

Black Books Matter UK CIO

What We've Done So Far

2022



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Introduction

Black Books Matter UK, champions diversity in books and stories that represent, are written by and educate on the lives of those from the African Diaspora. We provide books, resources and creative and literary schemes into communities and schools.

Since setting up our charity, Black Books Matter UK, in 2021, we have designed our bespoke workshops tailored for young people and adults with the prominent theme of anti-racism. Our Anti-racist Superheroes workshop made for young people aged 6-8 has been successfully facilitated in schools in the London Boroughs of Hackney and Barnet.

In Hackney, we have been working closely with Sir Thomas Abney Primary School which has given us the opportunity to reach 60 pupils with our Anti-racist Superheroes workshop, 50 KS2 pupils with our Literary Leaders Programme and has provided us with a venue to host our Introduction to Anti-racism and Creative Delivery Workshops for school teachers, youth workers and parents.

We were initially hosting our workshops at the Arcola theatre, however due to unforeseen works on the building we had to adapt. This last minute change however allowed us to increase engagement and overall deliver our programme to a wider range of the community and increase participation.



Creating space for the diverse world we live in, through the power of books.

The Three Pillars



Educate

To educate the wider community on the diversity of our world, through access to books written by people of colour, and about their culture and experiences.

Provide literacy and reading provisions to give young people the skills to develop and grow regardless of socio economic factors.



Express

Create a diverse space for writers, young people and the wider community to express themselves through creative writing, literature and discussion without fear of judgement.



Evolve

To provide literary and creative programmes that nurture our current climate and allow space for growth and change in our ever evolving world.

WHAT WE'VE DONE SO FAR

Primary School Workshops: Anti Racist Superheroes (KS1) & Literary Leaders (KS2)

171 YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN OUR CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAMMES WHICH FOCUS ON BOTH CREATIVITY & ALLYSHIP FROM NOV 2021 - MARCH 2022..

IN SUMMER 2021

70

HOURS OF CREATIVE WRITING SUMMER SCHOOLS REACHING

40

YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 7-18

Creative Delivery Workshops

25

EDUCATORS RECEIVED TRAINING BETWEEN DEC 2021 - MARCH 2022

Introduction to Anti-Racism Workshops

65

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AND MORE....

THE SUN SHINES FOR EVERYONE

IN OCTOBER 2021

1,882

PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN WATCHING
OUR PLAY 'THE SUN SHINES FOR
EVERYONE.

REACHING

20 SCHOOLS

PROVIDING THEM WITH ANTIRACISM
RESOURCE PACKS AND PRE AND POST
SHOW RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS.

The Sunshine's For Everyone

Through the positive emotion of joy, The Sun Shines For Everyone encourages children to have pride in their own heritage and history, as well as celebrate differences. To recognise, appreciate and understand different cultures, and empower them to make change.

On planet Zame, home to the Zamzies race, everyone's the same. Everyone looks the same, feels the same, and does the same. However, once a year the sun shines on one Zamzie, and they get to do whatever they like.

When the sun shines on M.A.T, (Migrant Alien Traveller/A puppet) they decide to jump in their spaceship and explore the cosmos, but they crash land on earth. Here they meet Buddy, a young boy who is in trouble at school for name calling. M.A.T is filled with joy, (the only emotion they know) to meet someone who looks so different, but Buddy is initially scared.

Eventually, they become friends and Buddy agrees to home M.A.T until they can fix the spaceship and go back to Zame, but whilst they're here, Buddy teaches M.A.T all about life on earth, and M.A.T has a few lessons to teach Buddy too.

"The post show resources aim is to delve deeper into the world of the play, exploring the characters and themes in greater depth and increasing the children's awareness of the issues the play tackles."



We are currently trying to reach our goal of 50K to deliver this play and workshop programme around London.



