

Black
History
Month

2025



"Standing firm in Power and Pride..."

YOU'VE GOT

TO BE KIDDING!

THE RISE OF FASCISM

IN 2025 ??

NO thanks

#JOYNOTHATE



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

DAMN IT!!



1963: Bristol Bus Boycott:

A Bristol bus company refused to
employ any black bus crews.

Due to successful boycott
campaigns, the Race
Relations Act was
passed.



1965/1968:

Race and Relations
Act

Made racial
discrimination
unlawful in
public places.

1968 v made illegal
in employment areas
& housing.

A Timeline

Resistance in Black History
(the UK) 1900s onwards



Global
unification
through

Lead

works follo

Racism being booked away by the League of Coloured people!

1970: Mangrove

09

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

1981: Riots/Rebellions

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

Murder of Stephen Lawrence

1993: Lawrence

2012: BLM movement was founded!

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

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

The police



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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 !!!

Contributors by Black people

- Althea Jones-LeCointe:

↳ 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 contributions that Black people have done for many years, as well as the empowering history!

How did Black History Month Start?

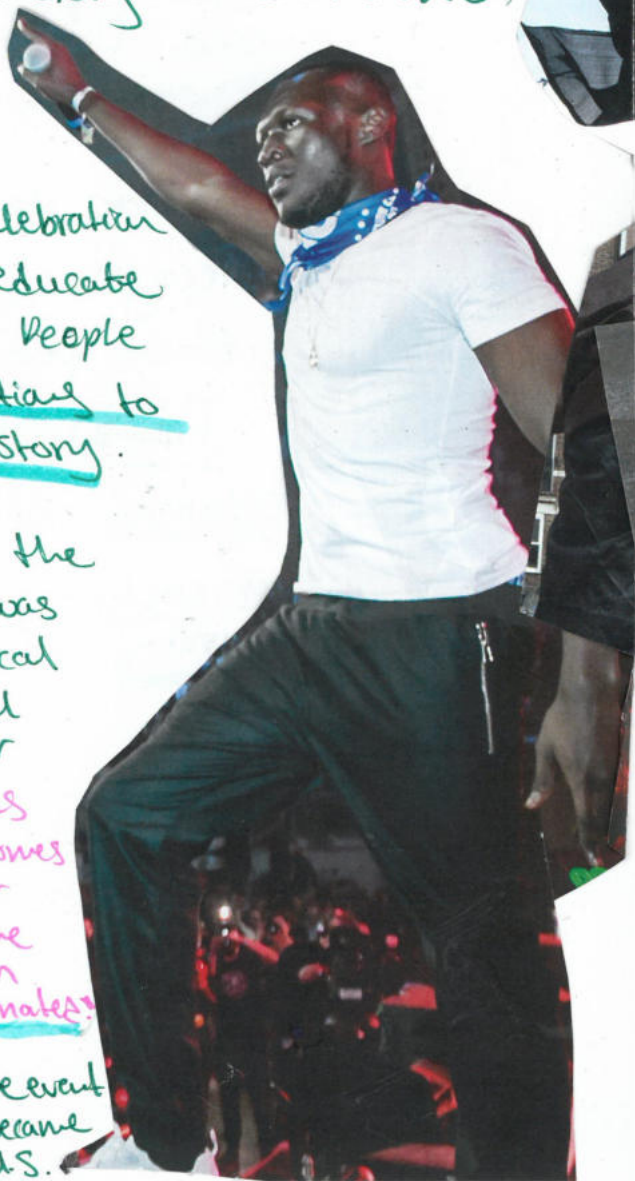
Black History Month's origins started in the U.S., where Carter G Woodson, the Father of black history, launched the first Black History week in 1926.

