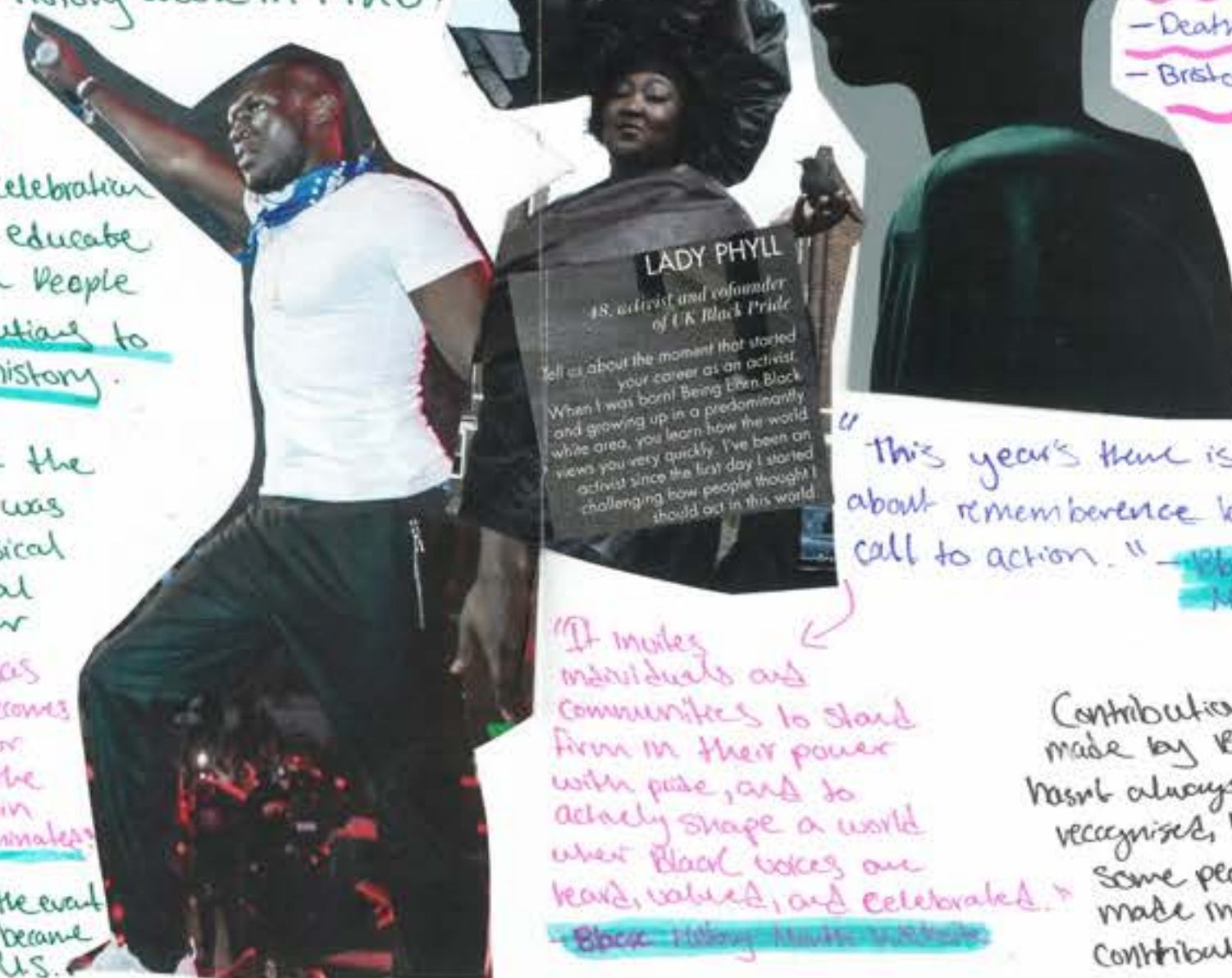
Throughout the 1970's, the event expanded and February became Black History Month in the U.S.

All about the Black History Month 2025 theme!

Standing Firm in Power and Pride

Honouring:

- 60th anniversary of the Peace Relations Act
- Death of Malcolm X
- Bristol Bus Boycott



"This year's theme is not only about remembrance but a call to action." - Black History Month website

"It invites individuals and communities to stand firm in their power with pride, and to actively shape a world where Black voices are heard, valued, and celebrated."