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Testimonial After 'Introduction to Anti- Racism Workshop'

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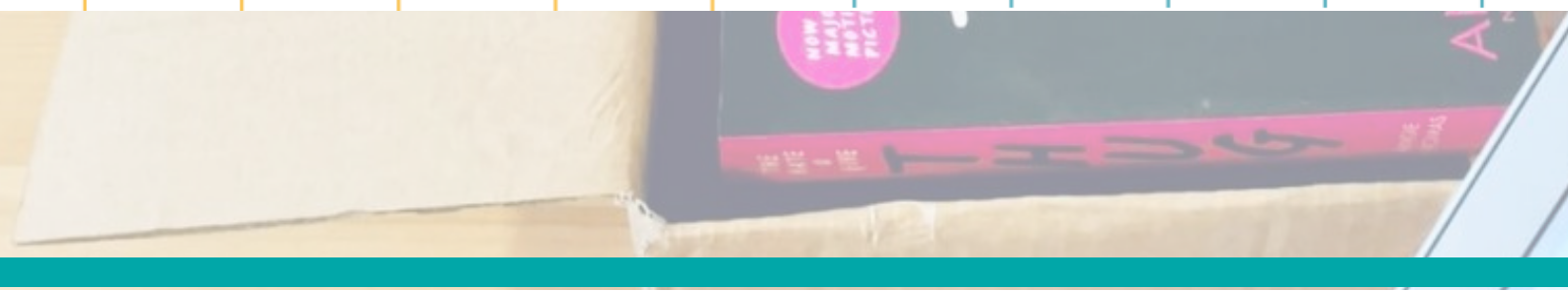
Culturally relevant pedagogy - hadn't heard of it before. Thank you so much for your valuable training. I feel much better prepared to deal with the discussions on race and racism. Very well organised training and great speaker! Thank you!"

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**- Amma, Teacher, St Stephen's
Primary School**

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Adult Workshops

ANTI RACISM WORKSHOPS

Our anti racism workshops for community organisations and schools all start with an initial call to talk with your organisation lead or designated EDI lead to help tailor the workshop to where your school is at on it's journey in inclusivity and allyship.

Our workshops look at; The Protected Characteristics, Unconscious Bias and practical tools and frameworks that allow you to look at where growth is needed within your organisation and where to develop in becoming transformational when it comes to race equality and inclusivity in your organisation.

CREATIVE DELIVERY WORKSHOPS

- To enhance your creative practice by equipping you with drama techniques
- To think more deeply about your approach to the BBMUK resources and the topic of anti-racism.
- To understand how to adapt and extend the drama techniques for your young people.
- To provide tips to make reading at home more enjoyable and rewarding
- To discuss the importance of reading
- To signpost good books and resources to increase reading enjoyment and promote diversity

Student Workshops

ANTI RACIST SUPERHERO

Our Anti Racist Superhero workshops are a creative and interactive way to develop young peoples understanding of allyship and the introductory terminology around racism. Focusing on allyship to allow a deeper understanding and acceptance of all around us.

The workshop is filled with storytelling, creativity and of course our favourite book detective exercise, allowing young people to actively explore doing their own research and learning. Through exploring what racism is and what it means to be anti racist young people take part in a range of creative learning, developing a range of skills and of course team work!

LITERARY LEADERS

Our Literary Leaders programme blends the traditional book club environment to allow young people to explore stories that explore black and global majority folk's history and culture, alongside the work of exploring stories of all kinds.

Through exploring various kinds of literature from fiction, non fiction, blogs, articles and more our Literary Leaders learn the tools for the five types of writing expository, descriptive, narrative persuasive and creative to ensure that all stories are head and express what they feel needs to be shared with their local and wider community.

**Student Testimonial -
Literary Leaders
Workshop**

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My favourite part of the workshop was the story because I got to tell my team and express what I like.

- **Feranmi, St Thomas Abney School**

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My favourite thing was that I learnt what allyship means and when we made a 'train'.

- **Yaymur , St Thomas Abney School**

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