

# AFRIKÀBA

Hastings Borough Council is pleased to be working with local cultural producer Artdev as well as artists, schools, Sussex Coast College and East Sussex County Council, to deliver our local Black History Month celebration. The council is committed to offering the community a vibrant selection of events and activities through programming that provides insight into the history and culture of the African, Caribbean and Diaspora communities. Hastings' cultural offer is evolving and this festival is a sign of our progress. The programme is exceptional in its content and includes; the play 'Jamaica 50' at the Stables Theatre on 7th October, an inspiring telling of Jamaica's journey to independence, the Shared Journeys exhibition at Hastings Library, the free launch event 730pm on Saturday October 6th at The Stade featuring She Adores is not to be missed and our celebration culminates at Azure on 21st October in a unique and exclusive cabaret that takes you into the magical, vibrant, colourful and mystical world of Africa! I hope to see you during the month and am sure you will find the events highly enjoyable. Thanks to everyone involved in bringing this together, your work is greatly appreciated.

**Kim Forward**  
Lead Member Housing & Community Services  
Hastings Borough Council



Welcome back! Here we are in October and ready to celebrate Black History Month by showcasing high quality work of artists and cultural practitioners with African and Caribbean heritage. To honour the momentous Olympic Games hosted in the UK, we dedicate this edition to journeys. The games were wonderful to watch, yet behind the celebrations were personal journeys of individuals whose lives changed the moment they discovered a passion and committed to stretching beyond comfort zones to become the best at what they do. In doing this, they create new opportunities and potential for others. Artists too, are passionate and compelled to express their creativity wherever that takes them and the artists here are no exception. I hope you enjoy the program and whilst you do, consider the following questions -

What is your passion?

Where are You in your journey?

**Gwyneth Wint**  
AfriKàBa Creative Director

## COMMUNITY BUSINESS LISTINGS

**Mumma Putts African Caribbean Restuarant**  
23 Kings Road, St Leonards TN37 6DU  
Tel: 07400 384443  
[www.mammaputts.afropartynight.co.uk](http://www.mammaputts.afropartynight.co.uk)

**Culture Barbers**  
Culture Barbers is a beautifully crafted unique unisex salon caring for African and European hair.  
37 Kings Road, St Leonards TN376DX  
Tel: 07949 242 293

**KC Mens Hair designer**  
Cuts and creates interesting patterns in both European and Afro hair.  
Tel: 07540 581 195

**Bits n Bits**  
Importer and retailer of exquisite oriental rattan, wood furniture, wicker baskets and novelty items. 50 Kings Rd, St Leonards TN37  
Tel: 01424 436237  
[www.akamaria.co.uk](http://www.akamaria.co.uk)

**Dende-Samba Reggae, Capoeira & Dende Football!**  
Learn vibrant samba reggae drumming, experience the amazing dance / martial art of Capoeira and bring a Brazilian twist to football training for ages 7-12 yrs. Football fun with a difference!  
Tel: 07970 245804  
[www.dende.co.uk](http://www.dende.co.uk)

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The Artisan Chocolate Workshop provides chocolate training courses and products to would be and existing chocolatiers Fully equipped mobile catering workshop. No mess or fuss in your kitchen.  
Tel: 07446 300 786  
[www.artisanchocolateworkshop.co.uk](http://www.artisanchocolateworkshop.co.uk)

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**Hastings Business Training**  
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## AFRIKÀBA EVENTS

**Friday 5 October 7.30pm**  
**Literary evening with Patience Agbabi & Rounke Coker**



Hard-hitting poetry and humorous prose. Anecdotes on Nigerian life and the interesting misunderstandings that occur when different cultures share the same space. Lyrical, vibrant and humorous.  
**£5**  
**Hastings Museum & Art Gallery**

**Saturday 6 October 7.30pm**  
**Festival Launch @ Stade Saturdays. She Adores**



The penultimate Stade Saturdays concert near Hastings seafront launches this years Black History Month festival with a captivating mix of soulful and uplifting anthems from smooth pop duo She Adores (formerly known as Soulcyde). Expect lush guitar skills and spectacular voice.

