

Black History Month Special Edition

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Introduction

October is Black History Month, providing an opportunity for us all to explore, learn about and celebrate Black history, heritage and culture. SSAB have put together this special edition newsletter to share a few resources to help you get started.



Black History 365

Black History 365 is an online platform celebrating Black History, Arts and Culture throughout the UK. "In years gone by, October has been the only time of year when the UK talks about the achievements of Black people in Britain," says Catherine Ross guest editor of Black History Month 2020.



"Hopefully, the events of 2020 will be a catalyst for Black history to be shared much more widely - in museums, galleries, schools, universities, public spaces and communities."

[Click here to find out more](#)

Did You Know?

In 1963, Paul Stephenson a young social worker in Bristol, led a boycott of the Bristol Omnibus Company, protesting against its refusal to employ Black or Asian drivers or conductors. After a 60-day boycott supported by thousands of Bristolians, the company revoked their policy.

Paul went on to achieve national fame the following year when he refused to leave a pub until he was served. His resulting arrest and trial paved the way for the first Race Relations Act 1965.



Learn more about Paul in the Guardian's feature on him [here](#)

Webinar

Anti-Racist Social Work: The Theory and Practice Webinar

A social work student connect webinar hosted by Siobhan Maclean.

[Access the webinar on YouTube here](#)



Tips for Social Workers on Cultural Competence

Community Care: Tips for social workers on cultural competence

Social workers don't need to be highly knowledgeable about different cultures, but must be open, respectful and willing to learn.

[Find the article here](#)



Did You Know?

Mary Seacole (born Mary Jane Grant) was a Jamaican businesswoman who provided sustenance and care for British soldiers at the battlefield during the Crimean War. She was born in Kingston, Jamaica in 1805. Her father was a Scottish soldier, and her mother a Jamaican. Mary learned her nursing skills from her mother, who kept a boarding house for invalid soldiers.

In 1854, Mary travelled to England, and approached the War Office, asking to be sent as an army nurse to the Crimea where there was known to be poor medical facilities for wounded soldiers. She was refused. Undaunted Mary funded her own trip to the Crimea where she established the British Hotel near Balaclava to provide 'a mess-table and comfortable quarters for sick and convalescent officers'. She also visited the battlefield, sometimes under fire, to nurse the wounded, and became known as 'Mother Seacole'. Her reputation rivalled that of Florence Nightingale.



Watch a short animated video about Mary Seacole [here](#)

Being Antiracist

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This American article discusses how to be antiracist, including explanations of various terms and some questions people can ask themselves to provoke thought and discussion.

[Read the article here](#)



Stephen Lawrence Day Foundation

The Stephen Lawrence Day Foundation launches in Black History Month 2020.

Stephen's mother Baroness Doreen Lawrence of Clarendon, OBE explains "The Foundation will be the only home of Stephen's legacy. We've structured our efforts around a virtuous circle of '3 Cs' – Classrooms, Community and Careers. We want to inspire children to dream freely without barriers and to realise the absolute importance of education; we want to support and create new connections within all types of communities; and we want to work with big business to put Black men from low-income families on a path towards the Boardrooms of the UK's most prestigious organisations."



Read more from her interview discussing the Foundation [here](#)

West Midlands Adult Safeguarding Policy & Procedures

Adult Safeguarding: Multi-Agency Policy and Procedures for the protection of adults with care and support needs in the West Midlands

The Procedures can be viewed [HERE](#)



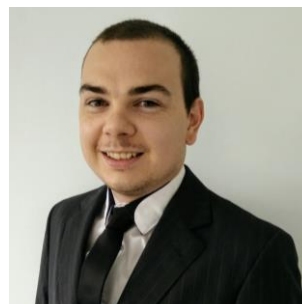
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