



Derby West Indian Community Association July/August Newsletter

Carnival Edition

DWICA hosted their first Virtual Carnival as the centre looks to open in August.



Chairman's Remarks



“A very different Carnival took place this year. Although it was online I still enjoyed watching and it gave me so many great memories of our 45-year history. We know the joy Carnival and celebrating our culture can bring, and if you haven't watched it yet, make sure you do.

This month's newsletter is a little different too. The Black Lives Matter movement in the UK has revealed the lack of education on our history. We are trying to change that with our Summer School which starts in August and now our newsletter will give you some black history and a recap of the top news from the West Indies. Keep in mind activist Marcus Garvey's words: *“A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.”*”

Derby Virtual Carnival 2020

After the Coronavirus forced them online, the DWICA Carnival still brought the Caribbean to Derby.

Sunday saw the release of Derby's Virtual Carnival 2020. After weeks of planning the almost 6-hour event was finally ready to be revealed. Encompassing the Caribbean carnival favourites of dance, music and vibrant costumes, the virtual version also allowed for some reflection on previous years.

Combining the old with the new was a running theme for the event. The performance from the Cultural Roots Carnival Troupe was excellent. Despite the lower number of dancers in attendance due to Covid-19 restrictions, the team adapted to the changing circumstances and put on a stellar show.



A personal favourite for organiser and Youth Project Officer at DWICA, Jordann Rhule-Campbell, was the footage from Derby Notorious Caribbean Queen Show. "Seeing the old carnival in the 1990's made me feel like a part of history and all the effort to get this virtual one done seemed worth it," she said.

Six winners were crowned in our Carnival quiz, with two lucky entrants getting a Tablet. To catch the best bits from the Carnival, visit our website (dwica.co.uk) or www.youtube.com/derbycarribeancarnival.



DWICA Notice Board

At DWICA we are continuing to support the community, here is what's coming up in the future.

Official opening date: Hooray! The centre is set to reopen in September. After many weeks with our doors shut, the centre can finally be made available to the public soon. Before then, we have our annual Summer School still going ahead this August.

DWICA Food Service: The hot meals service continues to be a roaring success as it enters its 17th week of providing hot and cold food for the community. We now offer the service on both Wednesdays and Saturdays. To receive a meal or if you would like to volunteer please contact DWICA by phone or email.

New Elderly Project Officer: We are pleased to announce the appointment of Adam Dosunmu Slater to be the new elderly project officer, replacing Danielle Vassell. Adam is a big West Indies cricket fan and a lover of Chess and other board games. Prior to the DWICA reopening, Adam has sent out surveys to know what activities the adults/elderly would like put on at the centre, so make sure you fill one out to have your say.

Summer School Fee:
£2 per day
This year's summer school may include fun and exciting activities such as:

- Debate club
- Discussions
- Themed workshops
- Creative workshop sessions
- Treasure Hunt
- Offsite activity

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DWICA invites all children aged 8-16 to join Derby West Indian Community Association's much-anticipated annual summer school

Due to the pandemic social distancing will be observed in line with government guidelines

DWICA CURRENT VACANCIES



- Chefs required for “DWICA COVID Kitchen” Project -
- Freelance Chef
- Freelance Assistant Chef
- 2020 Summer scheme Co-coordinator and volunteers
- Project Manager

All posts are fixed term and available for immediate start.

Call DWICA on 01332 371529 for further information or send an email to info@dwica.co.uk stating the position you are interested in and we will send you an Application Form, Job Description, Person Specification and other relevant information.

Top News Stories from the West Indies

Jamaican government removes Royal British Insignia

The Jamaican government has ceased the usage of The Order of St Michael and St George badge due to its racist depiction of a white angel standing on the head of Satan depicted as a chained black man. The move comes after widespread Black Lives Matter Protests in the nation.



West Indies battles to fight Coronavirus, Tourism Industry Suffers

Although COVID 19 has not hit the health of Caribbean's health as hard, the effect is still devastating. The main problem has been the lack of tourism to the islands. Small countries like the Bahamas and Jamaica both rely heavily on tourism, and for the latter the UN has said no country will be hit harder, predicting an estimated decline in Gross National Product for Jamaica of 11 percent. Barbados has looked to revitalise their economy post COVID by offering remote workers yearlong residence in the nation, even offering free school for their children.

Guyana's President refuses to accept election result as Huge Oil Reserves Discovered

Guyana's president, David Granger, is refusing to accept his election loss after a recount from the 2nd of March ballot found he lost by 15,416 votes and committed election fraud. Since then, the case has been taken to court, with the US and UK both calling for Granger's removal from office. However, Granger is unwilling to move considering the huge wealth that is set to come to the nation after oil reserves potentially worth more than \$100bn (£80bn) were found 200km (124 miles) off the coast. The 2015 discovery is set to revolutionise Guyana's economy with projections that the current income of \$5,250 per head is going to rise to above \$10,000 by 2021 as ExxonMobil begins crude oil production.

This Month in Black History

- The Bahamas celebrated independence from British rule on July 10th 1973.
- On July 17th, 2007, Louise Lake-Tack became the first woman governor-general of Antigua and Barbuda.
- Jamaica Celebrated its Independence Day on August 6th, 1962
- Trinidad and Tobago gained independence on August 31st. 1962
- August 28th is a special day in Black History. On this day in 1833 Slavery was abolished in the United Kingdom; In 1955 14-year-old Emmett Till was lynched and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his iconic "I Have A Dream" speech in Washington, D.C. in 1965.



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