Africans in London

We hope you enjoy learning about the many men and women of African descent who have visited and lived in our cities. Each story tells of some of the famous people who have lived in Northern England. These famous people made life better for people in Europe, Africa, the Caribbean, and the world as we know it today.

There are many more people of African descent who have lived and are living in Northern England. Many are living ordinary lives, helping their neighbours and working in different industries. Others are famous for sports, writing books, helping communities. Northern England is home to many different people and has been since Roman times.

Africans in Uniform

In 1885, the Durham Light Infantry, having defined their local area, found a battle in a boat on the life of the commander. The regiment was formed by the amalgamation of the Durham Pals and the Durham Volunteer Regiment. The regiment was named in honor of its founder, the Duke of Northumberland. It was present in the Battle of Menin Road in 1918 and was awarded the Victoria Cross for bravery.

In 1891, the regiment was reconstituted as the Durham Light Infantry and was stationed in Newcastle upon Tyne. The regiment was redesignated as the Durham Light Infantry in 1951. It was stationed in Newcastle-upon-Tyne until 1964, when it was disbanded.

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Africans in Literature

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912) was a British composer of African origin. His music was celebrated in Europe and the United States, and he was known for his compositions on stage and screen. He was also known for his humanitarian work and his advocacy for civil rights.

In 1890, his opera “Hiawatha’s Wedding Feast” was performed in European capitals, and his music was composed for the Royal Opera House in London. He was also known for his compositions on stage and screen, and he was the first black composer to have his music performed at the Royal Opera House in London.

In 1912, he was appointed to the Order of the British Empire and was made a CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire).

Africans in Politics

Ishmael Cummings (1879-1939) was a British Labour Party politician and the first black police officer in England. He was born in Maryport, near Workington, Cumbria in the north of England. He was elected to the Workington Borough Council in 1911 and served as a councillor until his death in 1939.

In 1914, he became the first black police officer in England and was posted to the Metropolitan Police in London. He was a strong supporter of the British Labour Party and was a member of the party’s executive council.

In 1923, he was elected to the House of Commons as the member of Parliament for the Marylebone constituency, which included the Marylebone area of London. He was re-elected in 1929 and served as a Labour MP until his death in 1939.

Africans in Science

Robeson regularly visited the Royal Court Theatre in London and performed his music on stage in the 1920s and 1930s. He was a strong supporter of civil rights and was active in the fight against racism and segregation.

In 1939, he was awarded the Spingarn Medal by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for his contributions to the fight against racism.

In 1957, he moved to the United States, where he continued to perform and record music. He was a strong supporter of civil rights and was active in the fight against racism and segregation.

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He died in 1968, but his legacy lives on through his music and his activism for civil rights.