

Windrush Secondary School Conference 2022
organised by the Devon Windrush Group,
at Devon County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 9TG
On Friday 7th October, 9.15am – 3.00pm

Aims of the conference: to raise awareness, and educate, young people about Windrush, to commemorate it and to celebrate the amazing contributions and achievements of people of Caribbean heritage to this country.

Student participants. We are inviting 8 students (from 10 Devon schools) in years 8 or 9, plus 2 teachers or TAs (or governors) to attend. We suggest a mix of students, both those who are young people of colour and/or dual heritage, including DDE-trained Youth Cultural Champions and those who are white. In preparation we ask students to research one of the nations in the Caribbean – details below.

Morning sessions

- 9.15am Arrival, add research panels to the display. View other schools' work.
Caribbean quiz to complete
- 9.45 am Proceed to the Council Chamber and find allocated seats and settle down.
- 10.00am Welcome to County Hall by the Chair of Devon County Council, Cllr Ian Hall.
Introductions and outline to the Conference
- 10.20am 1st keynote presentation. What is Windrush? Speaker: Nadia Gorton.
- 10.40am 2nd keynote presentation. Euten Lindsay's story.
- 11.00am Break.
- 11.15am Workshops - 20 students in each from several schools. Windrush people to lead workshops.
Topic: What does it mean to be part of the Windrush Generation? A chance to reflect on the two presentations and ask questions. The workshop leader shares their story. Q&A.
- 12.30pm **Lunch** - everyone to bring their own lunch

Afternoon sessions

- 1.15pm Reconvene in Council Chamber
3rd keynote presentation. British Civil Resistance in Bristol. Dave Samuel's father's story.
- 1.35pm Workshops
Topic: What is Caribbean Culture and what has it contributed to British life?
- 2.35pm Final plenary in the Council Chamber.
- 3.00pm Finish and close.

Windrush Conference Preparation Tasks.

We will allocate a nation to each school and ask students to prepare a minimum of two A2 panels, after researching some or all of the topics below:

1. Geography, population, flag of the nation. What are the main products of their economy and exports, including agricultural products and others?
2. Describe two significant people from that nation (one male and one female)?
3. What is the relationship of that nation to Windrush (if any!) and the UK?
4. What is the national dish/food/meal of that country, including a recipe, photo and story about it?
5. Which song or music genre comes from that country?



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