

Celebrating
Claudia Jones



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01 Programme of events

Host for the Evening: Hesketh Benior

6.30–7.00 Arrival of Guests

7.00–7.05 Welcome & Introduction — Hazel Ellis
(Organiser)

7.05–8.20 Meal Served & Allouagana Singers —
Gospel

8.20–8.50 DONA Quadrille Dance Group

8.50–9.10 Allouagana Singers — Folk

9.10–9.40 Open Mic

9.40–9.45 Address — CJO Chair/Trustee

9.45–10.00 Allouagana Singers — Caribbean
Medley

10.00–10.15 DANCA

10.15 Music/Dance

11.00 Close

02 Celebrating Claudia Jones





Born on the 21st of February 1915 in Trinidad, Claudia Jones (Claude Vera Cumberbatch) was an activist, journalist and campaigner who stood firmly against racism, sexism and injustice. After moving to the USA to join her parents due to the collapse of their Islands cocoa trade, her mother sadly passed away when Claudia was just 13. At 17 Claudia contracted Tuberculosis a disease primarily infecting the lungs which would go on to negatively impact her health for the rest of her life.

Despite this, she built herself into one of the most significant political voices of her time. She was imprisoned four times and later deported for her political beliefs, arriving in London in December 1955. When filling in her passport she initially wrote 'Typist' for her profession, then crossed it out and wrote 'Journalist' instead. A small but telling moment that says a great deal about the woman she was.

Claudia founded the West Indian Gazette in 1958; one of Britains first Black newspapers and in 1959 organised our first Caribbean Carnival in London. This was broadcast by the BBC as a direct response to the Notting Hill race riots of 1958. This event that would eventually become what we now know to be the Notting Hill Carnival.

Federal Reformatory for Women
(Washington)

Address, Wash. Va.
(Location)

Received 1-25-55

From 1302 81st St New York

Crime Being coach & advocate overthrow of Govt

Sentence 1 yrs. was 1 days

Date of sentence 2-3-53

Sentence begins 2-3-53 & 1-11-55

Sentence expires 1-3-56

Good time sentence expires 2-23-55

Date of birth 2-21-15 Occupation Journalist

Residence 212 W. 1st Nationality British

Age 39 Complexion Dark Brown

Height 56 1/2 Eyes Blue Brown

Weight 157 1/2 Hair Black

Build Medium

Scars and marks Scar from operation for ovarian cyst. Gold teeth upper right and left.

CRIMINAL HISTORY 4805965

NAME	NUMBER	CITY OF INSTITUTION	DATE	CHARGE	DISPOSITION ON SENTENCE

Claudia Jones was an influential and popular public figure, an active journalist and public speaker, and close friend of many influential people. She met Martin Luther King when he was on his way to Oslo to collect his Nobel Peace Prize. She had also organized boycotts of South Africa for the freedom of political prisoners such as Nelson Mandela. Claudia remained ever vocal in her belief that peace could not be attained if women, especially poor women, were excluded from the conversation. She challenged the Communist Party to take a more serious interest in the cause of Black women. For Claudia, gender was a significant contributor to the oppression that Black people, and specifically Black women face.

Claudia Jones died on the 24th of December 1964 aged just 49. Her ashes were interred in a plot of land that is located just left of the grave of Karl Marx in Highgate Cemetery. We celebrate Claudia Jones because her legacy is not just history, it is a part of the foundation for our community. Claudia Jones was a valiant fighter against racism and imperialism who dedicated her life to the progress of socialism and the liberation of Black people.

credit: Julie-Ann McCausland

Birthday tributes for Ms Jones

FAMILY and friends from as far afield as America gathered at Highgate cemetery last month to commemorate the birthday of Claudia Jones, one of the leading figures in the black community in the 20th century.

Members of the Caribbean Parents and Teachers Connection Saturday school, which is run by the Claudia Jones Organisation in Hackney, laid a wreath at her grave, which lies next to that of Karl Marx. Camden Black Sisters also attended the ceremony.

The celebrated journalist and civil rights campaigner died in 1964 at the age of 49.



FOND TRIBUTE: Friends gather at Highgate cemetery to remember activist Claudia Jones.

03 CJO: through the years

The Voice
6/3/00



Claudia Jones Organisation, founded in 1982 has now spent over four decades proudly serving and empowering the African Caribbean community. The organisation has evolved from two main projects on health and education to delivering in excess of 100+ separate projects. Work on specific projects have ranged from a series of workshops to projects running for periods in excess of five years. Among them being:

- supplementary education provisions
- summer/easter/half term holiday projects
- family learning
- skills development
- employment and career development
- women's issues
- arts and cultural events
- preparing for retirement
- becoming a school governor
- cookery
- infant mortality
- parenting
- counselling
- welfare rights
- men's health
- cancer
- teenage pregnancy
- sexual health
- older people
- healthy eating
- stop and search
- fostering and adoption
- mental health
- social care
- volunteer training
- advocacy



- Training for Management Committee
- Training for Voluntary and Community Groups
- Fresh Start programme
- Dreams to Reality programmes
- Running your own Business
- Music Classes
- Confidence Building for young people
- Black Parents Mentoring
- Grow your own food
- Environmental awareness projects
- Domestic Violence / violence against Women and Girls
- Supporting individuals affected by the Windrush Scandal
- Supporting families affected by grooming and trafficking

Moreover, we continue to organise social and cultural events and trips out to places of interest, and support our elderly some of whom are lonely and isolated. We also offer support to families and individuals experiencing food poverty.

04 Mission & Vision

CJO have been innovative in a number of its approaches whilst working with women and families; thus inspiring and enabling individuals and families to build resilience and bring about lasting change in their lives.

