

Black History Month- Early years Proposal letter

To the attention of: **The Headteacher**

Good Morning,

My name is Ashleigh May, I'm currently involved with an organisation in Calderdale called Calderdale Stand Up To Racism. We are working on many campaigns currently and you may have seen one we organised in relation to the George Floyd incident and feel that education is key.

In Calderdale we are lucky that we are a multicultural community and we are learning more every day about different communities and their cultures but feel that we all collectively have a responsibility to play in continuing the education process.

October is Black History Month and this is the reason we are contacting you now, we would like schools to engage in recognising this and taking a role in teaching this as a whole school approach.

We have considered many options that may help you build on, looking at famous black people from history who have impacted who we are now and the way we live as a society. There are numerous opportunities to build on and this can be linked within your current curriculum and themes even.

Consider the political, social or cultural aspects to work on, we aren't asking you to follow our lead but instead a collaborative approach to gain further understanding and opportunities for education within your own settings.

We as a society should begin to build on and celebrate our diverse live communities and celebrate who we are.

If you would like to discuss this further please don't hesitate to contact us, we as a group have shared ideas however we would encourage you as a school to develop your own ideas how to address Black History Month within your own schools as we know that each school community is different and you may want to build on and link to the History of some of the families who already attend your settings and use the opportunity to build on and link with who/what you have available.

I have enclosed a link for further information if you require, also there will be many online events during the month of October for you to consider.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/49883230>

I have also attached another document along with this letter, which contains material that has been collectively put together by children, who reside in Calderdale, and supporting organisations in celebration of black history month. We would like to ask for your support and permission if you would allow this content to be shared amongst your students and peers maybe during lesson/assembly or on the school bulletin board/school website.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Kind Regards

Calderdale Stand Up To Racism