



PRESS RELEASE

Black History Month 2023 Civic Launch at Manchester Cathedral

Theme: Celebrating our Sisters from the Windrush Era

Black History Month is nearly upon us! As we look ahead to October, the Caribbean & African Health Network (CAHN) is hosting a BHM Civic Launch in Manchester!

This event will be taking place on **Thursday 28th September 2023** from **6:30pm to 9:00pm** at **Manchester Cathedral, Victoria Street, Manchester, M3 1SX**. Our theme this year is 'Celebrating our Sisters from the Windrush Era' as we continue to celebrate **Windrush 75**.

Black History Month 2023 is dedicated to honouring Black women for the numerous and remarkable roles they have played in trailblazing, change-making and shaping society over the years. To coincide with the 75th anniversary of the arrival of HMT Windrush, CAHN is highlighting the significant contributions made by the many women who came from the Caribbean and helped to rebuild Britain and influence culture after the Second World War.

This year's Black History Month Civic Launch will be peppered with enriching performances and speeches from esteemed guests, including Professor Dame Elizabeth Nneka Anionwu, the first sickle-cell nurse specialist in the UK and one of the BBC's 100 Women of the Year 2020. Also addressing the gathering will be Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham; Barrister at Garden Court North Chambers, Christian Weaver; and Charlotte Norman, CEO of Moss Care St Vincent and Chair of Greater Manchester Housing Providers. Attendees can also expect to be wowed by a cultural fashion show and live music performances, and intrigued by the offerings of a wealth of stallholders. 'Celebrating our Sisters' with CAHN will make for a momentous evening – one not to be missed.

Faye Ruddock, Chair of CAHN said: "Black women are the backbone of our community. Where would we be without them? The numerous women who braved the Atlantic Ocean to venture to a new land; aiding in reshaping lives and policies to come, are not often spoken about. This is why we are dedicating our BHM Civic Launch to those exceptional pioneers who went on to inspire, lead, raise and fight for generations to come."

"In 2022 during CAHN's last BHM Civic Launch, throughout the evening we welcomed the community, who poured in eager to see what was happening at the cathedral – and this year we will be doing the same. All are welcome, regardless of age, race, gender and belief. Come and celebrate Black women with us."

Follow this link for an exciting preview of what to expect at CAHN's BHM Civic Launch 2023!
<https://youtu.be/Bqop3ZyLxhq?si=H2VnoIUrVim8ryAg>

Watch the 2022 Black History Month celebration here:
https://www.youtube.com/live/qJP4STCs_ao?feature=share

This event will be livestreamed on our YouTube page:
<https://www.youtube.com/c/CaribbeanAfricanHealthNetwork>

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About CAHN

CAHN is a Black-led organisation set up to address health inequalities affecting people of Caribbean and African descent in the UK. Working with community groups, faith networks and cross-sector organisations, CAHN leads on strategic engagement to ensure that the voices and experiences of black people are placed at the heart of public policy and practice.

CAHN's **vision** is to eradicate health inequalities within a generation by building community resilience and a social movement.

Our **mission** is to ensure that strategic and operational actions of service providers across health and cross-sector agencies and commissioners, lead to racial and social justice for black people.

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