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## Wilkes Education Scholarship Trust (WEST)



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Applications are open for our scholarship grants for the 2023/24 academic year! Please contact us at [info@wilkestrust.org](mailto:info@wilkestrust.org) for an application form, or for further information go to [www.wilkestrust.org](http://www.wilkestrust.org).



### Diverse Cymru – Cultural Competence Certification Scheme

#### The Charity Awards 2023

Diverse Cymru was delighted to achieve “Highly Commended” status. We were one of three organisations shortlisted in the category of Education and Training at this prestigious event at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, London.

Launched in 2018, to address inequalities faced by Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic people in Wales, in all areas of public life, the Scheme offers organisations a workplace tool to develop cultural competence so that their services and employment practices are fair, inclusive, and equitable.



#### Taith Pathway 2 International Exchange Programme

In May 2023, we had the tremendous opportunity of taking part in the this programme through an exchange visit to Crete, Greece, hosted by the Greek-based organisation, Fractality. Taith is an international learning exchange programme established to create life-changing opportunities for people in Wales to learn, study and volunteer all over the world. Fractality is an organisation strongly committed to tackling deprivation and promoting inclusion. A key focus of the exchange visit was collaborating with participants to build on our Cultural Competence Certification Scheme and Toolkit. We also learned about Black History Wales 365 and developing a Black History Resource for Wales. We shared an inspirational, dynamic, life-affirming week with colleagues from, amongst others, Mind in Haringey, Cardiff and Vale College, University of South Wales and Tiger Bay and the World – Heritage and Cultural Exchange. This is an ongoing partnership and we are looking forward to sharing the outputs from the Exchange visit later in the year.

UKIED congratulates...

Diverse Cymru for achieving “Highly Commended” status for its Cultural Competence Certification Scheme at The Charity Awards 2023 on 7th June.

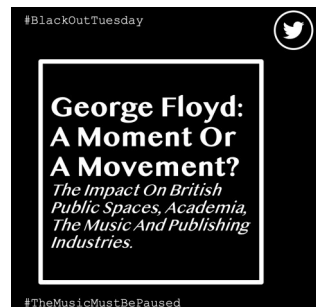


### The George Floyd +3 Survey

This survey, led by Dr Angelina Osborne on behalf of In The Moment Publications, aims to document the African/ethnicity/race-facing EDI interventions started as a consequence of the Afriphobic murder of George Floyd in May 2020.

Whilst the music industry responded on a global scale with the BlackOutTuesday and TheShowMustBePaused solidarity and empowerment initiatives, other sectors followed suit in addressing racial justice and systemic racism.

The survey aims to capture data covering projects, initiatives, reports and outcomes, including challenges, from UK councils, museums, universities, and the music and publishing industry. For more information: <https://Linktr.ee/InTheMomentPublications> or email: [ITMPubs@gmail.com](mailto:ITMPubs@gmail.com).



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## Jamaica Constitutional Reform: What the Diaspora is Saying

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023, Dr Doirean Wilson was invited as a panellist and representative of the voice of the UK Jamaican Diaspora, to participate in a live international debate on Jamaica's Constitutional Reform, and the Government's National Diaspora Policy, by Ambassador Curtis Ward.

<https://youtu.be/9iOJyafsljc>

This was alongside prominent figures and scholars representing Canada, Jamaica, and the USA. Doirean was also invited to write an article titled, *"Inclusion + Belongingness = Respect for UK Diaspora Jamaicans"*, which will be published in the 'Ward Post'.



## Disrupting African British History Sessions

The Commonwealth and Windrush Scandal and the Hostile Environment of the 2010s has its roots in the mid-to-late 1940s. Disrupting African British History Sessions provides a monthly Zoom or 1-2-1 forum for event organisers, presenters, teachers, students, parents, heritage or community organisations, or history fans interested in deep diving or fact-checking the 1945-1950 Windrush history.

For details of the October 2023 session: <https://bit.ly/DisruptingSessions2023>