*Free*  
**Stade Open Space**

**Sunday 7 October 7.30pm**  
**Jamaica 50 + HKBFINN**



Humour, drama and live reggae music. Featuring Sylvester Williams of East Enders and the film Bullet Boy, Jamaica 50 tells the story of Jamaica's independence and it's official and unofficial national heroes including Bob Marley, Queen Nanny, Mary Seacole and others. Plus performance by HKBFINN, soulful intermixing of Jazz, West African Roots, Blues and Hip Hop. African Caribbean snacks on sale.  
*Tickets from Stables Theatre, Adults £12.50, Members, Under-18s & Groups £7.50*  
**Stables Theatre**

**Wednesday 10 October 11am - 12noon**  
**Chocolate Making Demonstration**

The raw ingredients for the best chocolate in the world come from Africa. Chocolatier Mustapha Baztout demonstrates the art of chocolate making.  
*Free*  
**The Bridge**

**Wednesday 10 October Noon - 5.30pm**  
**Taking Care of African Hair**

Drop-in Consultations with Culture Barbers. Discover how best to take care of African hair, an afternoon of free drop-in consultations on hair and skin care.  
*Free*  
**Culture Barbers**  
**Phone 07949242293**

**Friday 12 October 7.45pm**  
**Film screening 'Ghett'a Life' Cert 15**



An against the odds Jamaican action drama with an inspiring message. Produced by Lennox Lewis.  
**£6/£5**  
**Electric Palace Cinema**

**Saturday 13 October 11am - 1pm & 1.30pm - 3.30pm**  
**Mapping Yourself with Irene Mensah**  
Use unusual & fun drawing techniques to explore your family history and create art.

*Free*  
**Hastings Museum & Art Gallery**

**Saturday 13 October 11am - 1pm**  
**Nigerian Cooking with Mamma Putts**

Mamma Putt's is a warm, friendly, modern and stylish African Caribbean restaurant tucked away in the heart of St Leonards and regarded as the Jewel in St Leonards Crown. Come and watch as Mamma Putts demonstrates how to make Fish Pepper Soup and brings a taste of Nigeria to The Stade.  
*Donation*  
**Stade Hall**

**Saturday 13 October 2.15pm**  
**Dende Children's Capoeira**

Ages 6 to 11 yrs. If something makes you feel good, Afro Brazilians say it has 'dendê', an apt name for the team whose playful Afro-Brazilian Capoeira and rhythmically pulsating Samba Reggae classes have been creating 'dendê', right here in Hastings & St Leonards. This taster gives your child the chance to try the exciting and beautiful dance, martial art that is Capoeira, combining flowing movements, acrobatics and music.  
*Donation*  
**Stade Hall**

**Monday 15 October 10am - 10.30am**  
**Afro-Brazilian Stories for Children**  
Expect calabashes, rivers and talking shells!  
*Free*  
**The Bridge**

**Monday 15 October 12.30pm**  
**An African Princess in Hastings 1845**



Mamma Sila talks about Princess Elizabeth of Goma who lived in St Leonard's during the 1800s.  
*Free*  
**Sussex Coast College**

**Monday 15 October 6pm**  
**Keynote Speaker Professor Gus John. We're All British Now... Are we?**

Gus John is a world renowned speaker and extraordinary social commentator. His visit last year left us thoughtful and inspired. He returns with more insight, questions and answers.

*Free*  
**Hastings Town Hall**

**Mon 15 - Sat 20 October Shared Journeys Exhibition**  
Memories and stories of local residents and their journeys to East Sussex. The memories contributed will become part of Sussex archives for future generations.  
*Free*  
**Hastings Library**

**Monday 15 October Inspirational Black Figures Throughout History**

Sussex Coast College commissioned local emerging film-maker Jaaz Tate to create a series of talking head portraits, which will be screened during this week. Sussex Coast College students will be raising money to ship quality technical tools and equipment to the Government Technical Institute in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Look out for coffee mornings and other events.  
*Free*  
**Sussex Coast College**

