

Black History Month



Edward Enninful

Born in Ghana and raised in Ladbroke Grove, London, Edward Enninful OBE was heavily influenced by fashion throughout his teenage years. After a brief stint in modelling at age 16, he moved into fashion and quickly became known for his trademark edgy elegance. Barely 18 years old, Edward scooped the role of i-D magazine fashion director – a pivotal moment in his career. He now holds the position of Editor-in-Chief at British Vogue and is an inspirational figure to many in the fashion and advertising world.

Janine Dyer

A London girl now living in Barnsley, South Yorkshire. Janine – who has been singing since the age of 5 years old – is a local hero. Known for her strong, big soulful, vocal abilities, she is the founder of Sheffield Community Choir, which is known as the “Singspirations”. Janine is married to Ex-Professional Football Player Bruce Dyer, and they have three sons – Josiah, Nathaneal, Zachary - and a daughter, Amira-Grace. Together they lead a Barnsley-based Church called Love Life which impacts the lives of many through prison ministry, gospel music and more.

Dawn Butler

Born in Forest Gate, London, Dawn Petula Butler is a British Labour Party politician who was elected as a Member of Parliament in 2005. Her desire to enter politics came from a deep-rooted commitment to address inequality and strong values imparted from her parents. She served as Shadow Secretary of State for Women and Equalities from 2017 to 2020. Dawn has always been a passionate campaigner for young people and she is an Honorary Vice President of the British Youth Council.

Ben Lindsay

Ben is the founder of Power The Fight, a new charity which launched in Jan 2019 to train and empower communities to end youth violence. A trainer and facilitator with more than 19 years of experience, he has successfully developed programmes around knife crime prevention. His first book *We Need To Talk About Race – Understanding the Black Experience in White Majority Churches*, is a number 1 bestseller. He currently sits on the Mayor of London Sadiq Kahn’s Violence Reduction Unit reference group and on the cross-party Youth Violence Commission.

Noel Clarke

Growing up in Ladbroke Grove, Notting Hill, Noel realised in childhood that he only had one dream – to be an actor. Noel studied Media at the University of North London before taking acting classes at London’s Actors Centre. He appeared in over 50 films and tv shows and is renowned for his work as an actor, screen writer, producer and director. He won the Laurence Olivier Award for “Most Promising Newcomer” in 2003 and was awarded a BAFTA Orange Rising Star Award in 2009.

Sadio Mané

Sadio Mané is a Senegalese professional footballer player for Liverpool FC who began his career at the Académie Génération Foot. Known for his philanthropic gestures and generous heart, he dedicates much of his wages to charity, stating he doesn’t need luxuries to be happy. He solely funded a hospital and a school back in Senegal in order to give people in the country hope of a better life. He also gives 70 euros per month to all people in a very poor region of Senegal, contributing to their family economy. An incredible footballer and man!

Dame Kelly Holmes

A retired British middle-distance athlete, Dame Kelly has won many honours at European and world level. In 2004, she won double gold in the Athens Olympics in the 800 m and 1500 m, and in 2005 she was appointed Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE). She retired from athletics in 2005 and has since been made an honorary Colonel with the Royal Armoured Corps Training Centre. She has become a global motivational speaker, publishing five books: her latest being *Running Life*. In 2008, she founded the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust to support young athletes and help young people facing disadvantage across the UK.