

Her Story, Our History

Women Who Changed the World

Black History Wales 365



Katherine Johnson

Katherine Johnson (1918–2020) was one of a group of black women mathematicians at NASA & its predecessor were celebrated in the 2016 film *Hidden Figures*. NASA mathematician, contributor to the first triumphs in human spaceflight and champion of STEM education.

Dame Linda Dobbs

Following a successful career at the Bar, Dame Linda Dobbs DBE (b1951–) became Britain's first black High Court judge in 2004. She was the senior liaison judge for diversity & Chair of the International and Magisterial Committees of the Judicial College.



Althea Gibson

Althea Gibson (1927–2003) was an African American tennis player. In the 40s & 50s most tournaments were closed to African Americans. She persisted & in 1951 became the 1st African American to play Wimbledon. She won Wimbledon in 1957 & the US Open in 1958.



Mae Jemison



Mae Jemison(1956–) doctor, engineer, NASA astronaut & scientist. In 1992 she became the first black woman astronaut, on the space shuttle Endeavour, as a science mission specialist. The following year she made a cameo appearance in *Star Trek: The Next Generation*.

Madam C.J. Walker

Madam C. J. Walker (1867–1919) was “the first Black woman millionaire in America” & made her fortune thanks to her homemade line of hair care products for Black women. Born to parents who had been enslaved, she was inspired to create the “Walker system” of hair care.



Ei Stori, Ein Hanes Ni

Menywod a Newidiodd y Byd

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Katherine Johnson

Dathlwyd Katherine Johnson (1918-2020) a grŵp o fathemategwyr benywaidd du yn NASA a'i ragflaenydd yn y ffilm Hidden Figures yn 2016. Roedd hi'n fathemategydd, yn gyfrannwr i'r llwyddiannau cyntaf mewn hedfan gofod dynol ac yn hyrwyddwr addysg STEM.

Dame Linda Dobbs

Ar ôl gyrra lwyddiannus yn y Bar, daeth Dame Linda Dobbs DBE (g.1951-) yn farnwr Llys Uchel du cyntaf Prydain yn 2004. Hi oedd y farnwraig cyswllt uwch ar gyfer amrywiaeth a Chadeirydd y Pwyllgorau Rhyngwladol ac Ynadol y Coleg Barnwrol.



Althea Gibson

Chwaraewraig denis Africanaidd-Americanaidd oedd Althea Gibson (1927-2003). Yn y 40au a'r 50au ni chaniatawyd i Americanwyr Africanaidd gymryd rhan yn y rhan fwyaf o gystadlaethau. Mynnodd hi gael chwarae ac enillodd Wimbledon yn 1957 a'r US Open yn 1958.



Mae Jemison

Mae Jemison (1956-), meddyg, peiriannydd, gofodwraig NASA a gwyydonydd. Ym 1992 hi oedd yr astronawt benywaidd du cyntaf ar Endeavour, fel arbenigwraig taith wyddonol. Y flwyddyn ganlynol, ymddangosodd yn Star Trek: The Next Generation.



Madam C.J. Walker

Madam C. J. Walker (1867-1919) oedd y 'miliwnydd benywaidd Du cyntaf yn America' ac enillodd ei ffortiwn trwy werthu cyhrychion gwalt catref i fenywod Du. Wedi'i geni i rieni a oedd wedi'u caethiwo, cafodd ei hysbrydoli i greu'r system gofal gwalt "Walker".



Community, Civil Rights & Social Justice

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Betty Campbell
(1934-2017)

Wales' first Black headteacher; pioneer of multicultural education.



Sir Learie Constantine

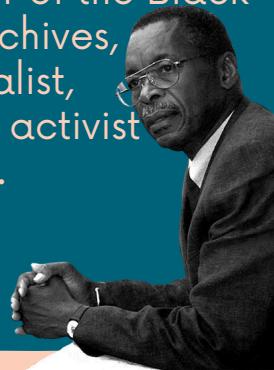
(1901-1971)

Cricketer, England's first black peer, and racial equality advocate.



