



# NEWSLETTER

News from the Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Resource Centre  
and Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Education Trust

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## Documenting a Wonderful Life

With the help of a group of Combined Studies Students from the University of Manchester, we are currently documenting the life of Ann Adeyemi. Many people are still under the misconception that Black people only came to Manchester after the 1950s but Ann is living proof that this is not the case. Her grandma was White, Irish and came to Manchester at the start of the twentieth Century and her Liberian grandfather was Black. They married and had two children, one of whom sadly died, aged 11. Their other child, Mary, who was born in Salford in 1920, grew up in Manchester and married a Black merchant seaman, James, who was also originally from West Africa.

Ann was born in Cheetham Hill in 1951 and grew up in Middleton. She was a very academic child, acquiring school scholarships, and decided to study to become a teacher. Ann has since taught in several schools throughout the country, worked as an education advisor and inspector, a university lecturer and an anti-racist trainer, as well as working in youth theatre and as a stage manager.



We have carried out one to one oral histories with Ann as well as group interviews with the students. Ann has also kindly donated lots of photographs and other memorabilia, such as her father's passport, and the students have been busy creating digital copies. They will also be designing posters as part of their project, which we hope will go on display in local libraries.

The interviews and posters will be available to view in the Centre from April 2011.

We believe it is vital that the stories of Manchester's ethnic communities are recorded and stored for the future and this initiative highlights our dedication to this and we hope to expand this work in the future.

## New Late Opening For The Library

Our present opening hours of 9.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday has made it difficult for some of you to visit our library and to borrow and return resources.

We have, therefore, decided to pilot a later closing time to see if you find this useful. Between April and June 2011 we will remain open, every second Wednesday evening, until 6.30pm.

Please take this opportunity to come and see our unique resources and let us know if this change in opening times is helpful.

Dates of our late opening are:

**6th April, 4th May, 18th May, 1st June, 15th June.**



# Meet Anansi : The Star of Our New Publication



Anansi the spider-man is a trickster figure in West African and Caribbean folklore. Anansi stories originated among the Akan-Ashanti people of modern Ghana, and the tradition travelled to the Americas with enslaved Africans.

*Anansi Makes It Happen* is the latest of our folk-tale books for children, produced in projects developed by the Education Trust with Manchester schools.

This book project involved two schools: St Philip's in Hulme and St James' in Gorton.

The children retold and illustrated two Anansi stories: 'Why Spider Lives in Ceilings' and 'How Crab Got a Hard Back'.

*Anansi Makes It Happen* is available to order from the Education Trust, priced at £6.50.

## Students Associates Scheme

Emma Britain and Sam Kalubowila will be delivering six 'Ethnic and Cultural Diversity' workshops to over 250 students from the University of Manchester's Student's Associates Scheme during the Spring/ Summer Semester.

The scheme places undergraduate students from courses such as Chemistry, Maths and Physics in Manchester schools to give them the opportunity to garner hands on experience as classroom teachers. Students must apply and interview to join the scheme, and the successful applicants undergo intensive training on lesson planning, creating resources and teaching delivery.

Sam and Emma lead a compulsory session - 'Ethnic and Cultural Diversity' - to help students: gain a better understanding of the ethnic and cultural diversity of Britain and its classrooms; challenge ethnic and cultural stereotypes that can pervade school life; and get the students thinking about their responsibilities to promote equality as public sector employees.

The training also gives Sam and Emma an opportunity to promote the activities of the Centre and Trust, and the University, in combating educational inequality.

During the workshops, students work in groups and engage in practical activities including: completing an immigration timeline; producing cultural stereotypes lists; completing ethnic group population tables; and listing barriers to success for ethnic and racial groups in Britain. Discussion and reflection time is also interwoven throughout the training session.

The students of this year's scheme will all attend Sam and Emma's training before they go into school in June 2011.



