

2017 BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS

The aim of Black History Month Celebrations is to involve and bring the community together; to celebrate the cultural diversity in Ipswich, along with the said history and heritage. It will be a family event for both young and old, everyone is welcome. This event will showcase local African Caribbean businesses, artists and performers.

These are some of the local artists that will be attending on the day:

- Reggae Rainbows a band that has been performing in the town and other venues across England for a number of years
- Cherise Phillips who is a young local singer song writer
- Malcolm Green who teaches Salsa, he will be doing some dance routines with members from his dance school
- Trevor Jones with his steel band
- Isaac Ajala who is a local musician that specialises in African drumming

We will also have activities for the younger children such as story telling and pool, table football for the older ones.

On the day there will be a range of Stalls from arts and crafts, history books, local made hats, traditional African cloths imported from Ghana, to stalls promoting healthy living.

The event will be supported by local business people, such as Charles Challenger who runs his own shipping and export agency in the town, Dennis Tenniel, who has established his own job recruitment agency in Ipswich and Jermaine Barnard, who is a freelance photographer based in Ipswich.

All will be giving speeches and sharing their experiences on what it takes when it comes to running your own business, they will also be acting as positive role models, especially for young people attending the event, giving encouragement and advice to any one that is thinking of starting their own business.