

# Windrush Generations

## Celebrating Windrush and the communities who followed



Caribbean migration has a long history in Manchester and Windrush is a significant moment in our city's history. The Windrush pioneers were among the first of several waves of post-war mass migration that has shaped Manchester's open and diverse identity ever since.

Windrush Generations shares the stories of the Windrush generation; celebrating their contribution to life in Manchester.

### Windrush Generations Digital Story Workshop

We invite Windrush pioneers and their descendants to take part in a creative storytelling project, that will highlight the impact of Caribbean migration to Manchester.

Do you have a story about;

- **Making the Journey:** reality for a Manchester Migrant
- **Telling our Stories:** personal testimony on being a child or grandchild of a Manchester Migrant
- **Windrush workforce:** how they helped to create strong workforces
- **Moving Forward:** what next for Caribbean Mancunians

### Who is this project for?

1. Anyone (of any ethnic background) who migrated to Britain from the Caribbean between 1948 and 1971.
2. Or anyone who has a relative or partner who arrived between these dates.

### Where can I sign-up?

Please email: Mo Blue [mo@brunswickchurch.org.uk](mailto:mo@brunswickchurch.org.uk)

**Before the 30th of April.**

You will then be sent details of how to join an online taster session, to meet the facilitator and find out more - before being asked to make a commitment to the 6 workshops beginning on Friday May 1st.

### How will workshops be delivered?

There will be six online sessions on consecutive Fridays, from May 1st to June 5th. Each session is two hours and begins at 10am.

Length: 2 hours weekly for 6 weeks.

Location: Online

## **What is the content of the workshops?**

The focus of these workshops will centre on how you can share a personal story from your experience.

You will be part of a community of storytellers who meet the criteria outlined above, and we (the friendly facilitators) will guide you through writing and producing a short digital story.

After the workshops, a live online screening with storytellers who choose to participate will take place on Windrush celebration Day, 22nd June 2020.

Your completed story can be shared online and will also form part of the Windrush Generations Stories Website and Social Media Campaign.

## **To participate:**

To participate in this workshop you will need a computer (Mac or PC) with an updated web browser, and with video conferencing facilities.

## **What if I know an older person who would like to take part but cannot use the computer?**

We are very happy to accommodate this but we will need to know a little bit more about your situation, so please get in touch.

## **Do I need to have writing or production experience?**

No, we will guide you through a creative process.

## **What will I get out of it?**

In the Windrush Generations workshops you will be brought together to talk about powerful moments in your lives, and we will support you in reflecting on what is important and getting feedback from other storytellers.

Sometimes the stories we tell about ourselves don't have much to do with who we really are. Imagine what it would be like to find a place to share your truth. To feel heard.

You will also experience a number of creative writing and exercises and receive feedback in a safe and supportive environment.

## **How will the stories be used?**

All storytellers who choose to contribute stories to the project will be fully credited as the writer or speaker of the story. The aim of the project is to highlight the huge contribution of Caribbean Mancunians, so we want to create a platform to share stories that will help make connections between people's experiences.

People who see your story might:

- learn something.
- do things differently.
- be inspired to take action.

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