

Black History Month 2026

Honouring Our Communities



Equality and Diversity UK

Black History Month is a time not only to reflect on the past, but to recognise the people, voices, and contributions shaping our communities today.

In 2026, the theme “**Honouring Our Communities**” calls us to look beyond well-known figures and towards the everyday individuals who sustain, support, and strengthen our society.

Across the UK, Black communities have always been at the heart of change through care, leadership, resilience, and collective action. From the legacy of the Windrush generation to the present day, community has been central to identity, survival, and progress.

But alongside these contributions, some experiences are too often overlooked.

- The quiet acts of perseverance.
- The barriers faced in education and employment.
- The comments, assumptions, and behaviours that impact how people feel seen, valued, and included.

At **Equality and Diversity UK**, we believe that truly *honouring our communities* means recognising both contribution **and** lived experience.

It means:

- valuing the work people do every day
- acknowledging the challenges they navigate
- creating space for voices that are not always heard

This is why we are inviting ethnically diverse individuals across the UK to share their stories.

Not just stories of achievement but stories of reality.

Stories of contribution, identity, and experience.

Stories that reflect what it means to live, work, and belong in our communities today.

Over the coming months, these voices will shape EDUK’s **Black History Month 2026 report and resource**, ensuring that lived experience informs how we understand inclusion, representation, and equality in practice.

Take part by completing the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BHM-2026>



We are asking individuals, organisations, and communities to:

- take part
- share this opportunity widely
- support others to contribute safely and confidently

Honouring our communities is not passive; it requires listening, recognising, and acting. Your voice matters, your experience matters, and your story is part of our shared history.

Campaign Introduction: Honouring Our Communities – Share Your Story

As part of **Black History Month UK 2026**, Equality and Diversity UK is collecting lived experiences from ethnically diverse individuals across the UK.

This year's theme, "**Honouring Our Communities**," is about recognising:


- the contributions people make every day
- the roles they play in sustaining communities
- and the realities they experience alongside those contributions

We are creating a space to reflect both:

- what people give to their communities, and
- what they experience within them

Your story will contribute to:

- EDUK's Black History Month 2026 report
- awareness and education across Policing, Health, Education, Workplaces, and Communities
- a stronger understanding of lived experience in the UK today

 Please share this across your networks

 Anonymous responses are welcome

 Your privacy and consent will always be respected

We are also collecting **short video clips** that reflect community, identity, and

Guidelines:

- 5–15 seconds • Landscape format • No copyrighted music
- Avoid identifiable faces without consent
- Capture real moments (family, culture, work, celebration, quiet moments)

Please email your videos to: bhm@equalityanddiversity.co.uk

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