- Black History Month website

Contributions made by Black people haven't always been recognised, here are some people who made important contributions! ==>

Contributors by Black people

- Althea Jones-Leacombe:

↳ Scientist and leader in the British Black Panthers whose organising and intellect built community programmes, defended Black Britons, and inspired a generation with the language of resistance.

- Lilian Bader:

↳ Among the first Black women in Britain's armed forces, she trained as an instrument repairer in the WAAF during the Second World War, keeping aircraft ready for combat.

- Paul Stephenson:

↳ Leader of the 1963 Bristol Bus Boycott, a landmark protest that challenged colour bars and helped pave the way for race relations legislation.

- Olive Morris:

↳ Radical organiser and member of the British Black Panther Movement who fought tirelessly for housing rights, women's liberation, and racial equality.

For this year's Black History Month, look into the contributors that Black people have done for many years, as well as the empowering history!

MAKING HISTORY

Through
challenging
micro-
aggressions

E.g. Events
and Exhibits

These can include:

- Installations of addressing the act of teaching "history" without permission.
- Explore the significance of everyday resistance and the emotional weight of microaggressions.

CREATE
CHANGE



Key figures
include:

- Dr. Michelle Lewis, Social Justice and Public Health
- John Barry, Olympian legend and Anti-Racism Speaker MBE

