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Black History Month Factsheet

Black History Month Black History Month (BHM) is held every October in Britain. It promotes knowledge of black history and experience; it provides information on positive Black contributions to British society; and aims to strengthen the confidence and awareness of Black people in their cultural heritage.

The origins of BHM go back to 1926 when Carter G Woodson, editor for 30 years of the Journal of Negro History, established African Caribbean celebrations in America. It is still celebrated there in February each year.

How to Get Involved

There are many ways that you can volunteer in your area - all you need to do is get in touch with an organisation that can help. If you want to volunteer, your first point of call could be a national volunteering organisation who can talk through the kinds of opportunities that are available to you in your area which suit your needs, expertise or hobbies. Before making contact with an organisation, think about what you want to know from them, and what they are likely to ask you. How much time can you give? At what time of day? What do you want to get from volunteering, e.g. meeting people or gaining new skills? What skills or experience can you offer?

Organisations:

Operation Black Vote

Initiative to focus exclusively on getting African, Asian and Caribbean people involved in democracy and politics.

Address: 18A Victoria Park Square, Bethnal Green, London E2 9PB

Tel: 020 8983 5430/5431

Fax: 020 8983 5492

E-mail: info@obv.org.uk

Website: www.obv.org.uk

BHM

The official guide to Black History Month in Britain.

Address: Talent Media, Studio 37, The Riverside Building, 64 Orchard Place
London E14 OJW
Tel: 0207 001 0754
Email: info@blackhistorymonthuk.co.uk
Website: www.blackhistorymonthuk.co.uk/

Black History Month website

An independent site dedicated to the celebration of Black History Month, regularly updated with arts and cultural events running throughout the year.

Address: Well Placed Consultancy, Suite 46, 34 Buckingham Palace Rd, London SW1H ORH
Tel: 020 7642 9728
E-mail: info@black-history-month.co.uk
Web: www.black-history-month.co.uk

Blackpresence

A website dedicated to black history in Britain, includes famous faces, ordinary people, the UK's slave history and the first black people in Britain.

Email: blackpresence@googlemail.com
Website: www.blackpresence.co.uk

Black Arts Production Theatre

BAP Theatre works to tackle tough social issues through theatre and drama workshops. The company needs volunteers to help with stage management, writers, producers and directors to develop new material.

Address: Unit 9, Tottenham Green Enterprise Centre (TGEC), Town Hall Approach Rd, London, N15 4RX
Email: info@baptheatre.com and baptheatre@hotmail.com
Web: www.baptheatre.com

Black Training and Enterprise Group

The Black Training and Enterprise Group (BTEG) is a national organisation providing a voice to government for black and minority ethnic service providers. It has a successful track record of advising government departments and non departmental public bodies.

Address: 2nd Floor, Lancaster House, 31-33 Islington High Street, London N1 9LH.
Tel: 020 7843 6110
Email info@bteg.co.uk
Website: www.bteg.co.uk

Blacknet UK

An online network of African and Caribbeans from around the world to share news, culture and community.

Website: www.blacknet.co.uk/

Community Channel

Address: Community Channel, 2nd Floor, Riverwalk House, 157-161 Millbank, London, SW1P 4RR

Email: feedback@communitychannel.org

Website: www.communitychannel.org

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