

Children's rights and participation team

Understanding Black history

The children's rights and participation team provide opportunities for looked after children and care experienced young people to have fun, get together, seek professional and peer support.

The team work with Hillingdon's looked after children aged 6-18 and care experienced young people aged 18-25. The service organises events and activities, an annual celebration event and manages the Children in Care councils.

We identified that young people, especially those not in a school setting, were not aware of Black history month or Black history within the UK.

A lunch was arranged at the civic centre over the October half term with young people invited by their social workers/ personal advisors. The event was supported by Hillingdon refugee support group and Charville Lane Children's home, both of whom provided some catering for the event. The young people also provided foods that were representative of their traditional cooking.

In addition to food, there was music and young people were provided facts sheets on important figures in Black British history and a quiz.

15 young people attended the session and participated in the quiz, raising their awareness of the contribution of Black British people in society.