↳ The purpose

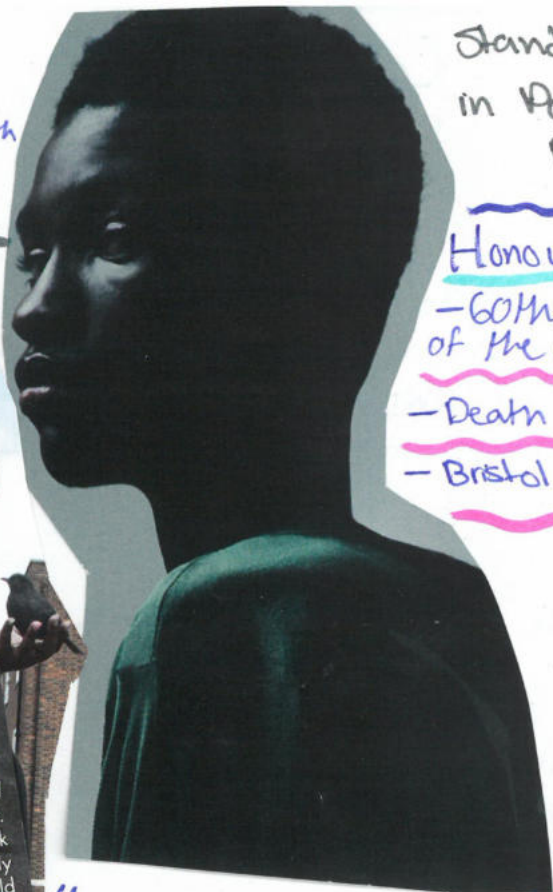
of the week-long celebration was to remind and educate the African American people about their contributions to the world, and its history.

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 Race 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 hasn't always been recognised, here are some people who made important contributions! ==>

MAKING HISTORY

Through
challenging
micro-
aggressions

E.g. Events
and Exhibits

These can include:

- Installations of addressing the act of touching hair without permission.
- Explore the significance of everyday resistance and the emotional weight of microaggressions.

And the way
is through
advocacy
and
leadership

Key figures
include:

→ Dr. Michelle
Lawr, Social
Justice and
Public Health

→ John Barnes,
ex-football legend
and Anti-Racism
Speaker MBE

CREATE
CHANGE



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

SHOOTING HIGH

"Education is the passport to the future, for



to those who prefer to "know" - Malcolm X

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"**

WHAT ARE THEY FACING?

FORWARDISM

Elevated ambition

self-discovery

POWER

COURAGE

CHANGE

SOLIDARITY!



RMSKI's '80s trait of the

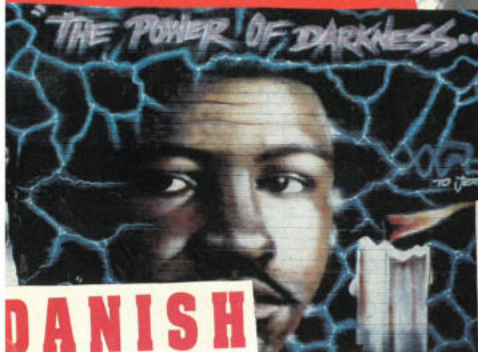
1986: LL Cool J chills out at The Astoria on his first trip to the UK. This time he was support to Run DMC and the Beastie Boys, but bigger and badder things were ahead.



"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.



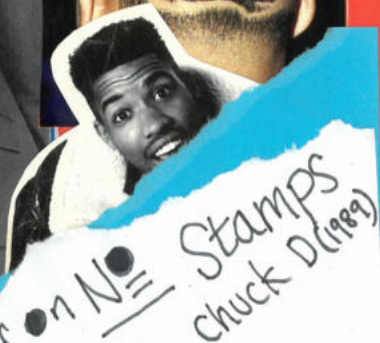
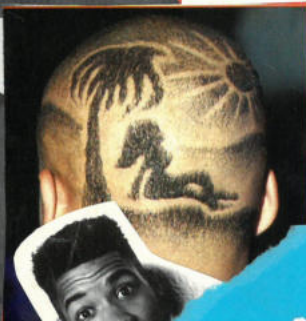
Zenith

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



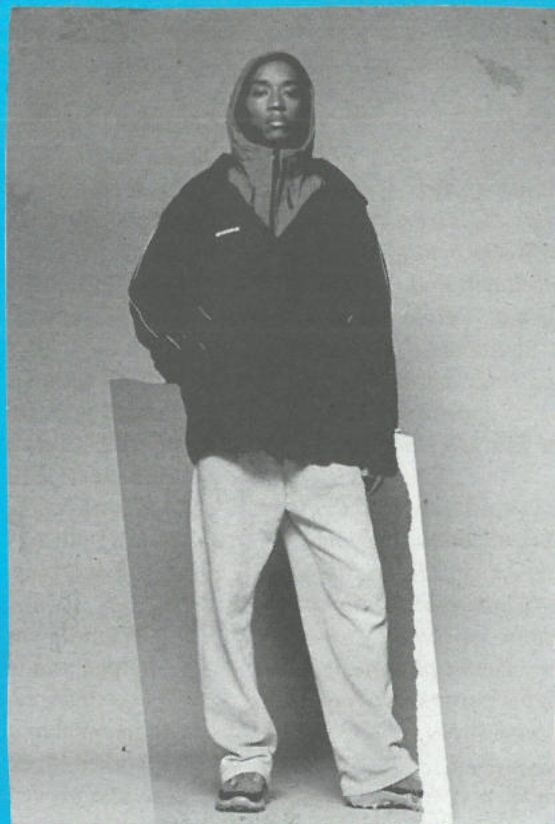
Most of my heroes don't appear on No. 1 Stamps
Chuck D (1989)

