



Wednesday 11 October 2017

The Directors of Windrush Foundation cordially welcome you to the **West Indian Association of Service Personnel, 161 Clapham Manor Street, London, SW4 6DB** as we launch a project that celebrates the **70th anniversary of the arrival of the ship Empire Windrush** bringing more than 500 Caribbean men and women to Britain.

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WINDRUSH 70 YEARS ON, CELEBRATING THE HERITAGE

WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2017

PROGRAMME

6.30pm: Refreshments served

7.15pm: Opening remarks

Mrs Dione McDonald

Poet: **Nairobi**

Calypsonian: **Alexander D. Great**

Poet: **Zelda**

Matthew Ryder QC, Deputy Mayor of London

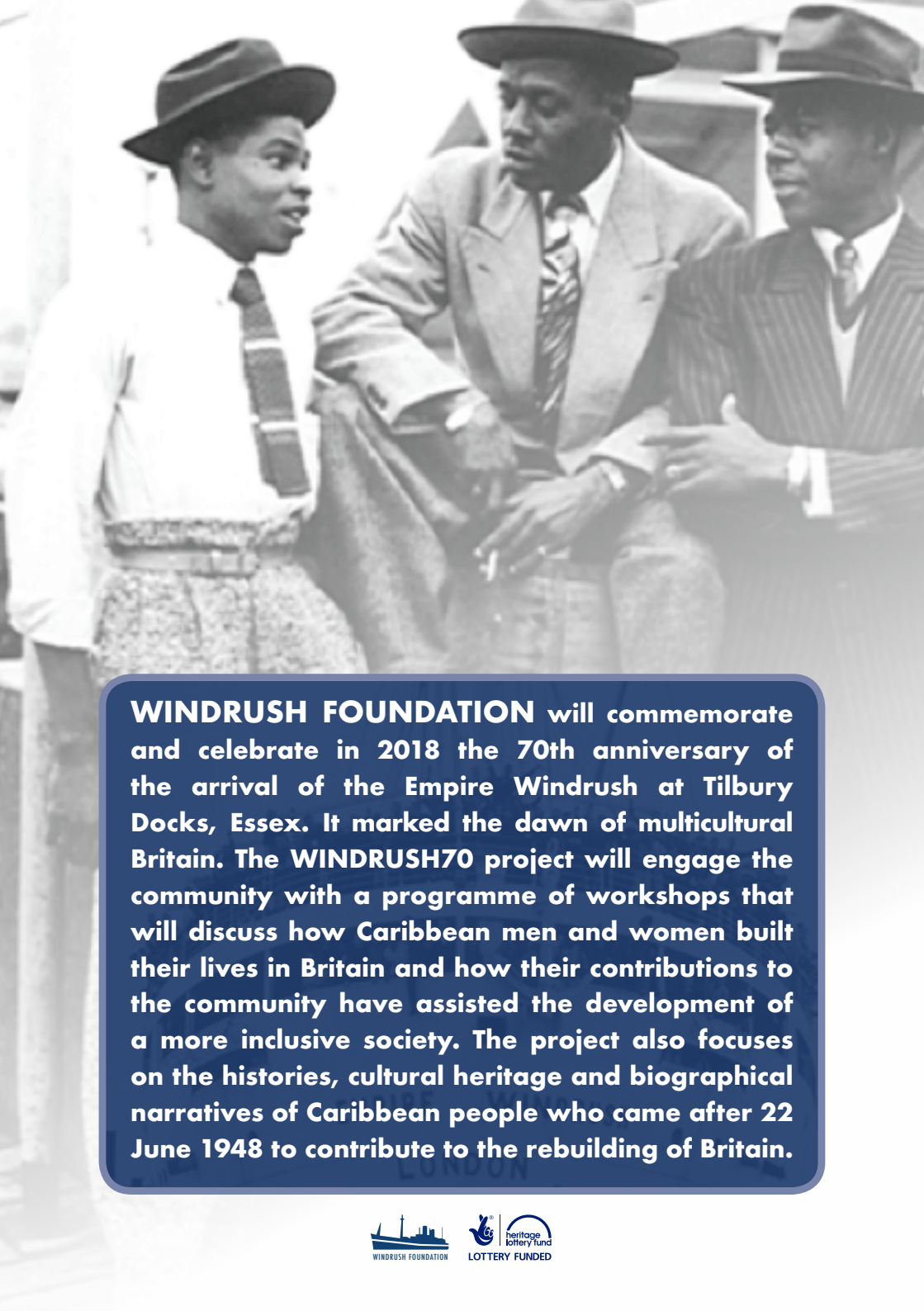
Closing remarks: **Arthur Torrington CBE**



Matthew Ryder QC. As Deputy Mayor for Social Integration, Social Mobility and Community Engagement, Matthew will ensure that social mobility is central to the Mayor's programmes. He will lead the promotion of active citizenship across London and make sure City Hall uses the best methods for measuring levels of social integration.

He has served as Chair of the UK's Black Cultural Archives, a governor of the University of the Arts in London, a national 'Reach Role Model' and has regularly been named as one of the most influential persons of African-Caribbean heritage in the UK by the annual 'Powerlist'. Matthew became a barrister in 1992, specialising in complex crime, criminal related civil work, media and data law. He has represented clients in some very high-profile cases, including the families of Stephen Lawrence and Ian Tomlinson. He has argued cases before the UK Supreme Court, European Court of Human Rights and International Criminal Court.





WINDRUSH FOUNDATION will commemorate and celebrate in 2018 the 70th anniversary of the arrival of the Empire Windrush at Tilbury Docks, Essex. It marked the dawn of multicultural Britain. The WINDRUSH70 project will engage the community with a programme of workshops that will discuss how Caribbean men and women built their lives in Britain and how their contributions to the community have assisted the development of a more inclusive society. The project also focuses on the histories, cultural heritage and biographical narratives of Caribbean people who came after 22 June 1948 to contribute to the rebuilding of Britain.

The Project's approach is articulated through four main inter-connected strands:

Commemorative heritage – marking 22 June 2018 as a national and significant 70th anniversary celebration of the arrival of more than 500 Caribbean men and women on the ship Empire Windrush.

Ancestral, inter-generational, and community-based heritage – using the historical and geographical focus on British Caribbean family histories to develop an educational component of the project. This strand will reference and situate the narrative within the global context of the period from the post-war reconstruction in the late 1940s/the 1950s, to the 1960s-80s, and beyond.

Caribbean diaspora heritage: This strand of the project will highlight the contributions of 70 community champions of Caribbean origin whose lived experiences and achievements reflect and symbolise shared cultural characteristics such as resilience, hard work, community spiritedness, and a positive pioneering outlook: all continuously evidenced by the Windrush generation who constitute today's Caribbean diaspora communities in Britain. The project also intends to highlight the contribution of co-founder of Windrush Foundation, Sam B. King MBE.

The project plans to develop educational resources for children, and train up to 30 volunteers to help facilitate the project's aims through a variety of media, including BEN Television (Sky Channel 238). Consequently, the volunteers will acquire a deeper understanding of post-war history and heritage to share also with other people.

**Windrush Foundation wishes to thank you for
attending the Launch of Windrush70 this evening.**

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