

## **‘Pioneers of the Windrush celebration project’ - A co-created creative project exploring issues around migration and celebrating the achievements of Bristol people who were part of the Windrush generation.**

In the run-up to Windrush Celebration day on June 22nd look out for an animation by Bristol filmmaker [8<sup>th</sup> Sense Media](#) who, in collaboration with author [Roger Griffith](#), has produced a short film which celebrates the lives and achievements of the Windrush Generation who have settled in Bristol. Devised and co-ordinated by [My Future My Choice](#), the animation brings this rich history to life, to raise understanding, and the aspirations of young people in Bristol as well as connecting them with their heritage. Narrated by broadcast journalist Primrose Granville and including reflections from Elders from the Windrush Generation, the film will be widely available and is of interest to schools and home learners as a stimulus to understand how migration has affected our lives positively.

In addition, poet Manu Maunganidze, has devised a workshop which will be delivered to schools online and will encourage young people to gain skill in expressing their own emotions around the Windrush celebration themes through art in general, and poetry in particular. Manu will initiate sessions online with individual classes, provide comment on young people’s poetry and the outcomes will be celebrated on Windrush Day when Manu will lead a session which will be streamed live from the MV Balmoral on Bristol’s harbourside.

It’s hoped that school workshops originally planned by My Future My Choice on the MV Balmoral will take place in October 2020 to coincide with Black History Month. The workshops are aimed at 8-12-year olds and are cross-curricular exploring migration through the arts, social history and science with diverse topics such as navigation, stability, pulley systems and the experience of leaving home. The breadth of approach is mirrored by the intent that this project is inclusive and intergenerational. Workshops can only take place with the support of funders Royal Academy of Engineering and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government – Windrush Day Grant.

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**MV Balmoral** - The Motor Vessel Balmoral is Britain's most widely travelled excursion ship. One of Britain's most prized ships and a flagship of the Historic Ship Society. Launched in 1949 a fully serviceable ship which plans to return to active service after upgrades to crew's quarters. Moored in Bristol's Harbour. Much used for film and television as well as educational events.

**My Future My Choice** - Provide education services that explore heritage to help young people explore possible futures. MFMC inspire young people with volunteers from business and industry. Supported by the Business West charity, Bristol Initiative Charitable Trust.

**Roger Griffith MBE** is a writer and social activist who runs his community consultancy, 2morrow 2day! He is a broadcaster and former CEO/Chair of Ujima Radio an award-winning community radio station. He is a lecturer at UWE Bristol and has a passion for sharing cultural stories, global observations and insights on race, inclusivity and social inequality.

**8th Sense Media** are a creative media production company located in Bristol. Providing imaginative and cost-effective productions with confidence building and engaging, training workshops.

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