Len Garrison
(1943-2003)

Co-founder of the Black Cultural Archives, educationalist, community activist & historian.



Bishop Wilfred Wood
(1936-)

First Black bishop in the Church of England; race equality advocate.



Sislin Fay Allen
(1938-2021)

UK's first Black policewoman and receiver of a lifetime achievement award.



Donna Fraser OBE

(1972-)

British Olympian & role model; Equality, Diversity Engagement Lead at UK Athletics.



Dame Jocelyn Barrow

(1926-2020)

British educator, community activist & politician.



Hilary Brown
(1959-)

Activist, lawyer, and community leader in Wales.



Cymuned, Hawliau Sifil a Chyflawnder Cymdeithasol

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Betty Campbell
(1934-2017)

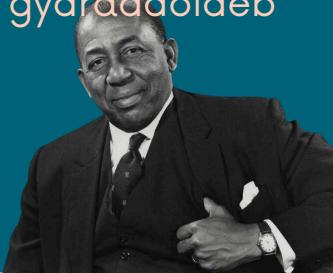
Pennaeth Du cyntaf
Cymru; arloeswr
addysg
amladdiwylliannol.



Sir Learie Constantine

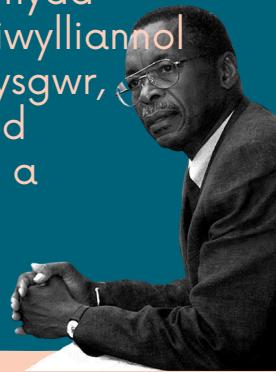
(1901-1971)

Cricedwr, arglywydd du
cyntaf Lloegr, ac
eiriolwr gydraddoldeb
hiliol.



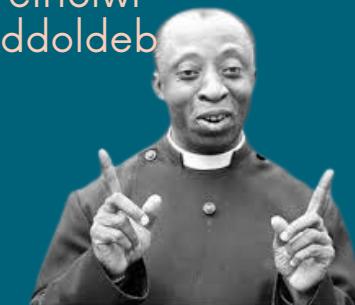
Len Garrison
(1943-2003)

Cyd-sylfaenydd
Archifau Diwylliannol
Duon, addysgwr,
ymgyrchydd
cymunedol a
hanesydd.



Bishop Wilfred Wood
(1936-)

Esgob Du cyntaf Eglwys
Loegr; eiriolwr
gydraddoldeb
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Sislin Fay Allen
(1938-2021)

Heddwas Ddu gyntaf y
DU a derbynnydd
gwobr lifetime
achievement.



Donna Fraser OBE

(1972-)

Olympiad Prydeinig a
model rôl; Arweinydd
Cydraddoldeb,
Amrywiaeth ac
Ymgysylltu yn
UK Athletics.



Dame Jocelyn Barrow

(1926-2020)

Addysgwr, actifydd
cymunedol a
gwleidydd
Prydeinig.



Hilary Brown
(1959-)

Actifydd, cyfreithiwr, ac
arweinydd cymunedol
ynghyd â'r Gymru.

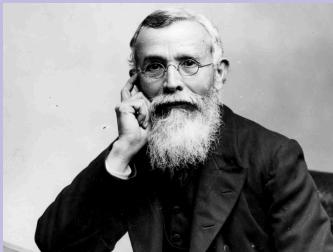


Breaking Barriers, Making History

Trailblazers & Pioneers

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Dadabhai
Naoroji



Dadabhai Naoroji (1825-1917) was the first Indian to be elected to Parliament in the UK. In 1888 Prime Minister Lord Salisbury remarked that an English constituency was not ready to elect a 'Blackman'. But in 1892, Naoroji was successfully elected to Central Finsbury.

Betty
Campbell



In the 1970s Betty Campbell (1934-2017) became Wales' first black head teacher. Under her leadership Mount Stuart Primary School became a template for multicultural education. She was awarded an MBE in 2003 for services to education and community life.

