

Thank you to all the young people and families that have supported Birchfield Youth offer in the last 3 years. We continue to build a platform and legacy of their activities and creations in our programme of building Thriving communities. We thank again all who have attended the various projects and opportunities that BBL have sought to offer to empower and develop this beautiful diverse community. If you would like to get involved in shaping your area and support BBL, then please do contact us for any further information.

We look forward to seeing you all again in 2021 and with a positive mindset that will continue this programme's growth for the area going forward and beyond.

## 1 LOVE - 1 HEART - 1 PEOPLE - 1 CITY



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# Big Local Birchfield

**FREE  
ENTRANCE**  
Families & Community

*Come to Celebrate  
Your Community*

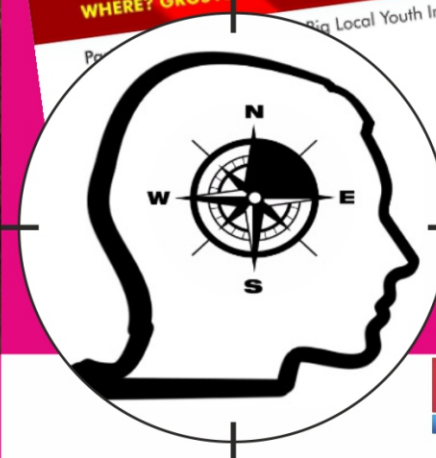


# My Endz 2020+1

Join our poetry and MUSIC programme  
People aged 10-13years

Want to know more?  
Contact: [iycatuk@gmail.com](mailto:iycatuk@gmail.com)  
or just come along!

WHERE? GROSVENOR RD STUDIO, 16 GROSVENOR RD, BIRCHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM, B4 7DQ



When the holiday arrives and you have nothing to do, The MY ENDZ youth club is perfect for you. Creative arts, music and dance, The amazing creations could put you in a trance. Going on trips and learning about our community, So much new knowledge and many opportunities. Thank you to Russel and the Big Local team, With your guidance we're now closer to our dreams. Meeting new people and making new friends Unlocking new potential with the crew at MY ENDZ!

MONDAY 2  
Poetry a  
TUESDAY 30  
WEDNESDAY 31  
THURSDAY 18  
Visit to  
& St F  
FRIDAY 2ND

All tickets and transport provided for trips out. However, we suggest a donation of £1 per day.

**Big Local**  
Birchfield

My Endz

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Big Local  
Youth Team



Welcome to ◀

Birchfield

# BIG LOCAL'S

# YOUTH

# CELEBRATIONAL

# BOOKLET



We have been delivering youth work for Birchfield Big Local for 3 years plus and have built up a strong group during that time. We use principles and values of youth work within our programmes and have various guest speakers, organisations etc. come and support the learning process with our youth groups. We have had the opportunity to meet some great parents, community groups and artists that have all supported us in building our activities.

We at Birchfield Big Local continue to grow and welcome new youth and local people to get involved with us, as we look forward to 2021. Our aims this year are to build our youth engagement, with local schools, and to develop our youth cabinet as part of Birchfield Youth programme. Much thanks again to all those who have participated and attend our events and activities. Love my neighbors.

Please do get in contact if you have an idea that would benefit the community approach we take at Birchfield Big Local.

I came to Birchfield Youth Club and had a good time. We joke around and go into the garden for relaxation and lunch. I enjoyed my time there.

We have talked about the area and its history. Met some people locally who speak positive about the area and community. Visited the area and went to other places that I would never of gone before like St Mary's church.

I like the mural in the secret garden, as I wasn't there when it was made, but like the picture on the wall.

This year has been difficult but it wont stop me from doing my best or wanting to see my friends.



Welcome to Birchfield Big Local's YOUTH celebrational booklet. This booklet gives a thanks and shout out to the many young people that have participated and the many other community services, families plus the wider communities of Birchfield that have contributed to the BBL vision over the last 3 years.

The booklet is a montage of pictures and young people's thoughts, feelings and reflections after participating with BBL for the last 3 years-during summer, winter and spring breaks. 2020 was a momentous year for all and has limited our ability to continue the journey with our cohort, yet this booklet is a celebration of their growth, development, and lifelong learning whilst with Birchfield Big Local's Youth team.

The pictures tell their own stories and give a glimpse of the work delivered and looked at Black History, community identity, locations, plus the history the group has built with the project, creating a legacy for their time and participation with Birchfield Big Local.

The projects have sought to empower, inform, motivate, and build the groups values in educational aspirations, community resilience, safety, plus genuine care for this generation's growth



during these challenging times. The group has participated in equalities workshops, group discussions, Black History-Liverpool tour, theatre play, music workshops, history walks, films showcases, play activities, arts-graffiti walks, anti-youth violence and away day activities around the city.

