

What's happening in the news?



Let's have a look at the poster

Black History Month 2025



**What makes a community
feel proud of its history?**

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Let's look at the story



The theme of Black History Month 2025 is 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride.' Every October is a chance to celebrate the strength, resilience and achievements of the Black community.

One example is the West Indian Sports and Social Club in Manchester, which was started in 1953 by people who came from the Caribbean, known as the Windrush generation. It became an important place where families could meet, celebrate, and feel proud of their history. Now, new housing plans nearby could make it harder for the club to carry on, and the community is speaking up to protect it.

Learn more about this story [here](#).
Watch the useful video [here](#).



What is Black History Month?



Black History Month is celebrated in the UK every October. It began in the 1980s, to recognise the history, achievements, and contributions of Black people in Britain. Each year has a theme, and the 2025 focus is 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride', which celebrates strength, resilience and progress. The month aims to help everyone learn more about Black history, challenge racism, and celebrate diversity in our communities.

**Standing Firm
in Power and Pride**



Read through the information below, all about the West Indian Sports and Social Club in Manchester and the new planned homes. Share your thoughts on the news and suggested changes.

The West Indian Sports and Social Club

The club, based in Moss Side, Manchester, was started in 1953 by people from the Caribbean who had come to the UK as part of the Windrush generation.

It gave families a safe place to meet, play cricket and football, dance, share food, and celebrate their culture. Over the years, it has welcomed famous visitors, like Nelson Mandela, and has been a proud part of the local community.



The club is also used for weddings, parties and other community celebrations. (Pictured above.)

What's happening now?

About 200 new homes are planned to be built near the club. Some people worry this could make things harder for the club e.g., noise or less space. The community wants to protect the club, because it is an important part of their history and who they are.

Why is it important?

The club is a place where the Black community in Manchester can feel proud and included. It helps young people learn about their history and feel connected to it. The local area is now considering how to build new homes while still looking after special community places.

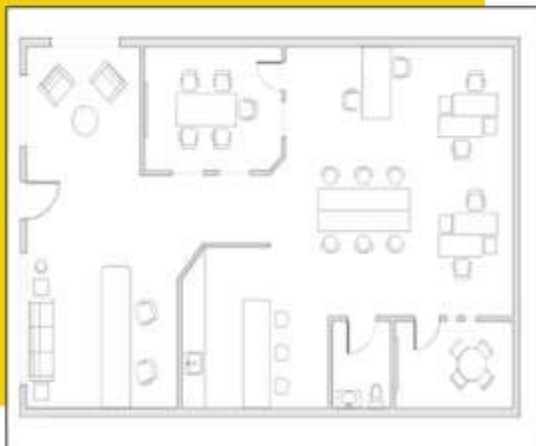
Activity



Can you design a building for your own community?

Your building could be...

- **A place to have fun:** games, sport or play.
- **A place to learn:** stories, history or books.
- **A place to celebrate:** music, food or dancing.
- **A place for everyone:** welcoming to all people.



- Draw your community building, showing both the **outside** and **inside**.
- Label the different spaces and explain **why** you included them.
- Add one feature that makes your building special for the future (e.g., eco-friendly design, art wall, youth space).



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

The West Indian Sports and Social Club was founded to provide a safe and welcoming space for people arriving from the Caribbean (the Windrush generation). It represents how communities can celebrate their heritage, culture and history with pride.

Protected Characteristics



The West Indian Sports and Social Club was created by members of the Windrush generation, who came from the Caribbean. The club celebrates their cultural heritage and supports racial equality, by giving people a safe space to come together.



Sex



Sexual
Orientation



Age



Disability



Gender
Reassignment



Marriage and
Civil Partnership



Pregnancy
and Maternity



Race



Religion
or Belief



Main question

What makes a community feel proud of its history?

 **Listen**  **Think**  **Share**

- Look at the poster image and describe the building. What do you think it could be used for? Discuss what makes a community feel proud of its history. Consider things like the people who live there, the buildings and places that hold memories, the stories passed down, and celebrations, traditions, and achievements.
- Share any prior knowledge you have of Black History Month and read through the information. The theme for this year is 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride' – watch the useful video all about Walter Tull. Share your thoughts on Walter's life and the legacy he left. What do you think is the most important message from the video?
- Read through the information found on the resource, all about the West Indian Sports and Social Club in Manchester and the new planned homes. Share your thoughts on the news and suggested changes. Talk about the importance of the building to the community there.
- What place, story, or tradition in your community makes you feel proud? Talk about how pride can come from remembering and celebrating the people and places that tell a story, and from working together to make sure they're not forgotten.
- Using the template, design your own building that would ensure everyone in your community feels welcome.

Reflection: A community is more than just buildings. It is the people, stories, and pride shared in their history. We can all help protect and celebrate what makes our communities special.



Useful Weblinks

- **News story:**
www.theguardian.com/news/2025/sep/16/windrush-era-west-indian-sports-social-club-moss-side-manchester-housing-plans
- **Useful video:**
https://youtu.be/EXXd61R_IB8?si=jPoGuKB2ABYxW03M

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