

Black History Month 2020

- 1st October 2020** **Launch of Black History Month - Kingston University and Kingston Race and Equalities Council (KREC) featuring the history of Black Achievers and contributions to the positive development of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames. Short film produced by Kingston University and commentary by KREC CEO John Azah, OBE – three Black people who have lived and worked in Kingston over the years:**
Cesar Picton, a six year old Black boy brought to Kingston from Senegal in West Africa to the Phillips family. He grow up to set up a coal mining business, became very rich and had houses in Kingston, Norbiton and an estate in Thames Ditton. He is buried in All Saints Church in Kingston.
Neslyn Watson-Druee, CBE was the first Black woman to be appointed the Chair of the newly set up Primary Care Trust. Worked throughout the lifetime of the PCT until it was abolished by Government.
Ian Thomas, CBE is the first Black man to be appointed CEO of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames. He was appointed in February 2019 and is responsible for delivering the strategic policy set by Councillors and the RBK Administration.
See <https://youtu.be/JjSPX1QH4Xs>
- 7th to 31st October** **Tamil Traditional Music and Dance Graduation performances by Kingston Tamil School student**
(<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJj76-XUjPzPeZXy1erp79Q>)
- 7th to 31st October** **Global Cultural Celebration performance on 2nd February 2019 at the Rose Theatre Kingston – showcasing the Royal Borough of Kingston’s Diversity** (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJj76-XUjPzPeZXy1erp79Q>)
- 14th October 2020** **11.00am to 12.00nn - Partnership collaboration between Kingston Race and Equalities Council (KREC) and Milaap Multicultural Centre – Kigong sessions – Facilitated by Peter Paul Parker on YouTube.** A unique fusion of Tai-Chi and Yoga is designed to promote Health and Wellbeing. **Peter Paul Parker to be accessed on YouTube.**
- 14th October 2020** **6.30pm to 8.00pm - KREC RBK Race Equality Black Lives Matter Events: Topic – Let’s Talk About Race Equality – Education and Employment. A Partnership collaboration between Kingston Race and Equalities Council (KREC) and the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames** after a Black Lives Matter motion was passed at the RBK Full Council meeting on 7th July 2020. The second in the series of Virtual YouTube Panel discussions on Black Lives Matter will feature a diverse Panel of representatives from various sectors of Kingston. This event will be **Co-Chaired by the Mayor of Kingston Cllr Margaret Thompson and Chair of KREC Javed Rafiq**. Questions for the panel should be submitted to RBK before the event (<http://bit.ly/KRECpanel>). The discussion can be viewed live at <https://youtu.be/C9UY2LXQwv0> . Click [here](#) for a list of panellists.

- 10th to 17th October** **National Hate Crime Awareness Week – Partnership collaboration with Kingston Race and Equalities Council (KREC), Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames (RBK), Kingston Police and the Kingston Voluntary Sector to promote awareness on the damage done by Hate Crime. There will be Workshops in schools, Colleges and Panel discussions in Kingston University.**
- 22nd October 2020** **12.45pm - The Cesar Picton Story** – Short Virtual talk organised by the Kingston Rotary on Black History Month and specific contributions made by Black People such as Cesar Picton in the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames.
- 22nd October 2020** **6pm - 8pm – Question time - does Kingston University take Racism seriously?** Join Vice-Chancellor Professor Steven Spier, Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Simon Wortham and Kingston Race and Equalities Council CEO John Azah as they discuss Kingston University's actions in tackling Racism and inequality, and how the University will continue to work to address disadvantage and prejudice in all its forms.
Booking required!
<https://www.kingstonstudents.net/events/question-time-does-kingston-university-take-racism-seriously>