Thanks again to all who have supported with their time, energy and commitment to co-design and create this booklet, MY ENDZ 2020 Birchfield Big Local. Enjoy and Smile as we look back and to the future of this group who have made the programme.

Thanks to all the people and agencies for their input and support in delivering our curriculum with our youth group over the years- Andrew Simons BBL, Mehnaz Afzal BBL, Ifa Yoruba Arts, Flat Pack Films, Caribbean Legacy, Motivated Intelligence, Bloom Tuition, GRS, Sirius Solutions, Crick Lane Project, Golden Sparkle, Malika House, Father Bob, Marcia Reid, Arty Party, Birchfield In Bloom, Children of The Sun, Paul Snook-Martial Arts, Black HeARTs, Athac, Dee Manning, Cllr Zaffar, Cllr Hamilton, C.A.S.E, Richeaal Mcfarson, Graffiti Artist.com, Jadi Kush, Traxs, Elders group and the many others who continue to support us going forward into 2021 and all who passed away.

**Birchfield Youth Team**

- Russell Green** : Youth Worker
- Nyah Cole** : Vol Youth Support Worker
- Daniel Hamilton** : Vol Youth Support Worker

Join us in

# Uprising

15th September	22nd September	22nd September	29th September	<p><b>Venue:</b> Grosvenor Road Studios 16 Grosvenor Road Birmingham B20 3NP</p>
				

**MILLIE**

We must try our best in school and be kind to others who fall behind. I love to dance and sing about my friends and my family who love me.

**ALYSSIA**

I have attended BBL for years now and have enjoyed the away days and the making of new friends. I can say that I have enjoyed the different things we do and the places we have visited.

I like the pizza days and the films we watch-seeing my friends and hearing what happen at their schools.

The summer was the best, as we played in the park and meet others from the park. I had fun and my mom came so I was happy.



“GOODNESS  
AND  
KINDNESS  
IS OURS”



## POEMS AND THOUGHTS FROM THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH

Black history month is the time for celebrating our rich and vibrant past and creating a brighter future for the next generation. It is how we can express ourselves more freely and share our colourful culture with the world. We are all in this together.

### AYANNA

Stand Up  
Stand up, let's make a positive difference  
Stand Up!  
Let's fight resistance.  
As Black peoples we must stay proud,  
let's fight as a crowd for the best we can be.



### FELICIA

Black History Month is a month that I can appreciate my culture, values and educate myself about my history.  
Love

It's not only about educating myself but also educating the peoples around me.





## MORE

This generation transforms into the new  
 We have everything that we need in our roots and people.  
 Our music creates more than any and our ability to rise continues in this time.  
 Love not fear is our aim and our dream is sky high and attainable.  
 We stand and we speak to power the things we want not just like.  
 This root is never dry or stops from producing the next greats.  
 Education is our foundations and the key. Young we may be, yet we are here to listen and ascend the barriers of road life.  
 Goodness and Kindness is ours.



## BRENDA

Black History Month means that we are celebrating and reflecting our ancestors because of the things that they have done for all of us. Like Madame C.J Walker because she created hair products so we can take care of our hair-heads. And Rosa Parks because she allowed Black people to sit where we like on the bus of life.

## SHANIA

What does Black History mean?

It means when all the heroes and sheroes can read about it and history teaches us the story of our heroes and sheroes.

