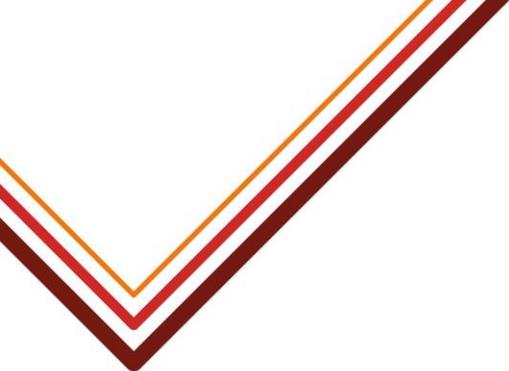


How has the Windrush Generation contributed to Black British History?

LI: To explore contributions to Black British History





Key Vocabulary

Commemorate - to call to remembrance/to be a memorial of

Deported - to force a person to leave a country, usually on the basis of not having legal documents or committing a crime.

Detained - to hold or to keep in as if in prison

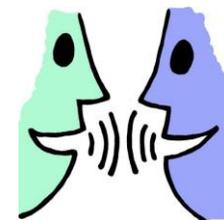
Immigrant - a person who comes to a country to live there

Legislation - laws made by governing body or in the process of making

Contributions from the Caribbean community



We have looked some contributions from the Caribbean community in shaping Black British History.

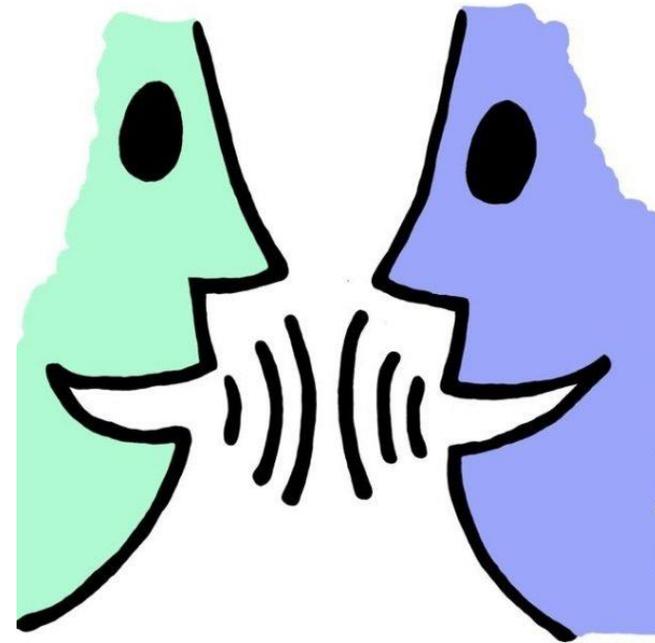


Which contribution do you feel is most important/special to you? Explain why.



Contributions from the Caribbean community

Thinking about the contributions, do you think the Caribbean community have been praised for their work?



The Windrush Scandal

In 2012, the government introduced the 'Hostile Environment' legislation - a policy that meant workers from the NHS, landlords, banks, employers and many others, could enforce immigration control. Any undocumented migrants would have to leave.

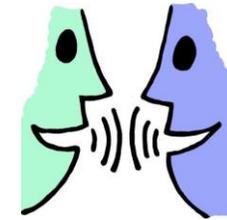
However, many of those who travelled on Empire Windrush, came as children on their parents' passports, and the Home Office destroyed their landing cards. The Windrush Scandal came to light in the media from 2017, as many were being detained or deported because they had no proof of their identity. Many lost their access to housing, healthcare, jobs and bank accounts.

Working for every child



The Windrush Scandal

Despite the Windrush Generation helping to build Britain again, many of them have been treated unfairly.



The Windrush Scandal reminds me of another time the Windrush Generation were unfairly treated.

Can you think of what this might be?
Why do you think this?

Activity

To celebrate the work of the Windrush Generation, you are going to choose a way to commemorate their contribution to Black British History.

You may choose to:

- Write a newspaper (similar to the West Indian Gazette)
- Design a plaque dedicated to the community
- Create a book about the contributions



Further Research

With the Windrush Scandal, the Caribbean community were treated as illegal immigrants, despite the fact that many had been invited to come to Britain in the 1940s as British Citizens.

Still today, many cases remain unsolved and unfortunately some people had already been deported back to the Caribbean before this issue came to light. A review into the scandal was published on 19th March 2020, and it showed that the Windrush Scandal was not an accident and thus seen as an act of discrimination.

Further information about the scandal can be found here:

- Sitting in Limbo film: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p08g29ff/sitting-in-limbo>

- Windrush Lesson Learned Review:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/windrush-lessons-learned-review>