



Press release

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Exploring black history at The National Archives

Want to know about your Caribbean heritage? Would you like to learn about the history of immigration to this country? The National Archives is holding a series of events this black history month to highlight the wealth of information available on Black and Caribbean history.

From Strangers to Citizens: An Introduction to Immigration Sources at The National Archives

Saturday 30 October 10.30 - 11.45am and 12.30 - 13.45pm

Piece together the history of your ancestors and learn about the British immigration experience through original records at this FREE talk. Experts will explain how the story of immigration to Britain can be told through archives such as citizenship records, passenger lists and certificates of arrival.

If you would like to attend this event please call: 020 8876 3444 or e-mail: enquiry@nationalarchives.gov.uk

Caribbean FAMILY History Day

Saturday 13 November 2004 10.00am - 16.00pm

Learn how to trace your Caribbean family history at this special event for all the family. Get advice from experts on Caribbean records and hear from Paul Crooks, who has traced his family tree back to Jamaica and West Africa. While you learn, your children can explore their own Caribbean heritage, inspired by tales of journeys and self-discovery through participatory song and stories. Art workshops will encourage children to let their imagination take flight and create their own artwork and writing. There will be demonstrations of the Moving Here website and Black Presence online exhibitions and during lunchtime, jazz with a Caribbean flavour.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Places are limited, especially for children. Be sure to book soon! Admission is £5 per adult, accompanying children are free, but must be pre-booked. To book please call 020 8392 5202 or e-mail events@nationalarchives.gov.uk. Entertainment is suitable for children aged between 7 and 12.

Notes to editors:

- The National Archives, Kew, www.nationalarchives.gov.uk has one of the largest archival collections in the world, spanning 1000 years of British history, from Domesday Book to newly released government papers. The free museum and research rooms in Kew, west London, are open to the public 6 days a week.
- 'Researching the Caribbean - a work in progress' is supported by The Heritage Lottery Fund www.hlf.org.uk. The Heritage Lottery Fund is charged with distributing funds from the National Lottery and providing support to a wide range of projects involving the local, regional and national heritage of the United Kingdom. The Fund is run by the Trustees of The National Heritage Memorial Fund.
- Hundreds of events are taking place across the UK this autumn for Archive Awareness Campaign which aims to reveal the treasures of the archives. AAC, run by partners the National Council on Archives, the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council and The National Archives, is now in its second year.

For more information about Archive Awareness Campaign please visit www.archiveawareness.com from 1 September or contact Lucy Fulton, Archive Awareness Campaign Officer Tel: 020 8392 5237 Email: lucy.fulton@nationalarchives.gov.uk

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