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BLACK HISTORY MONTH WALES 2017

Official launch press release

Theme:

OUR STARS. OUR FUTURE. OUR HISTORY: 10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY 2017

Black History Month Wales (BHMW) celebrates its **10th year in Wales!**

We aim to capture and share the contributions of people of African descent from the diaspora as part of our shared history, through a wide range of educational and creative activity for people of all ages. Race Council Cymru as the ethnic minority established national lead body for race in Wales manages Black History Wales-wide work. The Black History Wales network is made up of over 107 pan-Wales organisations such as; youth charities, grassroots groups, schools, Further Education and Higher Education institutions representing people of different cultures, faiths and geographical locations who sit on our steering committee. These include Amgueddfa Cymru/ Museum Wales; African Community Centre – Wales; Cardiff and Bangor Universities; Schools; Minority Ethnic Achievement Support (MEAS) Team; Neath Port Talbot CBC; The Cardiff Volunteer Centre @C3SC; Jamaican Society; Wales Millennium Centre, Barnardos Cymru, National Assembly for Wales and Trade Unions in Wales to name but a few.

To celebrate BHMW 2017, the theme for the year is “**OUR STARS. OUR FUTURE. OUR HISTORY: 10th Anniversary 2017**” (Hashtag #BHMWales10)

Last year, the Black History Month events, including the Youth Awards and winners received nationwide coverage and prime time spots on BBC News and ITV's Newsweek. This year, we aim even higher and we want you to be part of it – so we cordially invite you to attend any of these events below:

- Welsh Government Launch:

Black History Wales Youth Awards ceremony will take place on Friday 29th September 2017 at 12pm – 4pm at Pierhead Building, Cardiff Bay, CF10 4PZ.

This event will be hosted by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Professor Mark Drakeford AM – Assembly member for Cardiff West. The awards provide a platform to recognise and celebrate the achievements of young people of African descent in Wales.

- **Formal launch of Creative Arts Programme for Black History Month Wales: Hosted by Vaughan Gething AM**

Saturday 30th September 2017 at 12pm – 5.30pm at National Museum Cardiff, Cathay's Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NP.

- **North-West Wales Launch in Bangor:**
Saturday 30th September 2017 at 10am Storiel, Ffordd Gwynedd, Bangor LL57 1DT.
- **North Wales Launch at Wrexham:**
Sunday 1st October 2017 at 2pm - 6pm at Saith Seren, 18 Chester St, Wrexham LL13 8BG.
- **BHMW 2017 Grand Finale Celebrations:**
Sunday 29th October 2017 at 11.30pm - 8pm at Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff Bay, CF10 5AL.

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