

STYLING IT OUT

Fashion in the City

Programme

Celebrate the culture, creativity and legacy of the Windrush Generation with a vibrant programme of talks, workshops and performances taking place across Sutton.

Dates

3rd June to
1st July
2026

For more information
or for bookings

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Foreword

Place At My Table is delighted to present this series of workshops taking place in June 2026 as part of Windrush Day.

Created to raise awareness of the Windrush Generation and honour their extraordinary contributions to life in the UK, the programme places a particular focus on the Borough of Sutton. Through creativity, storytelling, and shared cultural experiences, these events invite local communities to reflect on the legacy of Windrush and the many ways it continues to shape British society today.

Participants will have the opportunity to engage with creatives working across art, craft, heritage, creative writing, drumming, and dance.

Each workshop offers space to learn, participate, remember, and celebrate, while recognising the resilience, creativity, and lasting influence of Caribbean communities in Britain.

The project has been curated by Joseph Jeffers M.A. FRSA, a multimedia art practitioner whose work explores dance, movement, and documentary filmmaking as powerful ways of sharing stories and lived experiences from the Global Majority.

We hope this booklet serves as both a guide to the events and an invitation to connect with the histories, stories, and cultural contributions that Windrush Day encourages us to honour and carry forward.

Sharon Gardner

Board Member – Place At My Table



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Windrush Talk

In Conversation with
Michael McMillan

Thursday, 11th June, 2026
12:30PM

This presentation by Dr. Michael McMillan unpacks how post-war Caribbean migrants became what is now called the Windrush generation in British society.

Why they came? The challenges they experienced and their resilience overcoming them – the Windrush Scandal. What does it mean now to live in Britain longer than the place you were born?



This event will
take place at
Phoenix Centre
Mollison Dr.
Wallington
SM6 9NZ

Ageing Black bodies

Creative writing workshop
with Michael McMillan

June/July, 2026
10AM TO 1PM

A short workshop project in June/July 2026 led by artist/writer/academic, Dr Michael McMillan, exploring through creative writing the embodied experience of ageing as a Black person in Britain, which will culminate in a public sharing of work.

1. Wed. 3rd June 2026 | 10am –1.00pm

Meet and greet session, outline the aims and objectives of the creative workshop process.

Explore through ice-breaker games and exercises the stories about ageing as a Black person in Britain, and include the 'Windrush' generation, 'weathering' and the material culture of ageing

2. Wed. 10th June 2026 | 10am –1.00pm

Participants bring in an object from their homes that they share stories about and begin exploring through creative writing their embodied experience of ageing as Black person in Britain.

3. Wed. 17th June 2026 | 10am –1.00pm

Ongoing developing of creative writing pieces and playing with them in a performance context – rituals, ancestors and dreams

4. Wed. 24th June 2026 | 10am –1.00p

Performing creative writing pieces and final editing of work

5. Wed. 1st July 2026 | 10am –1.00pm

Public sharing of creative writing pieces



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North Entrance Way
St Nicholas Way
Sutton
Surrey
SM1 1AW

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In conversation with
Jacqueline Crooks
-Author of Fire Rush

Thursday, 11th June, 2026
11:30AM



Jacqueline Crooks is a Jamaican-born British writer and community development practitioner whose work explores migration, subcultures and resistance. Her debut novel, *Fire Rush*, about dub reggae, love, freedom and Black womanhood, won the 2024 PEN America Open Book Award and the Society of Authors Paul Torday Prize, and was shortlisted for several major literary awards. Her short story collection, *The Ice Migration*, was longlisted for the 2019 Orwell Prize for Political Fiction.

Join award-winning novelist Jacqueline Crooks for an interactive talk exploring the style, identity and cultural legacy of the Windrush Generation. Drawing on her novel *Fire Rush* and lived experience, Jacqueline reflects on clothing as a language of dignity, resistance and belonging. From sharp tailoring to sound system style, the talk explores how Caribbean migrants used fashion to shape identity and influence British culture. Guests are encouraged to wear memorable outfits and share stories of personal style.



This event will
take place at
Wallington Library
Sutton
Shotfield
Wallington
SM6 0HY

Windrush Felting Flowers Workshop

With Jaxia Blue

Friday, 12th June, 2026
10.30-12.30 & 1-3PM



This event will
take place at
ASKI Kiosk 3
North Entrance Way
Sutton
Surrey
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Echoes of Resistance

In Conversation with
Joseph Jeffers
FRSA M.A, CEO OF ASKI

Thursday, 16th June, 2026
11:00AM

A powerful documentary exploring trauma and the Windrush Generation, choreographed by Joseph Jeffers and co-produced with Marisa Zanotti.



