

# MIS HANES POBL DDUON 2011 YNG NGOGLEDD CYMRU

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2011 IN NORTH WALES

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**BLACK HISTORY IS OUR SHARED HISTORY**

A programme of BHM events was put on for the first time in North Wales in 2010, supported by the Bangor University Afro Caribbean Society and Learning Links International. During the past year members of the North Wales "Black History is our Shared History" Network have carried out further research into "shared histories" between North Wales and Jamaica, this included a visit to Jamaica by researcher Marian Gwyn.

There have also been fascinating developments between the North Wales Capoeira Group "Capoeira Mocambo" and experts in this art form in South America which is culminating in Capoeira Mocambo, in partnership with Pontio, presenting the "North Wales Capoeira Festival" featuring Mestre Sombra, the internationally world renowned expert from the Capoeira Association in St Paulo, Brazil, in a celebration of this historically fascinating form of dance / self defence developed by enslaved Africans in Brazil, with a range of Workshops, Master Classes and Performance Events.

This year the North Wales BHM Steering Group includes the newly established North Wales Association for Multi Cultural Integration (NWAMI), the North Wales "Black History is our Shared History" Network, BAWSO Wrexham (Black Association of Women Step Out), Learning Links International and the North Wales Jamaica Society.

**YASUS AFARI, Jamaican Dub Poet and Reggae Artiste**, will be back in Wales again to support the celebrations of BHM in his own unique way, with school workshops and performance events. The North Wales Jamaican Society have also invited Jamaican poet, Joan Andrea Hutchinson, who is also visiting North Wales for the first time at the invitation of the newly formed North Wales Jamaica Society to take part in two Jamaican / Welsh Language Celebration events.

A range of events and activities are being badged with the BHM logo to show their solidarity and support to explore our shared histories, giving the opportunity to develop the concept of Black History Month in North Wales.

**Sat 1st Oct:** 12. High Noon til 2.30am: **DRUM HOUSE FFEST** at Llechwedd Slate Caverns, Blaenau Ffestiniog, – the message is in the music – Wales biggest Reggae, Dub, Ska and Roots Festival, featuring Misty in Roots, Zion Train, Nucleus Roots, Babyhead, Llwyrb Llaethog, Smoke like Fish, Freedom Sound System, featuring YASUS AFARI, and Earth Doctor performers and bands from across North Wales – [www.drumhouseffest.com](http://www.drumhouseffest.com) £25 **Brilliant Event with Great Bands and Sounds.**

**Sun 2nd Oct:** 2.00pm – 5.00pm: North Wales BHM Launch at **MADRAS RESTAURANT, The Clock House, 55-57, Abergele Rd, Colwyn Bay, Clwyd LL29 7RU** hosted by the new the North Wales Association for Multi Cultural Integration Centre, between 2pm and 5pm, featuring Yasus Afari. Presentations will be made by the North Wales Association for Multi Cultural Integration (NWAMI), the North Wales "Black History is our Shared History" Network, BAWSO (Black Association of Women Step Out), Learning Links International and the North Wales Jamaica Society. Phone 07999736292 for more details. **Great opportunity to network and plan – thanks to NWAMI for organising this**

**Mon 3rd Oct: WIDENING HORIZONS:** start of **Jamaica Days and Black History Workshops in Schools in Ynys Mon and Gwynedd with Jamaican Dub Poet YASUS AFARI.** Contact Learning Links International on 07711 569 489 for more details or to make a booking.

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> October: Special "POETICA" at the Blue Skies** – phone Martin Dawes on 07891265842 for more details – supported by PONTIO.

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Oct: Moelyci Environmental Centre – Poetry Celebration:** phone Martin Dawes on 07891265842 for more details supported by PONTIO.

**Sunday 16th October : 2011 North Wales Black History Month Family Eisteddfod** (Free Event) **between 3.00pm – 6.00pm** at **THE ANGLESEY ARMS HOTEL, Mona Road, Menai Bridge, Anglesey LL59 5EA** *The Hotel is immediately on your left when coming over the Menai Suspension Bridge*

There will be Local and International Guests, including **Yasus Afari and Joan Andrea Hutchinson**, sharing Poetry, Dance, Music and Presentations, with local children's performances to especially celebrate Welsh and Jamaican languages. Come along and join in the fun! contact 07711 569 489 for more details

**The North Wales Jamaica Society** has arranged **"Tracing Welsh Connections with Jamaica"** which is a presentation on North Wales and Jamaica's shared history by **Marian Gwyn**

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct:** 8.00pm – 1.00am **YASUS AFARI and Freedom Sound System** – POWIS HALL Bangor University - contact 07711 569 489 for more details

**"North Wales Capoeira Festival (NWCF)"** check [www.capoeiramocambo.co.uk](http://www.capoeiramocambo.co.uk)  
- for more details and prices phone: Colin on 07773798199, email: [info@capoeiramocambo.co.uk](mailto:info@capoeiramocambo.co.uk)

**Thurs 20th Oct: "North Wales Capoeira Festival (NWCF)"** check [www.capoeiramocambo.co.uk](http://www.capoeiramocambo.co.uk)

7.30pm – 9.30pm Master class for Capoeira practitioners - Llandudno

**Fri 21st Oct:** 6.00pm – 7.00pm Open Samba Class @ The JP Hall, Bangor

7.00pm – 8.30pm Master Class with with Mestre Sombra culminating in a "Roda" –an improvisation showcasing Capoeira as a complete art form @ The JP Hall, Bangor

**Sat 22nd Oct:** 11.00 – 1.00pm two x one hour master classes led by Mestre China and Mestre Ediandro, both graduates of the Senzala Academy, Brazil @ The JP Hall, Bangor

1.30-3pm Children's Capoeira Workshop attendees of this workshop during the afternoon, will have free entry to the evening event

5.00pm – 7.30pm **"Batizado Roda"** Music and Dance Performances with Live Samba and Axe choreographies @ The JP Hall, Bangor University

**Sun 23rd Oct:** Conwy Feast Festival with Open Capoeira "Roda" from 2.00pm – 3.00pm

For more details & prices for the NWCF phone: 07773798199 email: [info@capoeiramocambo.co.uk](mailto:info@capoeiramocambo.co.uk)

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> / Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Conwy Food Fest – information and presentations from NWAMI

**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Oct: FREE COACH to finale of BHM at the Millennium Centre Cardiff – featuring YASUS AFARI's POMEDY SHOW.** Book from Bangor, Colwyn Bay and Wrexham. To book contact John Wyer on 07427522001

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup> November: BHM NW Final Event – "An Evening with Yasus Afari"** at 7.30pm at the Ramada Hotel, Ellis Way, Wrexham LL13 7YH

*Apologies that we have not got the Welsh translation of this flier yet.*