



# NEWSLETTER

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

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## NEW PUBLICATIONS FOR 2010

### Here Comes The Fair: Life with Travelling Showpeople

This teaching pack focus on the lives of Britain's Travelling Showmen using photographs and life stories from young Showmen. Their families have a winter base in Manchester but spend much of the season travelling to fairgrounds across the UK.



The pack challenges the stereotypical views often held about the people who run our fairgrounds.

There is a 20 page teacher book containing a history of the fair, discussion of education issues, and a guide to activities; 5 A2 full colour posters, featuring contemporary and historic images; and 20 work-cards teachers can photocopy for use in the classroom.

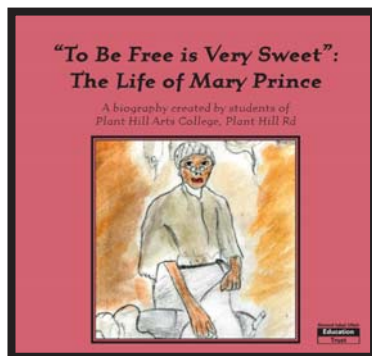
**Publication date: December 2009**

**Written by J Ould with the contributions from INATT team at Manchester City Council and the National Fairground Archive.**

**Price 20.00**



### “To Be Free Is Very Sweet”: The Life of Mary Prince



Mary Prince was born into slavery in the Caribbean in 1788. She tried to resist the worst abuses of her 'masters' and did what she could to regain her freedom. After a hard life of toil and cruelty in Bermuda, Turks Island and Antigua, Mary was brought to London in 1828. She ran away, made contact with the Anti-Slavery Society and told them her life-story. Her account of her experiences was written down, becoming the first life of a Black woman published in Britain and an important weapon in the campaign for the abolition of slavery in 1833.

Based on Mary's own testimony, this accessible and beautifully illustrated biography of Mary Prince has been created by secondary school students in Manchester so that other young people can read about the life of this significant abolitionist hero.

**Publication date: February 2010**

**Writings and illustrations by students of Plant Hill Arts College, Blackley.**

**Price £5.00**



## COMING SOON: Miss Peahen and Mister Jackal

This traditional Punjabi folk-tale relates the strange friendship of a proud peahen and a crafty jackal. Everyday they eat together and set about to grow more food in Miss Peahen's garden. Miss Peahen's plum-stones grow into trees bearing fruit, but Mister Jackal's planted bones fail to produce more goats. Eventually, Mister Jackal gets tired of Miss Peahen's teasing...

This story, part of our series of international folk-tales, has been written and illustrated by Year 3 children from Oswald Road Primary School in Chorlton.

Expected publication date: March 2010 Price £3.75

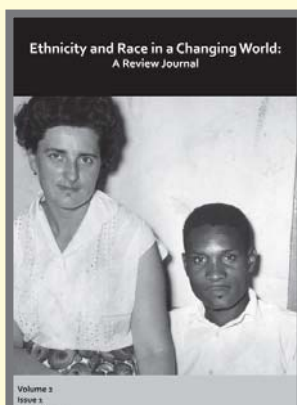


## Ethnicity and Race in Changing World: A Review Journal, Issue 3

The new issue of the Centre's Journal, Ethnicity and Race in a Changing World, is available to download for free from March 22th. You can download the issue as a pdf from the Manchester University Press Website, <http://www.manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/journals/index.asp>.

This issue features two fascinating essays. The first essay, by Evan Smith, is *Conflicting Narratives of Black Youth Rebellion in Modern Britain*. It considers the arguments for seeing the conflicts between black youth and the police in Britain in the 1970s and 1980s as either driven by class or by race. Our other essay, Lisa Mayer Knauer's *Consuming Slavery, Performing Cuba: Ethnography, the Carnavalesque and the Politics of Black Public Culture*, examines the treatment of blackness in Cuba's cultural industries. The essay highlights the way in which the racism of the slavery era is perpetuated through these industries in modern Cuba.

Readers can also access over 40 reviews of new publications.



## New Childrens' Acquisitions

We have some fantastic new childrens' books in the library including new Black Heroes biographies about:

- Hope Powell, leading light in English women's football.
- Lewis Hamilton, winning Formula 1 racing driver.
- Rudolph Walker, popular EastEnders actor.
- David Grant, singer and TV presenter
- Barack Obama, first Black President of the USA.