SHOOTING HIGH



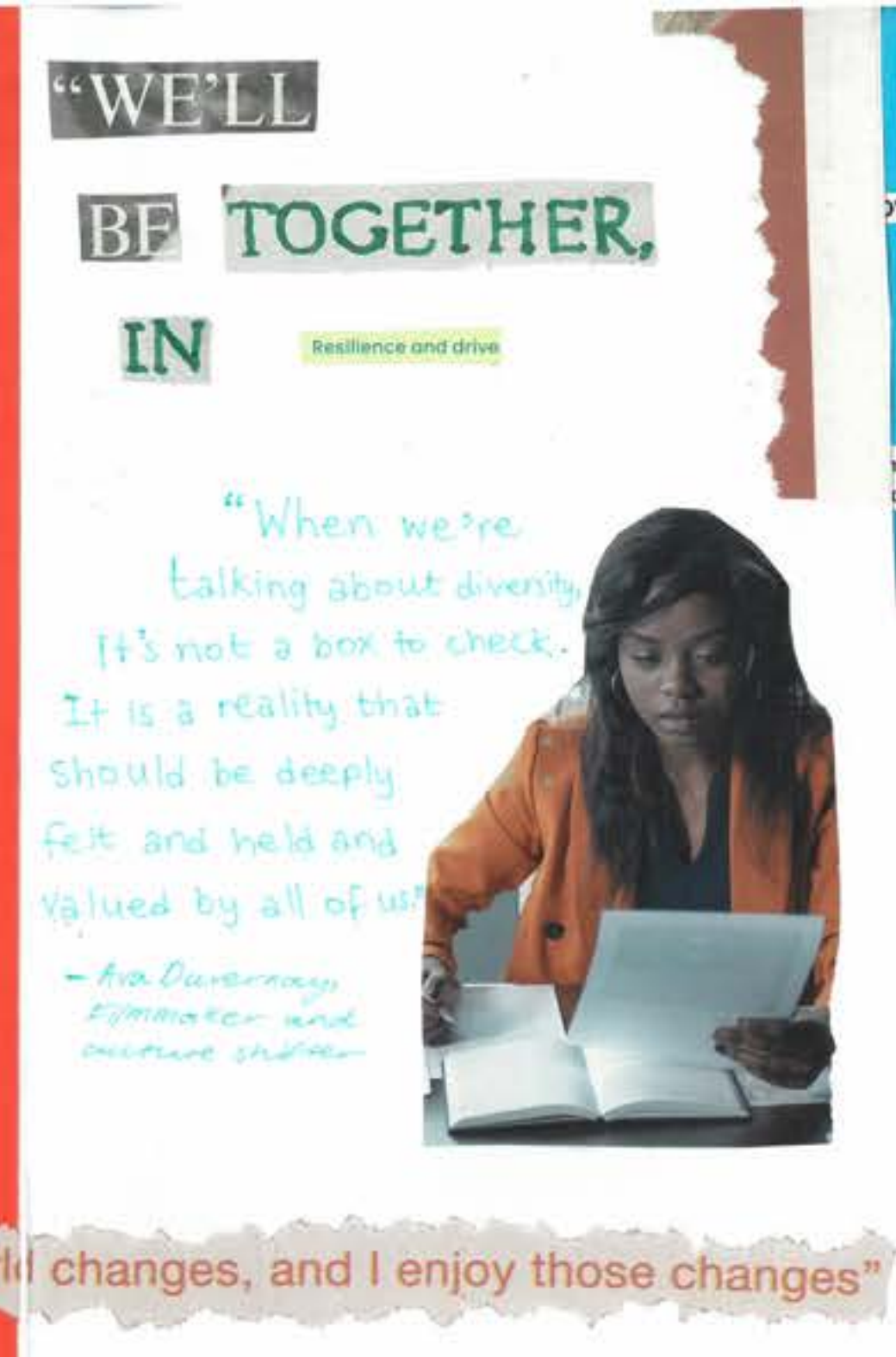
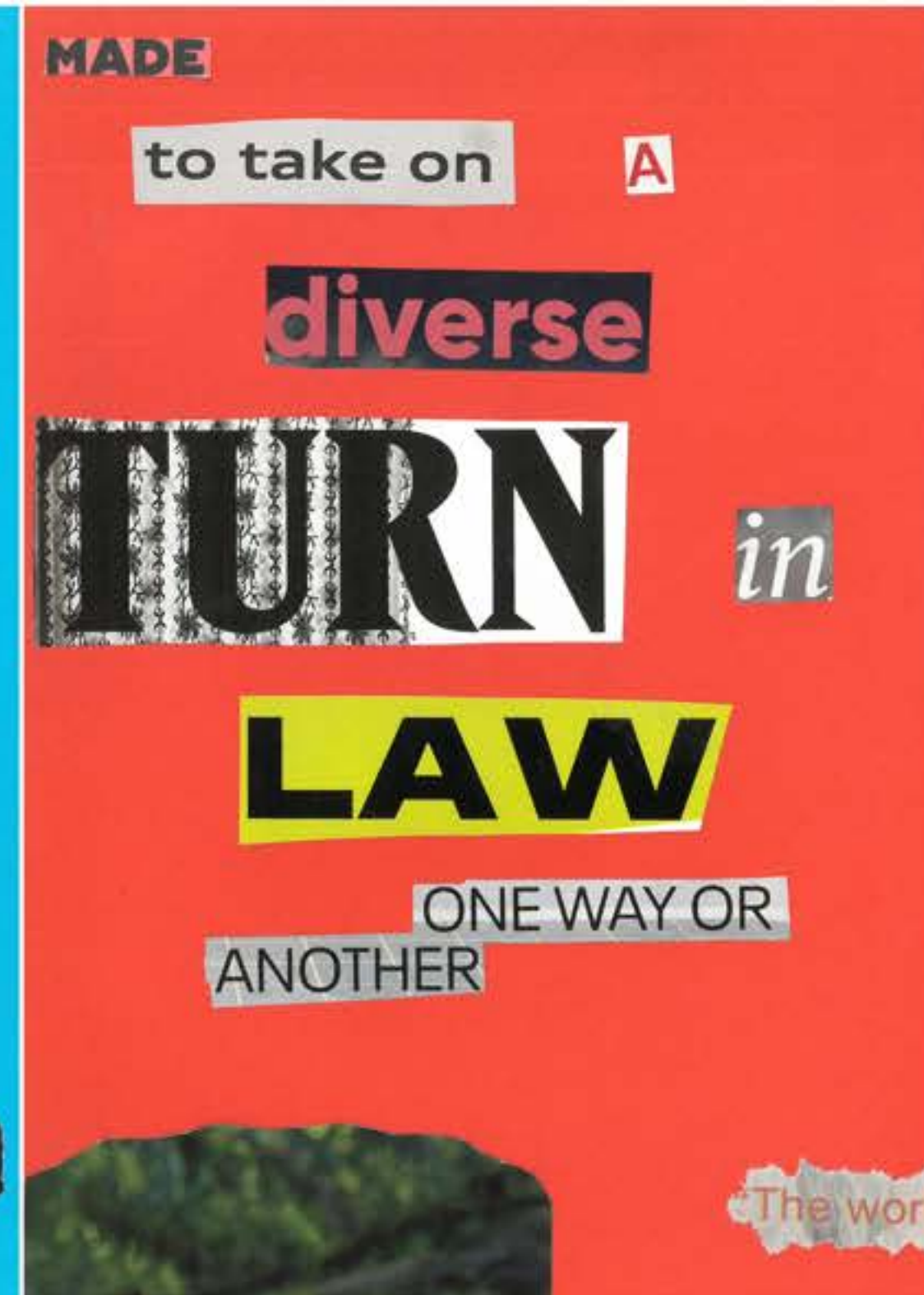