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.



ZERO

TOLERANCE
TO
OPPRESSION



DON'T LOOK DOWN

On

Lessons in humanity
and acceptance

resistance

to

CHANGE ?



WE SAY: FUCK THAT!!

MADE

to take on

A

diverse

TURN

in

LAW

ONE WAY OR
ANOTHER

The world

“WE’LL

BE TOGETHER,

IN

Resilience and drive

“When we’re
talking about diversity,
it’s not a box to check.
It is a reality that
should be deeply
felt and held and
valued by all of us.”

— Ava Duvernay,
filmmaker and
culture shifter



I changes, and I enjoy those changes”

YOUR
OWN

Being

IMAGINE

ANCIENT
GREAT
TRADITION

as a

celebration
journey

to

DIVINE. JOY

and

The

MYTH

of

ART



**"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

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.²

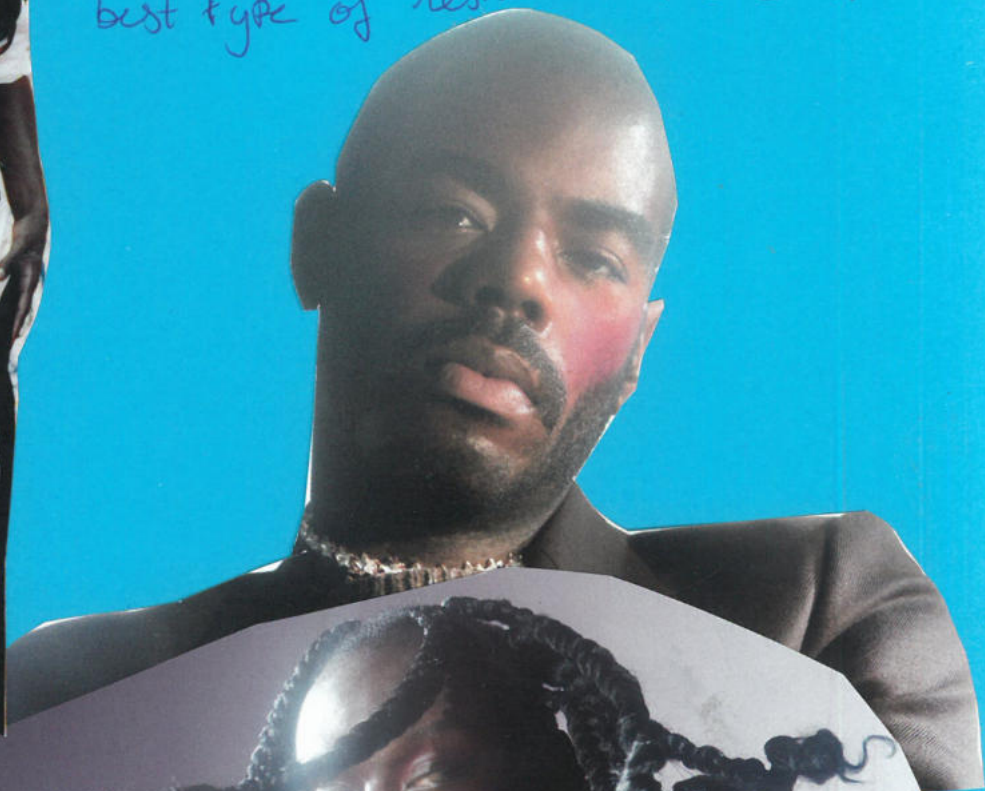


the art of Pride & taking Power from Pride.

Where do you find inspiration? "I'm always trying to excavate stories on the AFRICAN continent that run the risk of being forgotten or pushed to the margins."

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 Pride &
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.



cf

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!