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CELEBRATE THE LARGEST BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN BRITAIN!

2014 is a very special year not only for the Committee but also for the Students' Union as a whole. The year marks the 50th anniversary of Malcolm X's visit to our Students' Union. In May 2013, Dr Cornell West, the eminent African-American professor of phi-



losophy, unveiled a portrait by Geo Law of Malcolm X to be hung in our Students' Union. The hanging of the portrait during October will herald the start of the month long celebration of black and minority ethnic peoples' achievements. October will also usher the opening of our Students' Union Building.

The purpose of this month is not only to raise awareness of issues that are of incredible pertinence to BME people alone; but it is also being organised to educate, liberate and inform people of all backgrounds of achievements that ought to be celebrated, problems that ought to be corrected and hopes that ought to be realised. The month, organised around four themed weeks, will be attained in partnership with various establishments, committees and groups across the city. The four themes and the dates are as follows:

ARTS WEEK

 $7^{\rm th}$ October 2013 – $13^{\rm th}$ October 2013 This week will kick-start the celebrations for the rest of the month and it will focus generally on the arts, creativity and culture.

WOMEN'S WEEK

 14^{TH} October 2013 – 20th October 2013 This week focuses on black and minority ethnic women; their achievements in life, their struggles and the issues that still face them in today's society.

EDUCATION WEEK

21st October 2013 - 27th October 2013 This week looks at the role of education in minority communities; its influence on their lives, the representation and retention of BME people in higher education, careers and future prospects for BME people.

LIBERATION WEEK

 28^{TH} October 2013 - 2nd November 2013 This week focuses on the political and social factors that affect black and minority ethnic people in today's society.

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INTRO WEEK

FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2013

SHEFFIELD HALLAM UNIVERSITY & SHOWROOM CINEMA HOST -

"THE STUART HALL PROJECT" FILM SCREENING (12A) + PANEL DISCUSSION

A Founding figure of contemporary cultural studies -and one of the most inspiring voices of the post-war left - Stuart Hall's resounding and ongoing influence

on British intellectual life commenced soon after he emigrated from Jamaica in 1951. Combing extensive archival imagery – television excerpts, home movies, family photos – with specially filmed material and a personally mixed Miles Davis soundtrack, Akomfrah's filmmaking approach matches the agility of Hall's intellect, its intimate play with memory, identity and scholarly impulse traversing the changing historical landscape of the second half of the 20th century.

Venue: Showroom Cinema. Time: 18:00-21:00. Ticketed Event: Price check cinema website for more details. Open to the public.

ARAB SOCIETY + VOICES FOR SYRIA - SYRIA RELIEF FUNDRAISER NIGHT

Prominent UK and US based artists and co-

medians will be performing a gala night of comedy, music and entertainment to fundraise for the Syria relief fund which will go towards helping people fleeing the conflict in Syria.

Venue: The Octagon Centre. Time: 17:00-22:00. Ticketed Event: Price £15. Open to the public.

ASHANTI BEATS PRESENTS SKA-SHANTI BEATS FEATURING POPES OF CHILLITOWN + UBUNTU

Performances by ska, reggae and Ubuntu bands presented by Ashanti Beats. It will be a celebration of reggae's more optimistic, manic older sister: ska.

Venue: Penelope's Bar - Sheffield City Centre. Time: 21:30-03:00. Ticketed Event: Price £4 adv. £5 on the door. Open to the public.





SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2013 SHEFFIELD HALLAM UNIVERSITY & SHOWROOM CINEMA HOST -"NOTHING BUT A MAN" FILM SCREENING (12A) -

A landmark of American cinema and reputedly Malcolm X's favourite film, this uniquely truthful depiction of black life in early 1960s Alabama rightly won great acclaim though it then sank into relative obscurity.



When railroad labourer Duff meets teacher

Josie, he decides it's time to settle down to marriage and a factory job. Trouble is, he's expected to tolerate white bosses who, wittingly or not, are unfailingly racist, and Duff has his pride. Moreover, the couple have to deal not only with the disapproval of Josie's preacher father, but with Duff's son by a previous relationship and his own alcoholic father.