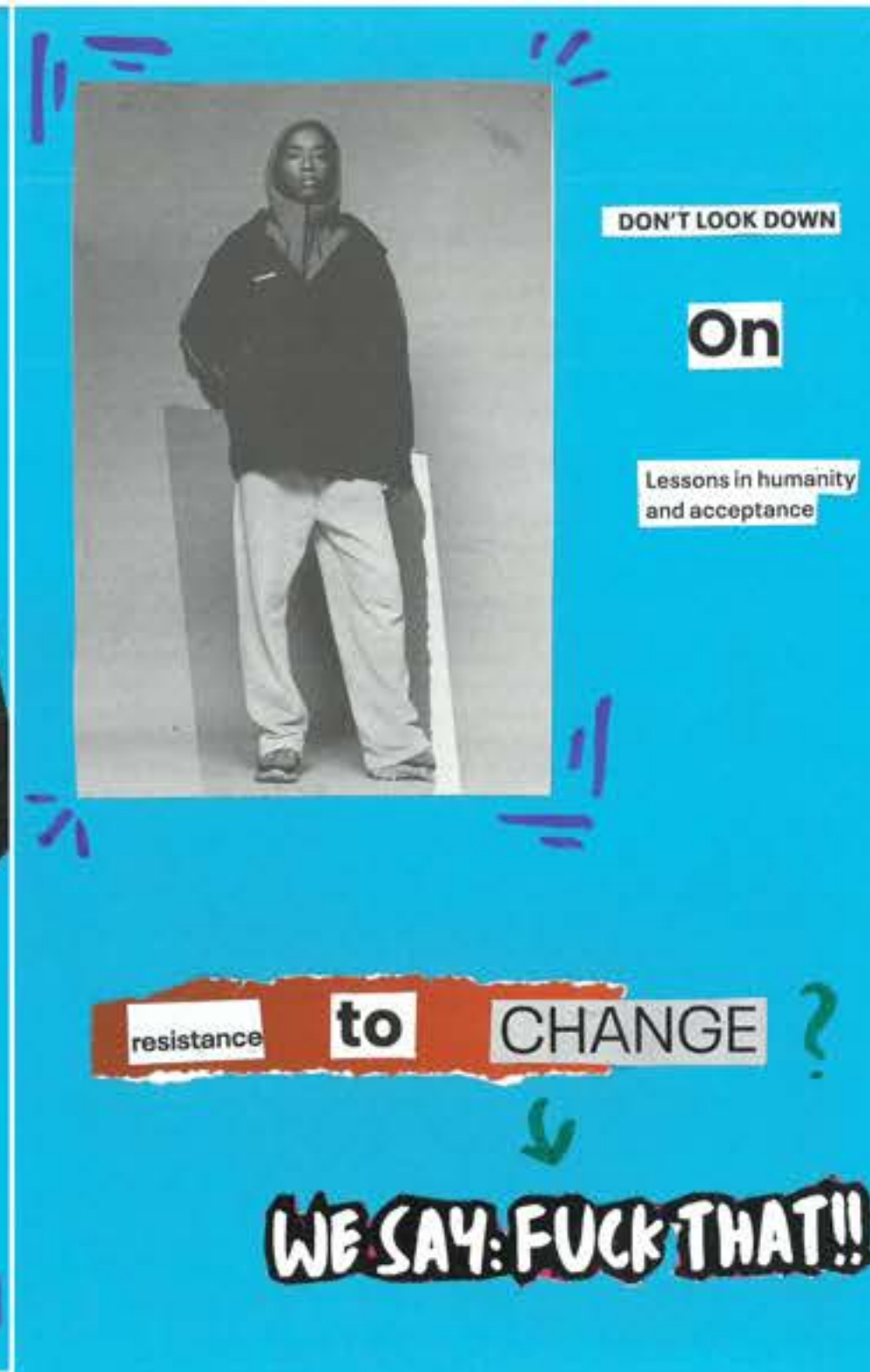
Learning is
Defiance:

→ Enslaved Africans were forbidden to read or write as education threatened the system of slavery. Therefore gaining knowledge has been a radical, even dangerous act of resistance. As a result, education has always been more than learning for black communities - it's been a form of resistance against oppression, erasure and inequality.

"THE ONE THING
YOU COULD NEVER
TAKE FROM ME IS
THE PASSION I HAVE
FOR WHAT I DO"



"WE BUILT
A SAFE HAVEN, A
COMMUNITY WHERE
ARTISTS COULD
HAVE FUN"





Africa remains an important touchstone for our artists, as a source not of mimicry but of inspiration. Look carefully and you will see how artists fill the voids in our history and our understanding by ritualizing our culture, mythologizing the past and packaging the horror of our history in the language and style of modernism [...] Artists can only intuit the savagery of their past through an exploration of their own scarred remembrances, dull aches and contemporary anxieties.

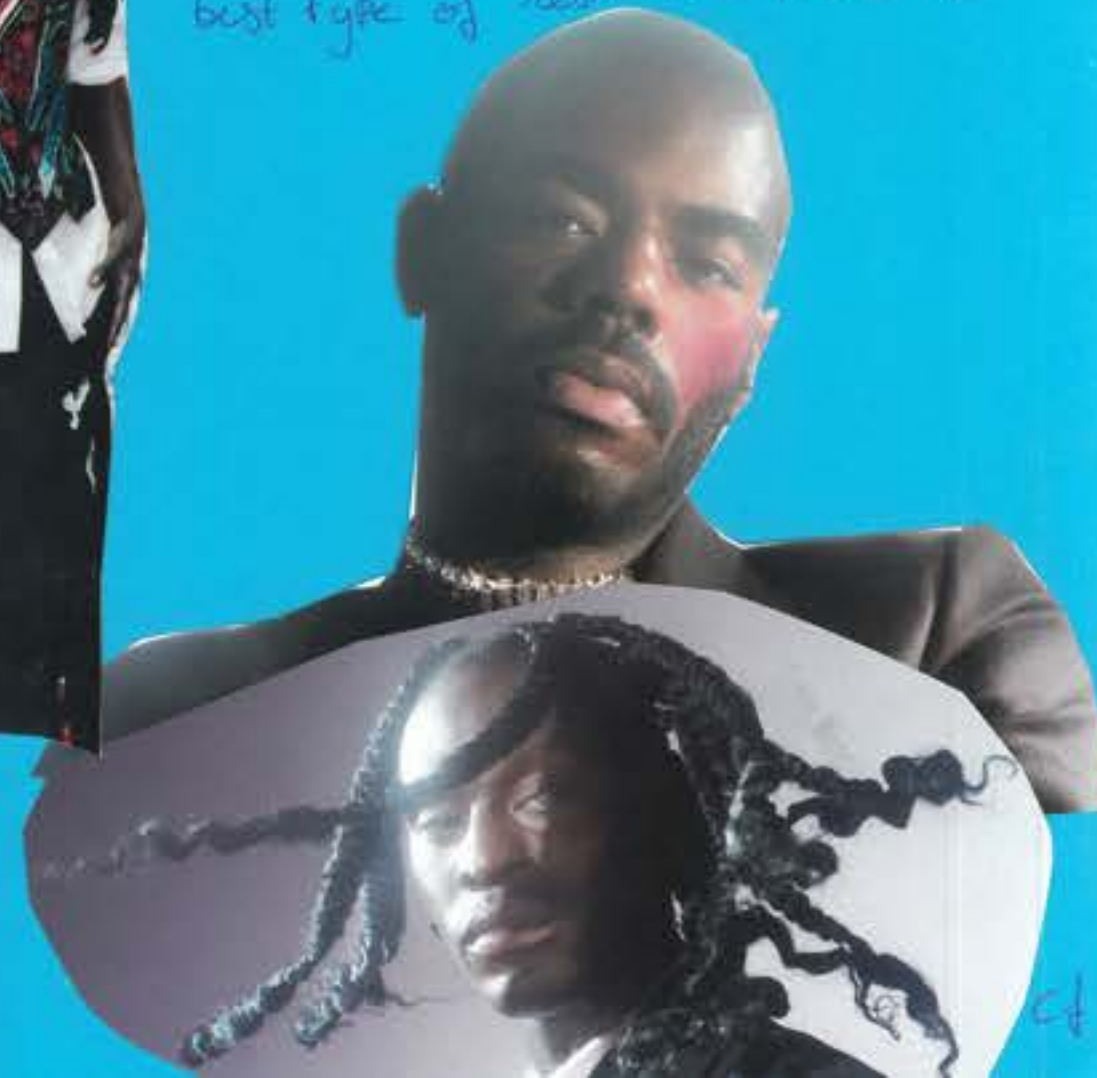


the art of
Pride & taking
Power from
Pride.

How resistance can be seen
in taking Power in Pride.



There is a type of resistance in
not allowing your "self" to be erased.
To take Power from your people &
to take Pride in who you are and
your history. To see people embracing
their Pride & their own "self" is the
best type of resistance there is.



"I don't want
to just be a
passenger in
these scenarios"

→ Black History
Month is all about
resistance; resistance
against oppression/
