**Windrush Generations**

**Second Generation Interview Questions**

One of the goals of Windrush Generations is to create a space for newer generations of Caribbean’s to come together and share their experiences. We want to hear what it was like for you growing up Caribbean, and to help shed light on some of the issues that affect the Caribbean community at large. Many people have reached out to us and told us they wanted to contribute to Windrush Generations, but did not know where to begin.

The following questions are meant more as suggestions for talking points, and you should feel free to respond in any way you want to. You can write your response in a narrative, pick and choose questions to respond to, or focus on one theme and really delve into it. We also encourage you to add your own questions, to really make this response your own.

We know that the Caribbean community is incredibly diverse, and that not all participants will necessarily even self-identify as Caribbean or African-Caribbean, so please do not feel constrained by the wording of the questions below.

We welcome all responses, no matter how short or long, and whether you are Caribbean, have family members who are part of the Windrush legacy, or allies of the community.

Interview Questions

Introduction

* Please introduce yourself.
* Where were you born and raised?
* How did you hear about this project?
* What encouraged you to participate?
* Where are your parents from? Are they both immigrants?
* When and how did they arrive in the Britain?
* Did your parents ever talk about their experiences of being immigrants? What was said, or not said? What was your reaction when you found out? What is your reaction now?

Culture and Identity

* When you hear the term “African-Caribbean” or “Caribbean” what words or images emerge?
* Is there such a thing as the typical “African-Caribbean British” or “Caribbean British” experience?”
* Are there any stereotypes you have heard or have had to face being African-Caribbean or Caribbean?
* What was it like for you growing up African-Caribbean or Caribbean British?
* In what ways do your parents or your culture shape your identity?
* What languages do you speak or understand? Can you read or write in these languages? What is the level of fluency for each? What do you consider your first language? Is there a language barrier issue within your family?
* Was there ever a moment when you felt extremely ashamed or extremely proud to be African-Caribbean or Caribbean?
* Have you ever visited the Caribbean? If so, what were your impressions? If not, if you wanted to travel there, where would you go and why?

Society and Pop Culture

* What are your thoughts on the lack of Black History Studies in most schools? Did you ever personally learn about Windrush or any other topics related to the Caribbean migration in your history classes?
* There are a lot of issues that are considered a bit taboo to discuss, such as mental health, racism, domestic violence, sexuality, abortion, and even politics. Have you ever been part of conversations or instances involving these or other issues?
* What steps can we take to help remove some of the stigma from these issues?
* Mainstream media has often been criticised for its lack of or trivialised portrayal of Black and African-Caribbean people. What do you think?

Other

* Was there ever a moment when you felt extremely ashamed or extremely proud to be Caribbean?
* What are some of the similarities and differences you see between the first and second + generations?

Free-Response

* Is there anything you would like to say or add?