Four graphic biographies (comic strip format) of international icons Bob Marley, Nelson Mandela, Muhammad Ali, and Harriet Tubman.

We have also bought a range of books to expand our collection on refugee lives, for primary age children. These include the very beautiful story of 'The Silence Seeker' by Ben Morley and Carl Pearce; and three powerful true stories of the flight of Gervelie, Hamzat and Mohammed from their home countries of Congo, Chechnya and Iraq.

## Leadership Spirit

For the second year running, The Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Resource Centre is supporting Leadership Spirit, a collaborative project with pupils from The Derby High School in Bury. With staff from Bury Youth Service, Sam Kalubowila, Widening Participation Coordinator (BME) has devised a six month programme of workshops and classroom based activities designed to support pupils in the first year of their GCSE programme, to ensure they reach their full academic potential.



In addition to supporting the pupils' academic achievement, the project also aims to develop the pupils' leadership skills and qualities. The mission statement of the group, which is read at the start of each session, and was written by last year's cohort (2008/9), emphasises the key goals:

'Leadership Spirit works to support the development of young people to become active global citizens and positive local role models, committed to working for positive change and to build mutual understanding and respect.'

As well as fortnightly classroom-based sessions at either The Derby High School, or Bury Sports Club, the group has also visited residential activity centres in Yorkshire and Cumbria for team building activities, and are currently planning a trip to North Wales in April to conclude the 2009/10 project.

The project has had a noticeable impact on the pupils' who were selected in both cohorts. In the elections for School Council 2009/10, the positions of Head Boy, Deputy Head Boy, Head Girl, and Deputy Head Girl, were all filled with pupils from the Leadership Spirit cohort, with all of them mentioning their involvement and its benefit in their interviews.

Many of the previous year's cohort were on hand to support the current cohort and spoke at the initial meetings in September. Final evaluations of the project showed that 100% of participants felt that the project was worthwhile, and that they would definitely take part in it again given the opportunity, and had developed different skills including time management, public speaking, confidence, and working in groups.

## We're Ready to Start Loaning Again!

From April 1st, the Centre is ready to start loaning to the public again. All lenders will have to complete new membership forms and provide proofs of identification to be eligible to take any resources away from the library. If you are loaning on behalf of an organisation, you will also need to provide evidence that you work for, or volunteer for, that organisation and you will need to get your form countersigned by one of your colleagues. We have also adjusted the loan period lengths.

To find out more about the new loan system, or to download a copy of the membership form to complete before you arrive, visit the Centre's webpages: [www.manchester.ac.uk/racearchive](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/racearchive); or call the Centre on 0161 275 2920.

## Sound and Vision: Recording Our Histories

**Wednesday 12th May, 2010  
Education Suite, Pendle  
Hill Room, Clitheroe Castle,  
Clitheroe, Lancs.**

Organised by the North West Branch of the Local Studies Group, CILIP, this day will be an exploration of the relevance and importance of oral and film history, as collected in the region. Topics covered will include the history and development of the North West Sound Archive, the hidden benefits of oral history projects and how to access the moving image collection of the North West Film Archive. Also included is a tour behind the scenes at the Sound Archive. Speakers come from key organisations: Andrew Schofield (the North West Sound Archive), Steve Counce (University of Central Lancashire), Gill Brailey (Lancashire Museums Service) and Geoff Senior (North West Film Archive). Cost to be confirmed.

**For further information please contact Andrew Walmley at St Annes Library on 01253 643900.**

## Refugee Month: Refugee Awareness 'Roadshows'

The Centre and the Trust have secured a small grant from the University of Manchester, (Student Recruitment, Admissions and International Development Division, in the Aimhigher Greater Manchester cohort), to run a series of refugee awareness activities. These will take place throughout Refugee Month, June 2010, in a selection of Manchester secondary schools. Discussions with local organisations are presently underway, to ensure that refugees, themselves, participate in these 'roadshows'. The activities will include displays, assemblies and workshops and aim to be informative as well as challenging and entertaining. They will also involve a variety of disciplines, including art, creative writing, music and oral history. If you would like more information about these 'roadshows', please contact Sam Kalubowila (Widening Participation Coordinator (BME)) on 0161 275 2920.



### Contact Details

**The Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Resource Centre and Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Education Trust are open 9.30am - 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.**

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