injustice & dehumanization.
None of us should be
passengers in the face
of resistance

WHAT ARE THEY FACING?

FORWARDISM

Elevated ambition

self-discovery

POWER

COURAGE

CHANGE

SOLIDARITY!



RMSKI's '80s Portrait of the

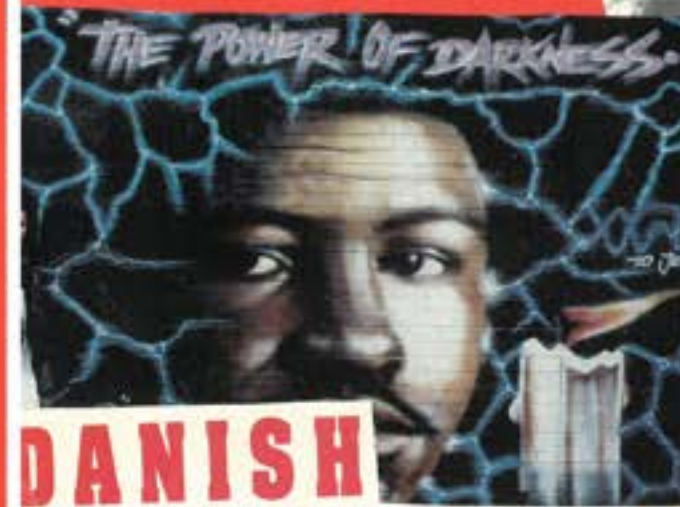
1986: LL Cool J chills out at The Astoria on his first trip to the UK. This time he was support to Run DMC and the Beastie Boys, but bigger and badder things were ahead.



"Shaving I'm
shaving!"

HHC snaps the
top snips for
summer '92.

(You Are My Hero)



DANISH GRAFFITI ART

When graffiti first hit the shores of Denmark in 1984, 10-one imagined a girl, tag name Zenith, could be one of the most upfront graffiti artists of that period.



Zenith

FANZINES

● Another graffiti 'zine gets into gear this month with its first edition. *Urban Assassinz* (£1 plus s&e) features artwork from London, Bristol and Denmark.



MC Trouble



Most of my heroes don't appear on No. 1 Stamps
Chuck D (1989)

His songs come straight out of his experience of growing up in early '70s America. To him, black consciousness is not a fad but a continuum, an alternative history that constantly reinforces awareness of the racism of American society.

If, like me, you are

White,

FORCES for CHANGE

You also need to be

Not only do your Black friends and colleagues need your

LOVE

and for you to

You need to do the

“TRULY SEE THEM”

WORK

It's not enough to
NOT BE RACIST
You must be
ANTI-RACIST

NOW

Listen,
Learn,
Grow

Join us in fun and fury
We can resist!