Venue: Showroom Cinema. Time: 16:00-18:00. Ticketed Event: Price check cinema website for more details. Open to the public.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' COMMITTEE HOST -"INTRO CARNIVAL 2013"

The first ever Intro Carnival hosted by the International Students' Committee; it will be a celebration of the culture, music and entertainment of the Union's national societies. There will be a great after-party show hosted by the Union's Space club night.The first ever Intro carnival organised by The International Students Committee and the students union taking place on the 5th of October!

With the help of 15 societies, the event promises to bring lots and lots of fun activities from Sheffield national societies. There are Games to be played, performances to be enjoyed and a super after party with the Space Dj in the main room and a special Balkan night in the small one!

Venue: The Octagon Centre. Time: 20:00-03:00. Ticketed Event: Price £5.50. Open to the public.

ARTS WEEK

MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2013 BLACK HISTORY MONTH KICKSTART CELEBRATIONS Performances by the Capoeira Society, Samba Society, the Gospel Society and hip-hop dancing to name a few as well as cultural shows to officially open the month long celebrations.

Venue: Sheffield Students' Union Amphitheatre. Time: 13:00-14:00. Free Event. Open to the public.

HANGING OF THE MALCOLM X PORTRAIT AND PLAQUE

The hanging of the newly-commissioned Malcolm X portrait by local artist Geo Law which was unveiled by Dr Cornel West in May to commemorate Malcolm X's visit to our Students' Union three months before his assassination.

Venue: Coffee Revolution - Sheffield Students' Union Building. Time: 14:30-15:00. Free Event. Open to the public.

SHEFFIELD DOC/FEST & SHOWROOM CINEMA HOST -ADVANCE PREVIEW: "MUSCLE SHOALS" FILM SCREENING Located on the banks of the Tennessee River, Muscle Shoals, Alabama is the unlikely breeding ground for some of the most creative and defiant music in American history. At its heart is Rick Hall who founded FAME Studios. Overcoming crushing poverty and staggering tragedies, he brought black and white musicians together to create music that would last for generations while also giving birth to the unique 'Muscle Shoals sound' and the rhythm section 'The Swampers'.

Venue: Showroom Cinema. Time: 18:30-21:00.. Ticketed Event: Price check website for more details. Open to the public.



WEDNESDAY 9th OCTOBER 2013 A NIGHT OF POETRY AND PERFORMANCE

An open-mike event where Tshaka Campbell, a famous American poet and artist, and artists from the community and the union will be performing poetry, stories, songs and cultural dances to everyone. It promises to be a great display of both the power of the spoken word, and the talent of the local community and student body.



Venue: Sheffield Students' Union Auditorium. Time: 18:00-21:00. Ticketed Event: Price £4. Open to the public.

THURSDAY 10[™] OCTOBER 2013 "JAZZ IN THE CAFÉ" -

PERFORMANCE BY THE SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY BIG BAND

Come down to Coffee Revolution and join the Sheffield University Big Band as they perform well-known classic jazz hits and numbers, in what promises to be a relaxed and enjoyable musical show for you to experience over a cup of coffee in the evening!

Venue: Fusion-Students' Union Building. Time: 17:30-19:00. Free Event. Open to the public.

SHEFFIELD HALLAM UNIVERSITY & SHOWROOM CINEMA HOST -"TO SLEEP WITH ANGER" (12a) + CHARLES BURNETT EXTENDED MASTER-CLASS

Join us for this fantastic opportunity to spend an evening with Charles Burnett as he will answer questions and provide an extended masterclass Q&A following the screening of his brilliant blues-fuelled drama about a black middle-class family living in South Central Los Angeles. Family tensions are already simmering when Harry (Danny Glover) arrives to visit his old friends. He exudes an easy charm, knows secrets past and present and is soon installed in the heart of the family. However, as his stay lengthens, so does he begin to cast an ever more malevolent spell, provoking turmoil, setting son against son, reviving past hatreds, and inflicting a mysterious illness.

