

Black History Month takes place every October and this year the City of Wolverhampton Council alongside Telford and Wrekin Council and The Children’s Society will be hosting a number of virtual events for their employees and regional partners. The events come following the success of south Asian Heritage Month.

This year’s theme is **PROUD TO BE**. Proud to be who you are, proud to be where you are from, proud of your culture, your heritage and you future.

The ED&I departments from Wolverhampton & Telford have worked together to produce this excellent menu of events as we look to explore the diversity of the Continent of Africa, traditional dishes from Jamaica and Zimbabwe, why hair love is so important and many others. We’ll have opportunities to talk about intersectional issues and developing black leadership with guest speakers, and the always good chatty cafes that allow you to step out of work mode for a little bit and have a conversation with colleagues around themed topics.

All events will have limited spaces so booking via Eventbrite is essential, where possible events will be recorded and made available via YouTube for those who are unable to attend.

The month will be topped off with a special in person closing event (very limited spaces) that will host speakers, musicians, food and community leaders and will be the perfect opportunity for people to tell us what they want to see in the near future.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 st
				African Diversity Panel 14:00 – 16:00 The opening event for the month, with words from a guest speaker and our own Rob Wilson and Solomon Scott. Explore the lived experience of our colleagues, as a special panel share their stories spanning the largest continent in the world and talk about their unique cultures and traditions and how they still carry that with them while living in Britain #Proudtobe BHM African Diversity Panel Tickets, Fri 1 Oct 2021 at 14:00 Eventbrite

4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
	<p>Chatty café – BLM 12:30 – 13:00</p> <p>Chatting café an opportunity to remove yourself from work and talk about a topical issue.</p> <p>Black Lives Matter has been a topic of debate in recent history. But here we can share our own thoughts on the movement as individuals and spread a positive message.</p> <p>BHM Chatty Café: BLM Tickets, Tue 5 Oct 2021 at 12:30 Eventbrite</p>			<p>Cook Along – Caribbean dish 12:00 – 14:00</p> <p>Join as bring the flavour of the Caribbean into your Kitchen. Saltfish/Vegetable Fritters along side Jerk bites and dumplings.</p> <p>Menu caters to vegan preferences also so no excuse to not come along and spice up your kitchen.</p> <p>We'll also be raffling off the opportunity for 2 winners to join the chef in the kitchen at Bob Jones Community Hub to cook along in live and in person *Full Menu will be on the EventBrite page*</p> <p>BHM Cook Along - Caribbean Tickets, Fri 8 Oct 2021 at 12:00 Eventbrite</p>
11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th
	<p>Nate Ethan – LGBT in the Black community 10:00 - 11:00</p> <p>Nate is considered the UKs first Trans Rapper. Join us as he tell us about his story and breaks down some of the misconceptions regarding LGBT and the Black Community. #Proudtobe</p> <p>BHM Nate Ethan - LGBT in the Black Community Tickets, Tue 12 Oct 2021 at 10:00 Eventbrite</p>		<p>Chatty Café : Hair 12:30 – 13:00</p> <p>Chatting café an opportunity to remove yourself from work and talk about a topical issue.</p> <p>Hair is a theme you'll see a number of times throughout the month, join us to talk about the importance of hair and make sure cameras are on, natural, wig n weave #Proudtobe</p> <p>BHM Chatty Café: Hair Tickets, Thu 14 Oct 2021 at 12:30 Eventbrite</p>	

18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd
<p>Chatty café: Proud to Be 12:30 – 13:00</p> <p>Chatting café an opportunity to remove yourself from work and talk about a topical issue.</p> <p>The overall theme of the month is proud to be, so lets talk about it, proud of where you come from, proud of what you've overcome, proud of the achievements of the community #proudtobe</p> <p>BHM Chatty Café: Proud To Be Tickets, Mon 18 Oct 2021 at 12:30 Eventbrite</p>		<p>Historian Tony Talbert – pre slavery Black British history 12:00 - 13:30</p> <p>Tony is a Historian with a vast knowledge of Black History, perfect for the month.</p> <p>We all know about the transatlantic slave trade, but what is lesser known is the presence and impact of Black people to Britain pre slavery, join us for an hour as Tony gives you the whistle stop tour of what Britain really looked like.</p> <p>BHM Pre Slavery Black British History Tickets, Wed 20 Oct 2021 at 12:00 Eventbrite</p>	<p>Chatty café: Allyship 12:30 – 13:00</p> <p>Chatting café an opportunity to remove yourself from work and talk about a topical issue.</p> <p>The impact of allyship has always shared a history with change around equality issues Join a session with allies from Wolverhampton and Telford and talk about how Black people can be allies too to ensure everyone is treated fairly.</p> <p>BHM Chatty Café: Allyship & Intersectionality Tickets, Thu 21 Oct 2021 at 12:30 Eventbrite</p>	<p>Managers Panel – Breaking the glass ceiling 14:00 – 16:00</p> <p>We know when it comes to representation at the highest levels is lacking but this event is a panel of Black Managers from across the west midlands region who will share their experiences on breaking that glass ceiling, inspirational event for anyone who is looking to progress their career</p> <p>BHM Managers Panel: Breaking the Glass Ceiling Tickets, Fri 22 Oct 2021 at 14:00 Eventbrite</p>
25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th
<p>Hair Love Live 12:00 – 13:30</p> <p>Hair for many is a massive part of the identity. Black hair has always been a specialist topic and for this event we have 2 local professionals to show you everything you need to know, does and don't when handling Black and Mixed Race hair.</p> <p>Also listen to the stories of two successful young black woman who are creating their business and brand.</p> <p>Come share your own tips and tricks to create hair magic. BHM Hair Love Live Tickets, Mon 25 Oct 2021 at 12:00 Eventbrite</p>	<p>Cook Along -Zimbabwean Dish 14:00 – 16:00</p> <p>The second cook along of the month, Join a professional chef with experience of cooking dishes from across all regions in Africa. Owner of an 'African' themed restaurant in Dudley a Chef will be offering a unique experience in your very own kitchen.</p> <p>Recipe TBC</p> <p>BHM Cook Along - Zimbabwe Tickets, Tue 26 Oct 2021 at 14:00 Eventbrite</p>			<p>Closing event 18:00 – 21:00</p> <p>This will be a limited ticketed event</p> <p>Join us at this closing event, hosted at the heritage centre As we recap the month with speakers and guests, Musicians and food and your opportunity to not just discuss what has been going well but what you would like to see in the future</p> <p>BHM Closing Celebration Tickets, Fri 29 Oct 2021 at 18:00 Eventbrite</p> <p>Due to limited space this event cannot be booked before 18/10/2021</p>