

The Black Art Hub is a community-led organisation committed to celebrating, preserving, and promoting Black British visual arts and poetry. Our mission is to create an inclusive space where artists, scholars, and the public can engage with the rich cultural heritage of Black British creativity.

Long-Term Aims:

1. **Empowerment and Visibility:** Enhancing Black British artists' and poets' visibility and recognition, ensuring their contributions are celebrated across the UK and beyond.
2. **Education and Awareness:** Educating the wider public on the significant cultural contributions of Black British artists and the importance of their work.
3. **Cultural Preservation:** Preserving the legacy of Black British art and poetry, offering a platform for future generations to learn from and be inspired by.
4. **Community Building:** Fostering a supportive network of artists, scholars, and community members, working together to uplift and advance the Black British creative community.

Four Areas of Focus:

1. **Research:** Supporting in-depth research into Black British visual arts and poetry, contributing to academic understanding and appreciation.
2. **Development:** Offering professional development opportunities for Black British artists and poets through workshops, mentoring, and other initiatives.
3. **Exhibition:** Organising exhibitions, art trails, and events that showcase the work of Black British artists and poets.
4. **Network:** Building a robust network of artists, academics, and community members to facilitate collaboration and knowledge-sharing.

Current Crowdfunding Project:

We are currently fundraising for £20,000 to support the establishment of the Black Art Hub with our annual rent, creative and educational materials, and £15,000 for our 'Benjamin Library.' This library will initially be a non-borrowing academic and research community resource, to become a borrowing library over the next three years. The Benjamin Library will provide a community space and an online service for those interested in African diaspora/Pan-African arts, specialising in the field of Black British Visual Arts and Poetry.

We are also seeking members to join our advisory board. If you're interested in volunteering as an advisory board member, please contact Michi Masumi at theblackarthub@gmail.com. If you would like to donate as a form of support for The Black Art Hub CIC, please visit our Crowdfunder page: [Crowdfunder Link](#). Alternatively, you can support us by donating second-hand books to: The Black Art Hub CIC, 7B Nucleus Art Centre, 272 High Street, Chatham, Kent ME4 4BP (leave at reception), or by sharing this information.

The Black Art Hub, found in Medway Kent was set up in March 2024 and is proud to present our first major event, a 7-week Black Visual Arts and Poetry Art Trail Exhibition titled 'Intersectionality,' celebrating the diversity within Black British Art. This exhibition is not just an event; it's a celebration of creativity and culture, designed to bring the richness of grassroots Black British artistry to the forefront.

The 'Intersectionality' exhibition throughout Black History Month will feature engaging activities, including several 'Meet the Artist' live talk events, community-focused events for young people, and technical

workshops on life drawing, photography, and poetry, all with a strong emphasis on Black aesthetics. The exhibition will launch with an exciting event filled with live music, spoken word performances, and guest speakers, providing a dynamic platform for both artists and the community to engage and connect. Importantly, all our events are free, ensuring accessibility for both the community and the participants showing with us.

In addition to the physical events, we have also launched a YouTube channel, which will feature behind-the-scenes reels, candid conversations with visitors, audiences, and the artists and poets themselves. We have made sure that accessibility and visibility are at the forefront of our event, with showcases of works from artists and poets across the UK who are unable to attend or take part in person.

Your contribution helps us make this event truly inclusive, allowing all participants to showcase their incredible work without the burden of financial constraints. Thank you for helping us celebrate the richness of Black British Visual Arts and Poetry through 'Intersectionality.'

Thank you for your support!

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