Venue: Showroom Cinema. Time: 18:00-20:00. Ticketed Event: Price check cinema website for more details. Open to the public.

FRIDAY 11[™] OCTOBER 2013 LGBT STUDENTS' COMMITTEE HOST – NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD CELEBRATIONS University of Sheffield's LGBT Students' Committee will be hosting a fun-packed day of events celebrating national coming out day.

Venue: Sheffield Students' Union Building. Time: 17:00- late. Open to University of Sheffield students only. More details: email: lgbt@sheffield.ac.uk, Website: www.lgbtsu.weebly.com .

SATURDAY 12[™] OCTOBER 2013

GOGO'S AFRICAN STORYTELLING - CREATIVE WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN Gogo, an African artist and activist, is presenting a workshop especially for children and their parents in which she will tell stories before hosting a creative workshop to let them explore their imagination and creativity.

Venue: Jessop West Exhibition Space. Time: 10:00-14:00. Open to parents and their children.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH ART EXHIBITION

A display of artistic works by local community artists of BME background in Sheffield around the theme of Black History Month. The paintings will be exhibited for a day in Jessop West Exhibition Space for everyone to enjoy.

Venue: Jessop West Exhibition Space - University of Sheffield. Time: 12PM-4PM. Free Event. Open to the public.

SHOWROOM CINEMA HOSTS -

"PRINCESS AND THE FROG" FILM SCREENING (U)

Set in 1920s New Orleans, Louisiana, the film tells the story of a hardworking waitress named Tiana who dreams of owning her own restaurant. After kissing a prince who has been turned into a frog by an evil witch doctor, Tiana becomes a frog herself, and must find a way to turn back into a human before it is too late. With the help of a trumpet-playing alligator, a Cajun firefly, and an old blind lady who lives in a boat in a tree, aveen and Tiana must race to break the spell and fulfill their dreams. Join us for a fun filled Saturday club at before the film and celebrate the Mardis-Gras Saturday -Club-Style!

Venue: Showroom Cinema. Time: 13:00-15:00. Ticketed Event: Price check cinema website for more details. Open to the public.

WOMEN'S WEEK

MONDAY 14[™] OCTOBER 2013

HIJAB AWARENESS VIDEO AND PHOTO CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

A video created to raise the awareness of the Muslim headscarf and to dispel stereotypes and negative images associated with it. The short film will convey Muslim headscarf-wearing girls' experiences and their opinions and thoughts on its purpose and function on the lives of Muslim girls. Photographs of students holding the sign "Hijab is Choice Not Force" taken earlier in September will be exhibited around the Union.

Venue: Sheffield Students' Union Building. Time: all day.

SHOWROOM CINEMA HOSTS - "OTHELLO: NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE" The National Theatre presents a major new production of William Shakespeare's celebrated play about the destructive power of jealousy.

Olivier Award-winning actor Adrian Lester takes the title role. Playing opposite him as the duplicitous Iago is fellow Olivier Award-winner Rory Kinnear, who is reunited with director Nicholas Hytner following their acclaimed collaboration on the National Theatre's recent production of Hamlet.

Othello, newly married to Desdemona – who is half his age – is appointed leader of a major military operation. Iago, passed over for promotion by Othello in favour of the young Cassio, persuades Othello that Cassio and Desdemona are having an affair.

Venue: Showroom Cinema. Time: 10:00-13:00. Ticketed Event: Price check website for more details. Open to the schools and educa-tional establishment only.

BLACK FEMINISM TALK

TALK AND PANEL DISCUSSION BY BETTY MAKONI Betty Makoni, a UK-based Zimbabwean feminist , academic and political activist is hosting a talk and panel discussion on the topic of black feminism, on what it is and how relevant it is in today's society.



Venue: University of Sheffield Students' Union Auditorium. Time: 17:30-19:00. Free Event. Open to the public.

TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2013

BME STUDENTS' COMMITTEE AND NUBA HAIR SALON PRESENT "HEADSCARVES, HEADDRESSES AND HAIR" WORKSHOP

NUBA hair salon will be presenting a workshop to celebrate ethnic hair, and to teach women how to tie Muslim headscarves and African headdresses in different styles.

Venue: NUBA Hair Salon. Time: 17:30-18:30. Free Event. Open to University of Sheffield students only. Women-only event.

THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2013

"ENHANCING BME STUDENTS' ATTAINMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION" -TALK BY DR JACQUELINE STEVENSON

Dr Stevenson is presenting a talk on enhancing BME students' attainment in higher education; her most recent work has included research for the Higher Education Academy exploring the degree attainment gap between black and minority ethnic students and their white peers as well as a Synthesis of US literature relating to the retention, progression, completion and attainment of BME students in HE.

She is also actively involved in the Society for Research into Higher Education as a member of the Governing Council, member of the Research & Development Committee, and co-convenor of the Access and Widening Participation network. As such, this promises to be an interesting and thought-provoking talk from an expert on the field.

Venue: Sheffield Hallam University (check website for room). Time: 13:00-15:00. Expected Attendance: 50+. Free Event. Open to the public. OFF THE SHELF & SHOWROOM CINEMA PRESENT -TALK BY WALTER MOSELY & FILM SCREENING OF "DEVIL IN A BLUE DRESS"

We are delighted to welcome one of America's best known crime authors to the festival. He will be talking about his new book Little Green, Mosley's finest work since Devil in a Blue Dress. A Worldclass author reunited with his most be-



loved protagonist, Easy Rawlings, L.A.'s finest Private Investigator. Walter Mosley is the author of 37 critically acclaimed books including Devil in a Blue Dress which was made into the 1995 film of the same name, starring Denzel Washington and Don Cheadle. He is winner of numerous awards, including an O.Henry Award, a Grammy and PEN America's Lifetime Achievement Award. His books have been translated into 23 languages and have sold more than 3.5 million copies. After the talk why not enjoy the screening of film classic 'Devil in a Blue Dress'.

Venue: Showroom Cinema. Time: 19:00-22:00. Ticketed Event: Price Check cinema website for more details. Open to the public.

FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2013

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE PRESENT -

"FEMINIST FRIDAY" - BLACK HISTORY MONTH THEME Women's Committee are hosting a Black History Month-themed "Feminist Friday", an event for feminists (of both genders) to meet up and discuss issues regarding gender and race.

Venue: Coffee Revolution - Sheffield Students' Union Building. Time: 17:00-19:00. Free Event. Open to the public.

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2013

BME STUDENTS' COMMITTEE'S COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM PRESENT - "A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY"

A celebratory event where different women's groups in Sheffield take part in a family-fun event situated in the heart of the community. Cultural performances, foods and fun activities will occur to celebrate the achievements of women in the community.

Venue: Broomhall Community Hall. Time: all day. Free Event. Open to the public – women only event.

EDUCATION WEEK

TUESDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2013 ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE PRESENT BLACK HISTORY MONTH TEA PARTY

The English Language Teaching Centre (ELTC) is hosting a tea party to celebrate Black History Month, which will host a range of food and drinks, and discussions relating to the month's events, the significance of the month and the history

Venue: English Language Teaching Centre. Time: 13:00-15:00. Free Event. Open to the University of Sheffield students only.

"HIGHLIGHTING MENTAL AND SEXUAL HEALTH AWARENESS AMONGST BME STU-DENTS" WORKSHOPS

A workshop aimed at raising awareness of sexual and mental health issues that affect a section of the black and minority ethnic community. It will be hosted by charities, pressure groups and NHS staff. This workshop intends to dispel stereotypes and misconceptions and illustrate help and support that's available

Venue: Gallery Rooms - Sheffield Students' Union Building. Time: 18:00-20:00. Free Event. Open to the University of Sheffield and Hallam students.

WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2013

TALK BY THE CHIEF CROWN PROSECUTOR FOR THE NORTH-WEST OF ENGLAND - NAZIR AFZAL OBE The Chief Crown Prosecutor for the North-West of England, Mr Nazir Afzal OBE, will give a talk about his role as one of the top legal officers in the country and give students of all backgrounds insight on how to achieve success in the legal world.



Venue: Law School Lecture Theatre-DB13. Time: 14:00 -15:00. Free Event. Open to the public.

WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2013 BME STUDENTS' COMMITTEE PRESENT – "MALCOLM X" (12A) FILM SCREENING In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Malcolm X's visit to the University and the speech he gave in our Union, the Committee will be screening the film about his life as a civil rights' activist. It will be screened at the Students' Union and culminates the events that surround the anniversary of his visit

Venue: University of Sheffield Students' Union Auditorium. Time: 17:00-22:00. Ticketed Event: Price £4. Open to the public.



THURSDAY 24[™] OCTOBER 2013

"THE ART OF BEAUTIFUL WRITING" -

ARABIC, CHINESE, JAPANESE AND PERSIAN CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOPS Calligraphy workshops organised so that students (and the general public) can learn different cultural calligraphic scripts and the art behind it (Arabic, Urdu, Persian and Chinese).

Venue: Activities Zone - Sheffield Students' Union Building. Time: 12:00-17:00. Free Event. Open to the public.

LIBERATION WEEK

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2013

THE GREAT DEBATE TOUR PRESENT -DEBATE AND PANEL DISCUSSION ON IMMIGRATION, LAW AND ORDER The Great Debate Tour is the first national debate forum targeting cultural communities on university campuses across the UK. The tour is a celebration of diversity and heritage as well as a forum for powerful, thought provoking discussion. With help from its panel of experts, the Great Debate Tour is hosting a debate on immigration, law and order in today's society, hoping to create a mass conversation where students' voices can be heard in a truly dynamic way.

Venue: University of Sheffield Students' Union Auditorium. Time: 17:00-22:00. Ticketed event: £2. Open to the public.

TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2013

THE CRAFTIVISTS PRESENT -

TAPESTRY-MAKING WORKSHOP - "TAPESTRY OF FAMOUS INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES".

Craftivism, which is activism and campaigning using arts and crafts, is a recent method in highlighting pertinent issues and campaigns. The Craftivists will be having a tapestry making workshop in the SU Building showcasing the most famous quotes from inspirational individuals from the 20th and 21st century.

Location: Activities Zone - Sheffield Students' Union Building. Time: 1PM-5PM. Free event. Open to the public.

WEDNESDAY 30th OCTOBER 2013

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY'S MULTIFAITH CHAPLAINCY PRESENT: THE INTERFAITH CAFÉ - BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Faith leaders from around Sheffield, including students, will come for an evening, to discuss how to build strong relationships between all faith groups and community groups in the city.

Venue: Coffee Revolution – Sheffield Students' Union Building. Time: 17:00-19:00. Free Event. Open to the public.

THURSDAY 31st OCTOBER 2013 ETHICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE PRESENT -WANGARI MAATHAI DOCUMENTARY SCREENING ~

A documentary screening hosted by the E&E Committee which details the work and life of the late Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Kenyan environmentalist Wangari Maathai.

Venue: Sheffield Students' Union Building. Time: TBC. Ticketed Event: Price TBC. Open to the public. (Check BME Facebook page for updates)

SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2013

TRIP TO THE SLAVERY MUSEUM, LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND

A Committee organised trip to the Slavery Museum in Liverpool, England, where the role slavery played in the history of England is displayed. After the museum visit, people will have the opportunity to explore Liverpool for themselves.

Venue: Slavery Museum. Time: all day. Limited spaces available. Ticketed Event: Price £12.50. Open to University of Sheffield students only.

SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2013

DIWALI CELEBRATIONS - **TRIP TO THE SIKH GURDWARA, SHEFFIELD** A committee-organised trip to the Sikh Gurdwara to celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Light.

Venue: Sikh Gurdwara - Attercliffe. Time: N/C (check BME facebook page for updates). Free Event. Open to the public.

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