Terrika

## BLACK

B = Bold  
L = Loyal  
A = Artistic  
C = Courage  
K = King



PROUD



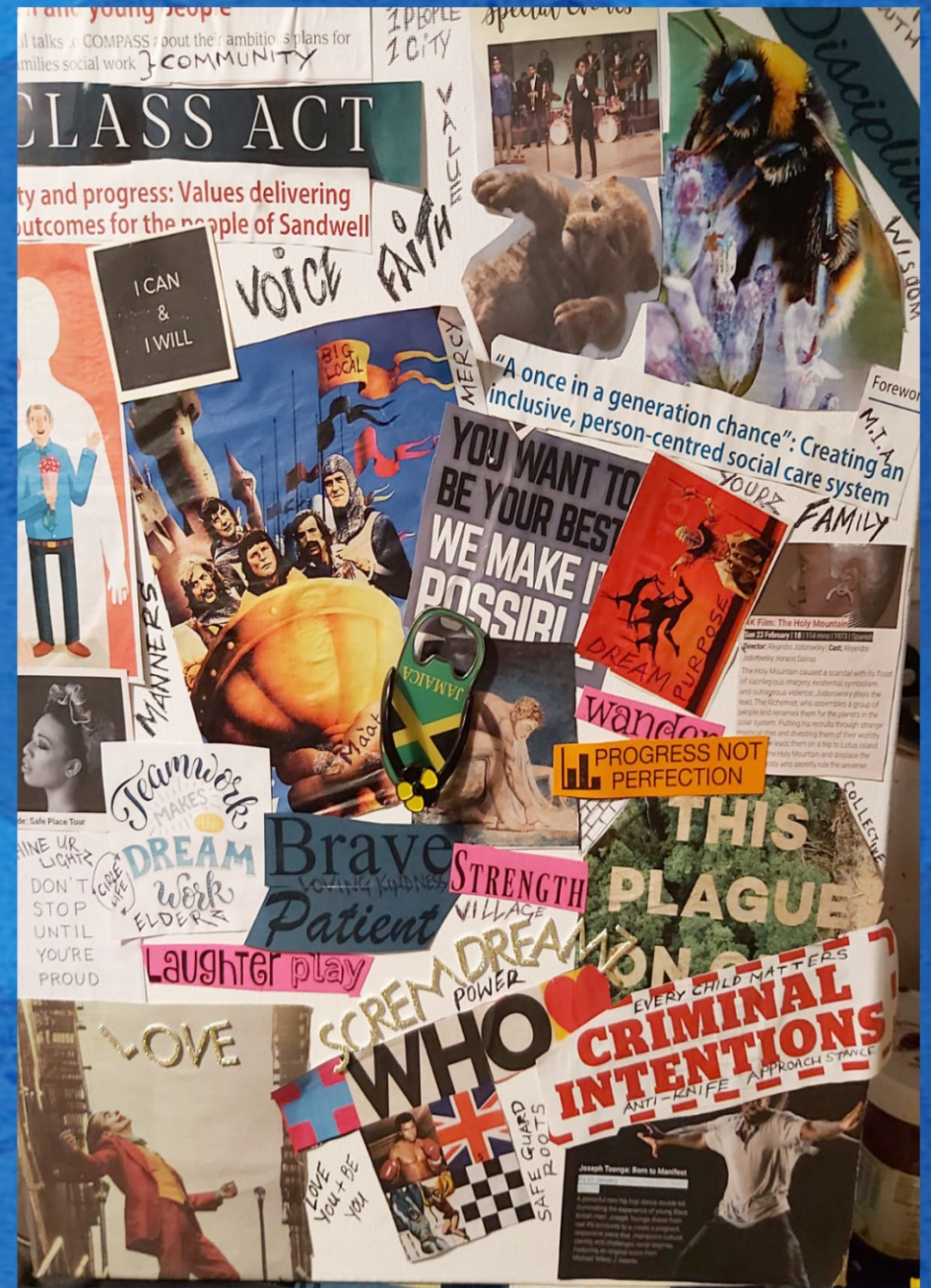
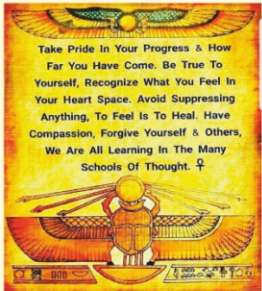


## RESIDENTS

### Black History Means

It's when we celebrate black people of greatness and what they have done for our society. Black people who made sacrifices for us today. Being a leader not a follower. Black people who fought for us all and stood up for humanity. The different things Black people created and others manipulated as if they created our creation. The variety of foods, music, fashions and styles. Protesting for our rights as a people, Our ancestors and generations become Us. They had courage in cane rows to map their way out of slavery or oppression. The different artists (e.g.) Masick, Vybz Kartel, Aalkaline, Marley, D-Black Europe, Pop smoke, 410, AM, Sticz, M24, James Brown all make me proud. Knowing your history, your parents up bringing. Knowledge of your roots, finding things out that aren't taught in mainstream education. The diverseness of colours and creeds. It should be all year round, not one month. The deeper you dig, the blacker it gets. The history of Africa is the history of my thoughts. People of African descent we can speak and dance and build up even if not originated in Africa. Be YOU. Be PROUD. Teach more history, our Black Britishness, we remember Malcom X, Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks. 1LOVE

Faris / Niamh



This is a time to celebrate our rights, To praise people,  
To learn our collective history.

Celebrate, praise, and look up to peoples.

## OLIVIA

Black history!  
Black History means to me-Love and Praise and Cherishing others. We more than a colour and more than a name. Black History. Different colours linked together to make Black History.



## TANIESA

Black History Means  
Heroes and Sheroes  
Ancestors/Leaders/Peoples who fought for all of us  
History  
Mummy/Daddy  
Music = Bob Marley  
Variety of Foods = Fried Hake  
Celebrations of joys and pains  
Dancing Art  
Protesting for rights and justice  
Family real Friends  
Hairstyles = cane rolls e.g slave routes  
Everything = Black History for life



# WHAT DOES BLACK HISTORY MEAN?