**Thursday 18 October**  
**Dinner from 6pm, Film 7.45pm**  
**Dinner & Film @ Mamma Putts**  
**Mirror Boy cert 12**



Nollywood's most awarded film ever. Mirror Boy is a Nigerian fantasy adventure set in the Gambia. It tells of an enthralling journey and the spiritual rites of passage for a London-born 12 year old boy Tijan who is sent to the Gambia after his involvement in a fight in which a boy is hurt. Includes Q&A with actor Edward Kagutuzi (Tijan).  
*Dinner & film £15, Film only £6, SLFS members and under 18s £3.50*  
**Mamma Putts Restaurant,**  
**Phone Jerry on 07400 384443**

**Friday 19 October 7.30pm**  
**Nana Tsiboe & Friends**

Crossing continents and traditions, Hastings's very own Nana Tsiboe, with friends Rafael Berrio on percussion (Columbia), lafra on guitar (Nigeria), Mosi Condi on Kora (Nigeria).  
**£5**  
**Hastings Museum & Art Gallery**

**Saturday 20 October 10am**  
**Children's Film Screening**  
Check website for film information.  
*Child £2.50, Adult accompanying child £1*  
**Christchurch Parish Hall**

**Saturday 20 October 11am - 12noon**  
**Family Drumming Workshop**  
Come as a family and play big bass drums to create the rhythms of Samba-Reggae.  
*Donation*  
**Stade Hall**

**Saturday 20 October 3pm**  
**Pub Art School with Shirley Nette-Williams**



Unwind for a couple of hours in your favourite bar and have fun creating your very own work of art. Even your simplest doodle takes on a life of its own. See [www.pubartschool.com](http://www.pubartschool.com)  
**£5 (pay to artist)**  
**Franks Front Room**

Shirley will be facilitating a schools workshop at Hastings Museum on Wednesday 17 October. Her series of 4 portraits stitched on used teabags was recently exhibited as part of 'eMerge' at Strivers Gardens Gallery in Harlem, New York.



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**5–21 October 2012**  
**HASTINGS & ST LEONARDS**  
**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

The Festival of  
 African & Caribbean  
 Heritage, Arts, Culture  
 Innovation & Legacy

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**Tel: 01424 451111**

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**proud to support**  
**Black History Month**

AFRIKÀBA GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING:

This program and AfrikàBa is project managed by ARTDEV (Artistic, Creative & Professional Development), which specialises in working with artists of African and Caribbean Heritage. ARTDEV champions artistic excellence and encourages creative output by facilitating showcases, audience development and opportunities for professional development. For more information contact Gwyneth Wint on 07949 369842. The program and line-up can change at any time without notice, so check the website [www.afrikaba.co.uk](http://www.afrikaba.co.uk) or contact Hastings Information Centre 01424 451 111 for up to date information

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## AFRIKÀBA EVENTS - CONT.

**Saturday 20 October**  
**6.30pm - 8pm**  
**Tell me a Story with Sindi Gordon**

Make your story come alive in this fun, interactive storytelling event for adults. Everyone can do it once you know how and Sindi will show you. She is an extraordinary filmmaker, author and storyteller having worked extensively throughout Southern Africa - Angola, Mozambique, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Madagascar, South Africa and in the US with Native American Indians. Come for a drink, eat some food, join the fun and you will laugh like you've never laughed before.

*£6.50 (includes light snack), £3.50 concessions. Drinks and food also on sale.*  
**Mamma Putts Restaurant**  
**Contact Jerry on 07400 384443**

**Sunday 21 October**  
**3pm**  
**Festival Finale, Africa's Cowfoot!!!**

A unique and exclusive cabaret that takes you into the magical, vibrant, colourful and mystical world of Africa! Humour, laughs and entertainment guaranteed! Features Africa's Cowfoot creator Usifu Jalloh with Alim Kamara rapper/storyteller and Saidi Kanda genius Tanzanian Mbira player. Enjoy a delicious African Caribbean meal. Buy your ticket with or without food.