Trevor
McDonald



In 1973 Trevor McDonald joined ITN and later became the 1st black British newsreader on national TV. In 1981 Moira Stuart became the first black female news presenter on national British television.

Rose Hudson-
Wilkins



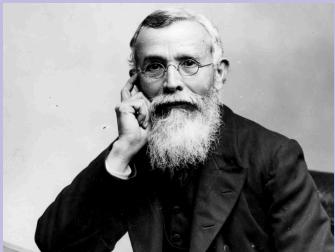
Rose Hudson-Wilkins CD MBE KHC is a British Anglican prelate, & Suffragan Bishop of Dover in the diocese of Canterbury since 2019. She is the first black woman to become a C of E bishop. She was previously Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons.

Torri Rhwystrau, Gwneud Hanes

Arloeswyr

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Betty Campbell



Betty Campbell MBE (1934-2017) oedd prifathrawes ddu gyntaf Cymru yn y 70au. O dan ei harweinyddiaeth, daeth Ysgol Gynradd Mount Stuart yn batrwm ar gyfer addysg amlddiwylliannol. Dyfarnwyd MBE iddi yn 2003 am wasanaethau i addysg a bywyd cymunedol.

Trevor McDonald



Yn 1973 ymunodd Trevor McDonald ag ITN ac yn ddiweddarach fe oedd y darllenydd newyddion du cyntaf Prydain ar deledu cenedlaethol. Yn 1981 daeth Moira Stuart yn gyflwynydd newyddion benywaidd du cyntaf ar deledu cenedlaethol Prydeinig.

Rose Hudson-Wilkins



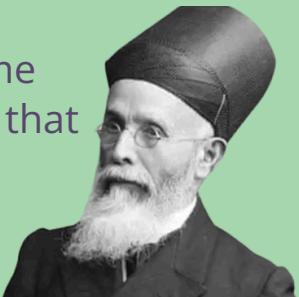
Esgob Anglicanaidd Prydeinig yw Rose Hudson-Wilkins CD MBE KHC (1961-). Hi hefyd yw Esgob Swffraganaidd Dover yn esgobaeth Caergaint ers 2019, a hi oedd y fenyw ddu gyntaf i ddod yn esgob Eglwys Loegr. Bu hefyd yn Gaplan i Lefarydd Tŷ'r Cyffredin.

Voices of Change, Leaders of Tomorrow

Leadership & Politics

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Sir Bill Morris

Baron (Bill) Morris of Handsworth (1938-) is a former British trade union leader, General Secretary of the Transport & General Workers' Union 1992 to 2003, and the first black leader of a major British trade union. Morris sat in the House of Lords from 2006 to 2020.



John Richard Archer

John Richard Archer (1863-1932) was elected as London's first black mayor, in Battersea in 1913. It also made him the first black person to hold a senior public position in the country's capital.

Paul Boateng

In 2002 Paul Boateng was appointed chief secretary to the Treasury, becoming the first black cabinet minister. The following year Baroness Amos became the first black female cabinet minister



Wangari Maathai

Wangari Maathai (1940-2011) became the first African woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004, for her contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace. She was also the first female scholar from East & Central Africa to earn a doctorate.



Lleisiau Newid, Arweinwyr Yfory

Arweinyddiaeth a Gwleidyddiaeth

John Richard Archer

John Richard Archer (1863-1932) oedd maer du cyntaf Llundain, yn Battersea yn 1913. Fe hefyd oedd y person du cyntaf i ddal swydd gyhoeddus uwch ym mhrifddinas Prydain.