This event will
take place at
Wallington Library
Mallison Room
Shotfield
Wallington
SM6 0HY

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Windrush
Fashion Show

Monday, 22nd June, 2026
SHOW STARTS: 12PM

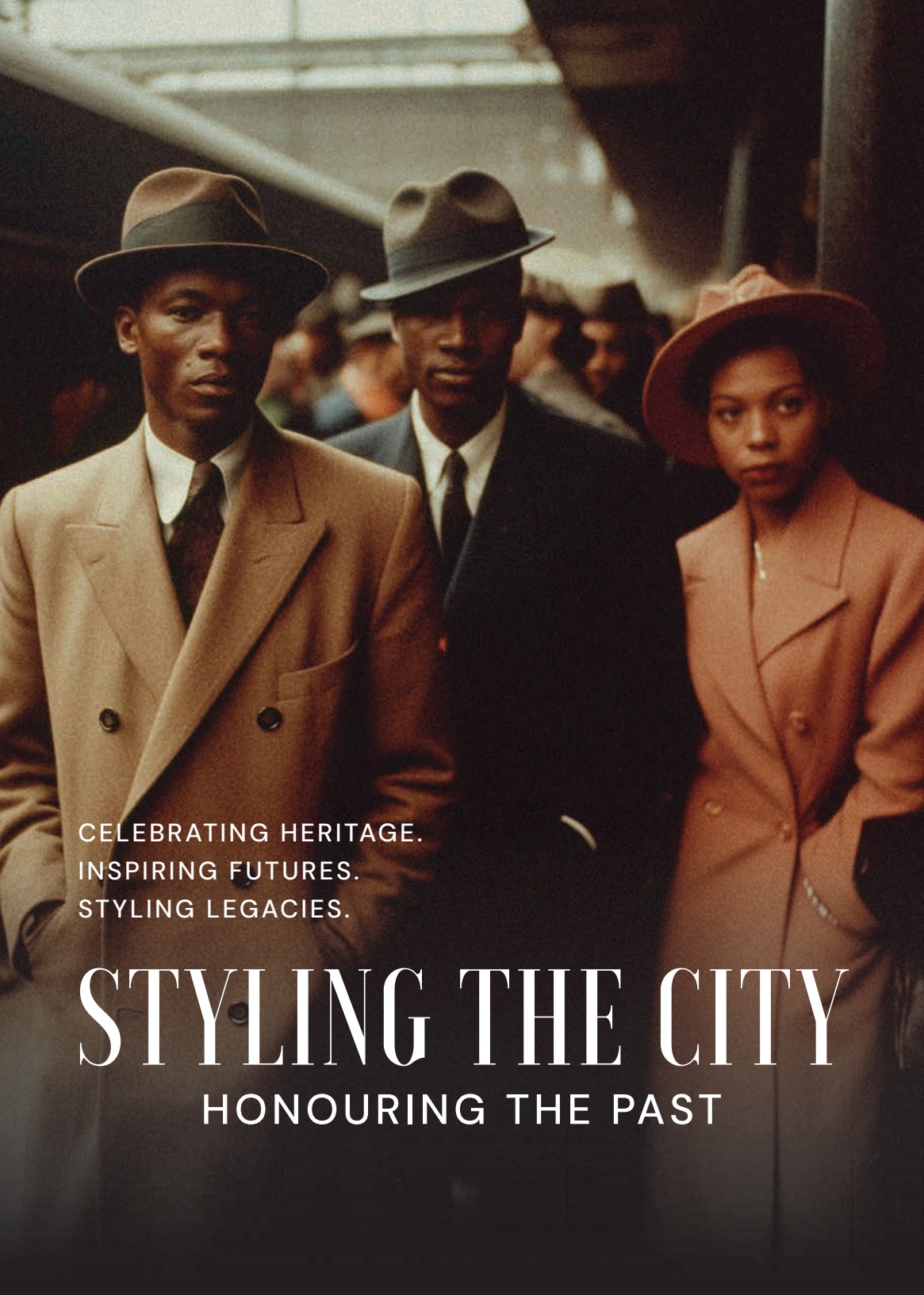
Celebrating Windrush Day with style, pride, and rhythm. Older men and women from Sutton take to the catwalk, joined by African drummers, honouring heritage, community, culture, and Caribbean legacy.



Ministry of Housing,
Communities &
Local Government



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take place at
Sutton Central Library
St. Nicholas Way
Sutton
SM1 1EA



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