We have been the vanguard with some of our work with the young people leaving care through Ackee Housing Project - our sister organisation.

Through CJO's numerous projects, our charity has educated supported, raised awareness, trained, advocated and raised the self esteem and confidence of many. We have created employment and reached out to our people in other regions of the world during times of crisis and disaster.

We are consistently being asked to contribute to various initiatives and share best practice. Throughout the years we have contributed to numerous consultation processes in our areas of expertise. These include wellbeing, education, children and young people, diversity, London Voluntary and Community Sector infrastructure, Black communities development, raising education standards for Caribbean children, women's issues, Domestic Violence and issues relating to Black History and Caribbean Culture. More recently, we have lent our support to various initiatives and worked in partnerships with others.

SUMMER EXTRAVANGANZA
In Aid of
CLAUDIA JONES ORGANISATION
And
ACKEE PROJECT
SUNDAY 24TH. JULY 1988
CLISSOLD PARK
STOKE NEWINGTON, LONDON N.16
FROM 12.00 P.M. TILL 8.00 P.M.
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COME AND MEET
The Mayor and Mayoress of Haringey
The Mayoress of Hackney and her escort, Winston Lewis.
Dianne Abbott MP.
Cllr. Ken Hanson.
Judith Jacob — star of *East Enders*.
Maggie Steel — star of *Shine on Harvey Moon*
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HEAR POPULAR ARTISTES AND BANDS
Marcia and Anthony Johnson
Pamela De Sands *Limbo Queen*.
Haringey Youth Steel Band
African Dancers and Drumers
Jenako Arts
As Rich As Kane *Reggae Band*
King Masco *Soca Singer*
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CHECK OUT THE CARNIVAL PROCESSION
Leave Downs Park at 12 noon
to Clissold Park with
Perpetual Beauty Carnival Band and sound.
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Clothes stall
Barbecue.
Plant stall.
Come and eat your Caribbean and African Sunday Lunch
YOU NAME IT, WE WILL HAVE IT!
For further information contact:
(01) 241-1646
Buses 106, 141, 171, 73, 236.

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Serving our community with care and skill...
LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION
presents...
CARIBBEAN CHRISTMAS
DIRECTOR: JOHANNAH SHEKHI
SATURDAY DEC 20TH @ 7.30 6-8 PALATINE ROAD, LONDON
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Claudia Jones Organisation
Newsletter
Winter, 1992 Price 60p

Claudia Jones Organisation
FACING CLOSURE

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members and friends to this, our last issue of the Claudia Jones Organisation newsletter for 1992. We have had a successful year in terms of achieving our goals in the community. We held a number of successful conferences, published a booklet on the chronic disease Lupus and organised many courses which were always well attended.

However, our 10th Anniversary celebration was spoilt due to the shocking disclosure that our funds are to be severely slashed by 50 per cent! This decision rests with the Councillors accepting the recommendations of the Council Officers. This is the second time that the Claudia Jones Organisation has been subject to funding cuts. The first cuts resulted in our team of staff having no choice but to accept a 20 per cent reduction in salary to ensure that the invaluable CJO work continues. We must salute these sisters because their commitment and dedication meant that CJO was able to keep and financially maintain the

the two workers whose posts were axed. It is sad that after the staff took such courageous action, they now face the dull prospect of unemployment.

Assuming the Councillors accept the recommendation, our staff would be drastically reduced from six, to effectively one fulltime staff member.

Any written support would be most appreciated. We have worked hard in the community for the last ten years. We will not give up the fight because we believe that it is imperative that there is a Women's group for Women from the African Community.

We know the pain suffered when we need an organisation to turn to because our child has been put into a mental institution, we know the support that our family needs when a crisis arises either through death, problems with the educational establishment or a health issue. So please visit the CJO office and let us know you care that we care and cater for you.

Funding Crisis! What You Can Do To Help

1. Write a letter of support to your local Ward Councillor. Please send us a copy.
2. Send a letter of support to the leader of the Hackney Council.
3. Sign a petition against Hackney's plans to eliminate the Community sector. Contact the Claudia Jones Organisation office, telephone (01) 241 1646.
4. You can volunteer to organise a fundraising event for us.
5. You can agree to a financial donation towards our work.

All cheques to be made payable to the Claudia Jones Organisation

We have represented the interests of individuals, families our community and the wider voluntary sector at different levels locally, pan London and internationally. We have supported and advised whilst in the process of establishing our own groups and continue to act as an unpaid consultant along the way.

05 Your Support

THANK YOU for all of your support. We hope that you will continue to support our efforts- in any which way you can- thus enabling us to better able to address some of the needs of the most vulnerable in our community.

We appeal especially to the CJO alumni; all the young people who attended CJO Education Projects in the past to engage with us and lend their support where possible. Visit our website to see how you can help.

The Trustees, Employees, Volunteers and Service Users, Value and very much appreciate your continued support.



THANKS

Special thanks for their contribution:

- Eugena Ellis
- Lloyd French
- Hesketh Benoit
- Yvette Thomas
- Sylvester and Claudia Phillips
- Hansel and Lilith Sutherland
- Abeke Phillips
- Ian Merchant
- Ann Norman
- David Lawrence
- Laura Lawrence
- Kai-Shaye Lawrence-Thomas
- Delma Palton
- Daniel Jones
- Stanley O'Neal
- Cornel Phillips
- Ms Beatrice
- Cicely Etienne
- Elsa Parris-Dormer
- Celia John
- Jacklin Miller
- Natasha Johnson
- Coral Humes - Ace Properties
- Aaron St Clair
- Glenda Kirwan

Thanks for coming and safe journey home.

Planner/Organiser: Hazel Ellis

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women's aid
until women & children are safe

Refuge

For women and children.
Against domestic violence.

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EQUALITY

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