

The Gentrification of Peckham and other Black areas

Recent media articles have complained of London being 'sold off to foreigners' It is certainly true that parts of London have drastically changed in appearance in recent years but what impact has there been on the African-Caribbean community ?

Black History Walks have hosted a number of educational events on the Windrush generation, civil rights and housing in Brixton/Notting Hill but some of our venues no longer exist due to gentrification.

Senior Lecturer Charmaine Brown will give an illustrated talk on the regeneration of Peckham and its impact on the African-Caribbean community. Her talk will cover:

- What is gentrification ? Positives and negatives*
- Peckham's history: Rural farms, upper class ghetto, urban warzone*
- Black British Civil Rights in Southwark*
- Black Empowerment via Wealth Creation: 'Box hand' and 'Sou Sou'*
- How African-Caribbean people regenerated Peckham before "Regeneration"*
- Depopulation, Repopulation and racist shops*

There will also be a short presentation from BHW on international comparisons (Brooklyn, Brazil, South Africa) and the hidden Black history in London's streets

***Other exciting events:** Black History bus tour/river Cruise, The Black Image, Hackney walk, The Lorraine Hansberry story, Black British Civil Rights*

About the Speaker: Charmaine Brown BA, MSc, Cert Ed, RSA Adv Dip, Certificate in teaching Adult Literacy, CeLTT

Charmaine is a Senior Lecturer in Politics, Education and Cultural Studies at Greenwich University and trains teachers in the lifelong learning sector. She has advised various local authority community groups on the transition in the management of educational provisions following incorporation in 1992. Charmaine is a Skills for Life subject specialist and has taught English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) and literacy for a number of years. She holds Fellow status as a member of the Institute for Learning.

She also led a successful campaign against racism in shops in Peckham high street and is a trustee for a community centre in Peckham where she has lived for 20 years