

The Celebrating Windrush Pioneers project will feature contributions from Windrush passengers such as John Richards, pictured right in the pinstripe suit

Picture: Windrush Foundation



Passengers arriving at Tilbury on June 22, 1948
Picture: Windrush Foundation

Windrush Foundation winner of major award

Windrush Foundation, 'the organisation that started it all', will receive £184,700 to lead WINDRUSH'75 programmes in 2023, thanks to the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The award funds a national project called 'Celebrating Windrush Pioneers' which celebrates the lives of passengers who arrived on MV Empire Windrush at Tilbury Docks on June 22, 1948.

The project, which starts this month, will focus on the late Samuel Beaver King MBE, father of the Windrush generation.

It will deliver educational resources at Key Stages 1 to 4 about his life and contributions to society.

There will be a Virtual Windrush Exhibition available free online featuring 75 Windrush Pioneers. Also, an educational video documentary will show the life and contributions of Windrush passenger John Richards, now age 97.

The project will publish a new Book/eBook titled *75 Windrush Pioneers* and launch the Sam King Windrush Award, an essay-

writing competition for children up to the age of 14.

Over the next 18 months, there will be 15-minute BEN TV heritage broadcasts (uninterrupted by commercial adverts) that will reach tens of thousands of viewers in the UK and overseas.

Free, monthly heritage presentations and workshops (actual and virtual) will celebrate the lives and contributions of some members of the Windrush generations.

Welcoming the award, Mr King's granddaughter, Dione McDonald, a director of the Windrush Foundation, said: "We are very pleased about it.

"Our organisation was the first to have led Windrush commemorations from 1996, celebrating the pioneers who contributed to the rebuilding and prosperity of Britain after the Second World War.

"They laid the foundation for us today and we are expected also to work to make society a better place in which to live.

"My granddad, the late Sam King MBE, who was among the pioneers, also would have been happy with the award and the project."

Anyone interested in volunteering, or becoming a

member of the project staff, should write to info@windrushfoundation.com

The Windrush Foundation designs and delivers heritage and arts projects, programmes and initiatives which celebrate West Indians who arrived at Tilbury Docks, Essex, on June 22, 1948, having travelled on the ship Empire Windrush.

The organisation highlights African and Caribbean contributions to both world wars, also to public services, commerce and other areas of socio-economic and cultural life in Britain and the British Commonwealth.

We deliver local community-based projects and high-profile national learning and participation activities for diverse audiences – including lectures, talks, multi-media presentations, inter-generational group discussions, poetry, music and other events that feature inter-cultural and diasporic aspects of African, Caribbean, and black British histories.

We promote good race and community relations, build cohesion, eliminate discrimination and encourage equality of opportunity for all – placing particular emphasis on addressing issues of 'race',

ethnicity, and cultural diversity.

The organisation has worked from 1995 to preserve the history and heritage of the Windrush generation.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund, created in 1994, is the largest dedicated grant funder of the UK's heritage.

Locally-connected and with national expertise, it is a

change-maker, working to enhance and champion the value of heritage for all.

It distributes National Lottery awards from £3,000 to £5 million and more, funding projects that sustain and transform the UK's heritage,

distribute non-Lottery funding, including grant-in-aid/ Government funding and loans, to heritage organisations; provide leadership and

support across the heritage sector, and advocate for the value of heritage.

Their campaigns, funding and insight help organisations care for heritage and support a resilient heritage sector.

Those initiatives offer a mixture of practical support and knowledge sharing.

Further information from: info@windrushfoundation.com



Sam King
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WINDRUSH

Essay Writing

COMPETITION

CALLING ALL TEACHERS, EDUCATIONISTS, PARENTS, GUARDIANS & CHILDREN...

Sam King Windrush Awards shall be given to two girls and two boys up to the age of 14 who can produce an outstanding fictional narrative about the West Indians who travelled on the MV Empire Windrush and arrived at Tilbury Docks on 22 June 1948. Sponsored by Windrush Foundation, the participant would be expected to submit an essay with no more than 300 hand-written words on A4 paper. Our objective is to promote literacy, expression, creativity, originality, and to celebrate imagination.




Terms and Conditions:

- The entry must be an imaginary short story.
- It must be an original piece of work written independently by a child up to the age of 14.
- Stories cannot be written by more than one person. One entry per child allowed.
- The child must not include their personal details within their story.
- Entries must not include unsuitable material.
- It must be no more than 300 words.
- Make sure to use your own words.
- Do not submit an entry without proofreading.
- Presentation is important, consider the visual appearance of the entry as well as the quality of the content.

- The story must be submitted by the child's parent or guardian using the email address below.
- The work must include a good standard of spelling, grammar and punctuation, neat presentation, and clear handwriting.
- Topics could include: (1) MV Empire Windrush; (2) Before departing the West Indies; (3) The Journey to Britain; (4) Arriving at Tilbury Docks; (5) Life in Britain
- You should scan the handwritten story and email it to: info@windrushfoundation.com

The competition is open from TODAY and closes on 23 SEPTEMBER 2022

- Winners will be announced during October 2022.



FOR MORE INFORMATION: info@windrushfoundation.com

Sam King Windrush Essay Writing Competition is sponsored by Windrush Foundation (Picture - Courtesy: Windrush Foundation)