

BLACK BRISTOLIAN HISTORY: THE WORLD WARS

Bristol has a lot of Black History from the World Wars. Bristol was a place where a lot of American Soldiers were based. What is interesting to know about the American Army at this time was that it racially segregated. This means, Black and White soldiers lived and operated separately. In Bristol, Black soldiers were based in places like Brislington, Ashley Down and Henleaze. Black soldiers often encountered a lot of racism from White soldiers, and this sometimes caused big fights. Two big fights from this time period were the Old Market riots and Park Street riots. Many people don't know that millions of Black people fought and died in the world wars. Many people don't know that Black American soldiers were based in Bristol, which is why we like to make sure that they are spoken of and acknowledged.

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BLACK BRISTOLIAN HISTORY: THE BUS BOYCOTT

The Bus Boycotts happened in Bristol in 1963. The Bristol Omnibus company had said multiple times that they would not be employing Black or Brown bus drivers. This led to members of our community organizing protests and Boycotts (not going on buses) for several months in response to this. After months of Boycotts, Bristol Omnibus finally agreed to employ bus drivers from Black and Brown backgrounds. In September 1963, the first non-white bus driver was employed by Bristol Omnibus Company.

The Boycotts influenced the 1965 and 1968 race and equalities act, which made it illegal to discriminate people based on their race at work. Without our community taking a stand, this act may not have existed.

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BLACK BRISTOLIAN HISTORY: ST PAULS CARNIVAL

The first St Pauls Carnival took place in 1968. It was an opportunity for members of the Afro-Caribbean community to celebrate and demonstrate their culture to Bristol. Carnival has been a big part of Caribbean culture for hundreds of years – we go into this history a bit more on our Black Bristol website (<u>www.blackbristol.com/carnival</u>).







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