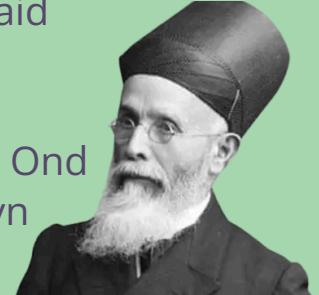
Sir Bill Morris

Mae'r Barwn (Bill) Morris o Handsworth (1938-) yn gyn-arweinydd undeb llafur, bu'n Ysgrifennydd Cyffredinol Undeb y Gweithwyr Cyffredinol a Thrafnidiaeth rhwng 1992 a 2003, a fe oedd arweinydd du cyntaf undeb llafur mawr Prydeinig. Bu'n aelod o Dŷ'r Arglwyddi rhwng 2006 a 2020.



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Paul Boateng

Yn 2002 penodwyd Paul Boateng yn brif-ysgrifennydd i'r Trysorlys, gan ddod yn weinidog cabinet du cyntaf. Y flwyddyn ganlynol daeth y Farwnes Amos yn weinidog du benywaidd cabinet cyntaf.



Wangari Maathai

Wangari Maathai (1940-2011) oedd y fenyw Africanaidd gyntaf i dderbyn Gwobr Heddwch Nobel yn 2004, am ei chyfraniad at ddatblygiad cynaliadwy, democratiaeth a heddwch. Hi hefyd oedd yr ysgolhaig benywaidd cyntaf o Ddwyrain a Chanolbarth Affrica i ennill doethuriaeth.



Voices, Vision & Creativity

Arts & Culture

Florence Price (1887-1953)

Pioneering Black composer, the 1st black female composer to have her work performed by a major orchestra.



Evelyn Dove (1902-1987)

Singer & cabaret performer. She was the 1st woman of African heritage to be broadcast singing on BBC Radio

Julie Felix MBE (1958-)

Britain's first Black professional ballet dancer, having performed for US presidents, Royalty, Birmingham Royal Ballet & the closing ceremony of the Los Angeles Olympics

Phillis Wheatley Peters (1753-1784)

The 1st African American author of a published book of poetry. She is widely recognised as one of the 100 Greatest African Americans of all time

Mary Prince (1788-1833)

Prince's History was the first account of the life of a black woman to be published in the UK. It was hugely important in the campaign to abolish the slave system.

Lleisiau, Gweledigaeth a Chreadigrwydd

Celfyddydau a Diwylliant

Florence Price (1887-1953)

Cyfansoddwraig Ddu arloesol, y gyfansoddwraig ddu gyntaf i gael ei gwaith wedi'i perfformio gan gerddorfa fawr.



Evelyn Dove (1902-1987)

Cantores a perfformwraig cabaret. Hi oedd y fenyw gyntaf o dras Africanaidd i gael ei darlledu'n canu ar Radio'r BBC.

Julie Felix MBE (1958-)

Dawnsiwr bale proffesiynol Du cyntaf Prydain, wedi'i perfformio i arlywyddion yr Unol Daleithiau, y Teulu Brenhinol, Bale Brenhinol Birmingham a seremoni gloi Gemau Olympaidd Los Angeles

Phillis Wheatley Peters (1753-1784)

Yr awdur Africanaidd-Americanaid cyntaf i gyhoeddi llyfr barddoniaeth. Mae hi'n cael ei chyd nabod yn eang fel un o'r 100 o Africanaidd-Americanwyr Mwyaf erioed.

Mary Prince (1788-1833)

Hanes Prince oedd y stori gyntaf am fywyd menyw ddu i gael ei chyhoeddi yn y DU. Roedd yn hynod bwysig yn yr ymgyrch i ddiddymu'r system gaethweision.

Black Brilliance: Shaping Science & Technology

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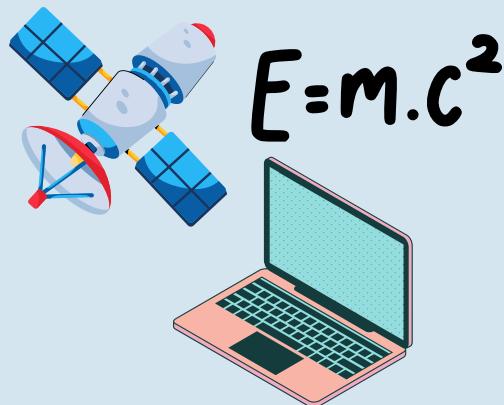
Katherine Johnson – NASA mathematician whose work enabled human spaceflight; celebrated in Hidden Figures