*Ticket only adults £10, child £5. With meal adults £15, child £8, family £36*  
**Azur**

## COLLEGE & SCHOOLS STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

**HASTINGS MUSEUM SCHOOLS WORKSHOPS**

**Tue 9 Oct**  
**Adinkra symbols**  
**With Nana Tsiboe**

**Wed 10 Oct**  
**Unusual & fun drawing techniques**  
**with Irene Mensah**

**Wed 17 Oct**  
**Collage and handmade print portraits**  
**with Shirley Nette-Williams**

**SUSSEX COAST COLLEGE**

**Mon 15 Oct**  
**An African Princess in Hastings 1845**  
**(also open to public)**

**Tues 16 Oct**  
**Nigerian Cooking**

**Wed 17 Oct**  
**Taking care of African Hair**

**HASTINGS ACADEMY**

**Tues 9 Oct**  
**4pm - 5.30pm**  
**Artists open doors on black history in schools.**

**Report on the 2011 Black History Month project in Hastings schools. Sample the activities.**

*Free*  
**Hastings Academy**  
**(open to the public)**

## COMMUNITY FRINGE EVENTS

**Thurs 4 Oct**  
**7.45pm**  
**Albino Witchcraft Murders**  
 St Leonards Film Society Screening.  
*£3.50*  
**Hastings Art Forum**

**Sun 7 Oct**  
**Hastings Youth Awards and Hastings Got Culture**  
 Awards and performances to reveal your talents. Fashion show, live music, buffet and drinks to share.  
*Free*  
**Sussex Hall, White Rock Theatre**

**Tue 9 Oct**  
**7.30pm**  
**Harry Belafonte's 'Island in the Sun'**  
 Film showing to support FACE (Friends of Africa and the Caribbean in England) and raise funds for the charity Sickle Cell Society. Everyone welcome.  
*Suggested donation £5*  
**Electric Palace cinema**

**Mon 1 Oct - Sun 7 Oct**  
**Original Dee Photography**  
 Dee Williamson moved from London to St Leonards in 2009. Her photography reflects the wide-eyed wonder of the hardened Londoner captivated by the simple beauty around her. An exhibition of Dee's photography is at Gill Gallery, 55 King's Road, St Leonards, Photographs will be on sale.  
*Free*  
**Gill Gallery**

## VENUES

**Azur** Marina Pavilion, St Leonards on Sea TN38 0BU  
 Tel: 0845 8121066

**Christ Church Parish Hall** London Rd, St Leonards TN37 6GL

**Culture Barbers** 37 Kings Road, St Leonards on Sea TN37 6DX  
 Tel: 07949 242293

**Electric Palace Cinema** 39a High Street, Hastings TN34 3ER  
 Tel: 01424 720393

**Frank's Front Room** 31-32 Station Road, Hastings  
 Tel: 01424 434300

**Gill Gallery** 55 Kings Road, St Leonards on Sea TN376DY

**Hastings Academy** Rye Road, Hastings TN35 5DN

**Hastings Museum & Art Gallery** Johns Place, Bohemia Road, Hastings TN34 1ET  
 Tel: 01424 451052

**Hastings Library** Brassey Institute, 13 Clarmont Hastings TN34 1HE  
 Tel: 0345 6080196

**Hastings Town Hall** (via Information Centre), Queens Square, Hastings TN34 1TL  
 Information Centre: 01424 451111

**Mamma Putts African Caribbean Restaurant**  
 23 Kings Road, St Leonards TN376DU  
 Tel: 07400 384443

**Stables Theatre** The Bourne, Hastings TN34 3BD  
 Tel: 01424 423221

**Stade Open Space** The Stade, Rock a Nore Road, Hastings TN34 3DW.

**Stade Hall** The Stade, Rock a Nore Road, Hastings TN34 3DW

**Sussex Coast College** Station Approach, Hastings, TN34  
 Tel: 01424 442222

**The Bridge Community Centre** 361 Priory Road, Hastings TN34 3NW  
 Tel: 01424 433611

**White Rock Theatre (Sussex Hall)** White Rock, Hastings TN34 1JX

All venues are wheelchair accessible apart from Electric Palace Cinema.  
 Hastings Town Hall and Electric Palace Cinema have hearing loops.

**TICKET INFORMATION**  
 Ticket outlet and Information: Hastings Information Centre  
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