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YDN Mini Festival

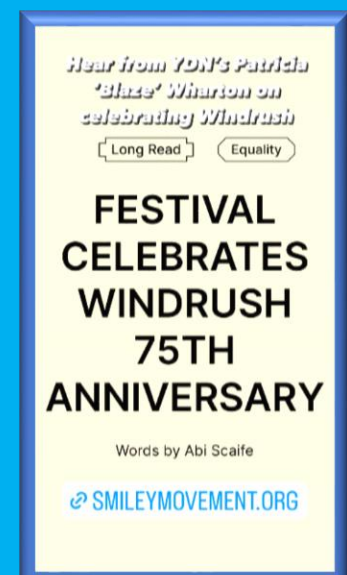
On 24th June, Your Digital Network (YDN) held the annual Mini Festival at the Grange in Neasden, this year with a greater focus on celebrating the Windrush generation for the 75th anniversary of their first arrival in Britain.

The day included a brilliant display of talent and creativity across multiple generations with performances from UK UNSIGNED artists; display booths from community businesses; a stunning fashion show; and an immersive set-up stepping back into history.

As a family event, the festival invited the Windrush Generation as guests of honour with the eldest person being 105 years old. There was also entertainment by Johnny Orlando and Dennis Alcapone, a celebrated musician and DJ respectively.

YDN also hosted awards throughout the day which gave appreciation towards 1st and 2nd generations of the Windrush generation for all they have given to the community and their families. The day also showcased talents from the younger generations with an array of singers, rappers, and fashion designers who were eager to build on the legacy left before them.

As a Windrush celebration, the event was covered by the media outlet, *Smiley Movement*, who had interviewed Blaze from the Chalkhill Community Radio Show. Blaze spoke on the importance of remembering the Windrush generation and their lasting impact on Britain. Seen here: <https://smileymovement.org/news/festival-celebrates-windrush-75th-anniversary/>



New Announcements

UK UNSIGNED Revamp

In the run-up to this year's UK UNSIGNED Showcase, in celebration of the Windrush 75th anniversary, the project is undertaking a grand makeover with the introduction of a new logo, new website, and new partnerships.

Taking place September 9th 2023, UK UNSIGNED will be hosted by the Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre – currently home to the smash hit musical 'The Newsies'. The event will see acts compete in the musical genres that were directly influenced by the Windrush generation, such as SOCA, MC, and of course Reggae; as well as other categories.

The event will support the Windrush Youth Legacy Project which will renew the foundations upon which current and future Windrush descendants can further build on.

The newly designed UK UNSIGNED website is now up and running here: <https://ukunsigned.co.uk/>



Aleto Foundation Partners with Aston Martin F1

Aston Martin Aramco Cognizant Formula One[®] Team (AMF1 Team) and The Aleto Foundation have joined forces to promote social mobility among young people from underrepresented communities. This partnership will exist as a working relationship with sixth form schools and colleges to seek out students with interest in careers in STEM and motorsport.

The students who are chosen will receive a range of unique educational and mentorship programmes allowing them to further their knowledge, develop their skills, and build a valuable network within the motorsport industry.

In a nine-month programme, the chosen students will take part in a Leadership Masterclass held at the Aston Martin Technology Campus. They will also complete work experience with the AMF1 team and be paired with a mentor to help shed light on the possibilities that exist in the industry.



Community Action

Childminded Project

Danielle Smith, through her platform Dee Digital Music, has recently completed her youth project, entitled “Childminded Project”, in her local Croydon area. This project worked with at risk youth in the area to channel efforts towards creative pursuits to recognise and inspire their own impact on their community.

Working with young adults aged 18-25, the project provided music production, media production, and filming opportunities to culminate in a music video created by the young people involved. The song, “Relevance”, speaks about overcoming heartbreak whilst the video was filmed in their local area featuring the Croydon Queens Garden Mural by Mat.

The song can be heard on Youtube here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UR4FPsX9hp4>



Standout Work

Chalkhill Community Radio

Last week, the Chalkhill Community Radio Station presenters, Blaze and Val, received Certificates of Appreciation for their contribution to health engagement, influencing research and inspiring change.

These certificates were awarded by the Mayor of Brent to recognise changemakers in the community and SABA shares in this recognition and appreciation of the work done at Chalkhill Community Radio. Many thanks to Blaze and Val.