Ibn al-Haytham – first scientific theory of vision, laying foundations for optics & modern science



Gladys Mae West – known for her work contributing to the development of GPS that now runs our SatNavs



Abbas Ibn Firnas – first recorded attempt at human flight, a millennium before motorised aeroplanes were invented



Marian Croak – developer of Voice over IP, the technology that we use to communicate over the Internet



Otis Boykin – African American inventor & electrical engineer whos invention made implantable pacemakers possible



Disgleirdeb Du: Llunio Gwyddoniaeth a Thechnoleg

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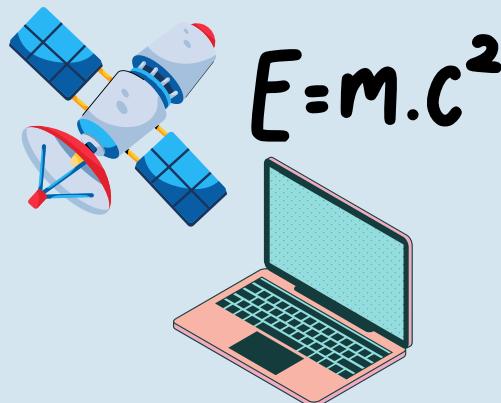
Katherine Johnson – mathemategydd NASA; cafodd ei gwaith a alluogodd deithiau gofod dynol ei ddathlu yn Hidden Figures



Ibn al-Haytham – y ddamcaniaeth wyddonol gyntaf am weledigaeth, gan osod y sylfeini ar gyfer opteg a gwyddoniaeth fodern



Gladys Mae West – yn adnabyddus am ei gwaith yn cyfrannu at ddatblygiad GPS sydd nawr yn rhedeg ein SatNavs



Abbas Ibn Firnas – yr ymgais i hedfan gyntaf a gofnodwyd gan ddyn, mileniwm cyn dyfeisiwyd awyrennau modur



Marian Croak – datblygwr Llais dros IP, y dechnoleg rydyn ni'n ei defnyddio i gyfathrebu dros y Rhyngrywd



Otis Boykin – dyfeisiwr a pheiriannydd trydanol Africanaidd-Americanaidd; gwnaeth ei ddyfais gwneud rheolyddion calon mewnblanadwy yn bosibl



Proudly Pioneering in Wales

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Betty Campbell
(1934-2017)

First black headteacher
in Wales creating a
template for
multicultural education



Jessica Dunrod
(1989-)

Believed to be the first
black and Welsh
children's author



Patti Flynn
(1937-2020)

Jazz singer, author,
actor, model & social
activist, & a founder
of Black History Wales



Cynthia Ogbonna
(1961-)

First female Cardiff Bus
Managing Director in
the 110-year history of
the company



Derrick Hassan
(1947-2002)

First black officer in South
Wales Police; a leading
figure in the local Black
Police Association (BPA)



Arloesi'n Falch yng Nghymru

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Betty Campbell
(1934-2017)

Pennaeth du cyntaf
Cymru yn creu templed
ar gyfer addysg
amlddiwylliannol



Jessica Dunrod
(1989-)

Credir mai hi oedd yr
awdur plant du a
Chymreig cyntaf



Patti Flynn
(1937-2020)

Canwr jazz, awdur,
actor, model ac actifydd
cymdeithasol, ac un o
sylfaenwyr Hanes Pobl
Dduon Cymru



(1961-)

Rheolwr Gyfarwyddwr
Bysiau Caerdydd
benywaidd cyntaf yn
hanes 110 mlynedd y
cwmni



Derrick Hassan
(1947-2002)

Swyddog du cyntaf
Heddlu De Cymru; ffigur
blaenllaw yn y
Gymdeithas Heddlu Du
leol