# Manchester Chinese Archive Community Exhibition

The Manchester Chinese Archive was founded in 2000 to document the history and presence of the Chinese community in Manchester, dating from the Nineteenth Century. Led by the Manchester Chinese Centre working in partnership with the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) and Manchester Library and Information Service (MALS), the Manchester Chinese Centre's dream of an actual archive and exhibition has come to fruition since the project attracted funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The aim of the project was to help young people to understand the life and work, festivals and rituals of the Chinese community in Manchester's past and present: *Each individual's footprint has a different story to tell.*



Project Officer, Jane Speller and the director of the Centre, Jenny Wong, worked tirelessly utilising the fantastic efforts of volunteer workers. They collected over 55 oral histories, as well as wonderful documents, photographs and artefacts, from Manchester's vibrant Chinese community. They also digitised over 11,000 community photographs and documents. Their efforts culminated in an exhibition with an interesting and lively launch event at MOSI on the 11th February 2011, including music, lanterns and a Chinese lion dance.

The exhibition can be viewed at MOSI until January 2012 and includes costumes, photographs, memorabilia, a Rickshaw and 15 oral histories, which can be listened to. All the text in the exhibition is in English and Chinese. A new website and a publication are also under way. The archive will ultimately be housed by MALS.

This project is a great example of what can be achieved with partnership working, the contribution of volunteers, dedication of staff and the vision of individuals.

For more information about this project and the archive, contact Jane Speller or Jenny Wong at the Manchester Chinese Centre:

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## Flickr Project: An Update by Archivist Dave Govier

Greater Manchester County Record Office (with Manchester Archives) worked on a project to investigate community engagement through Web 2.0 software from October to February with the Manchester Digital Development Agency (MDDA), the Manchester Digital Laboratory (MadLab) and People's Voice Media (PVM). Over 2,000 low-resolution images of archives and photographs have been uploaded onto the image sharing website Flickr.

Via Twitter, we invited the public to view, comment and tag our images to increase interaction with our resources and to improve the collection's accessibility and description. So far we have had over 195,000 views, and we have been uploading new sets of photographs regularly. Events and feedback can be seen on the project blog.

Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/people/manchesterarchiveplus/>  
Blog: <http://manchesterarchiveplus.wordpress.com/>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/mcrarchives>  
Report: <http://db.tt/Cy05pdJ>



Image courtesy of Manchester Archives and Local Studies

# CILIP Spanning the Centuries

Day School on some of the region's finest collections

Are you interested in finding out more about the contents of some of Manchester's finest library collections? The North West Branch of the CILIP Local Studies Group is holding a day school on Wednesday 18th May 2011 with talks by key individuals and keepers of the special collections. These include Michael Powell, who will talk about Chetham's library and the Manchester Cathedral collections, John Hodgson, who will speak about John Rylands collection and Richard Bond about the City holdings. Attendees of the day will walk between several historic sites and will be given the opportunity to peruse some of these fine collections.

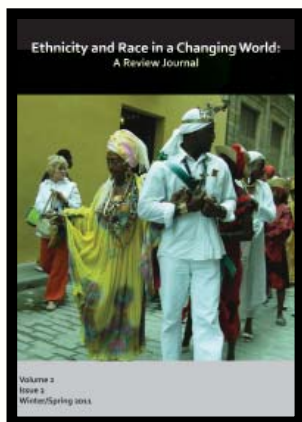
The day only costs £15 (lunch not included).

To reserve a place or to request a booking form, please call Julie Devonald on 0161 275 2920.



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## Ethnicity and Race in a Changing World: A Review Journal



Don't forget, the latest issue of our international journal: *Ethnicity and Race in a Changing World: a Review Journal*, published by Manchester University Press, is now available to view and download, free of charge at: <http://www.manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/journals>

The issue has two very interesting articles: *Consuming Slavery, Performing Cuba: Ethnography, Carnival and Black Public Culture* and *South Asian Mobilisations in Two Northern Cities: A Comparison of Manchester and Bradford Asian Youth Movements*. If you would like to be put on our journal mailing list to receive notifications about new issues, or would like more information about the journal, please email [racereviewjournal@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:racereviewjournal@manchester.ac.uk)

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