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Mental Health**

PARTNERING FOR CHANGE FESTIVAL

**HOW CAN COMMUNITIES
COME TOGETHER
TO PARTNER
FOR CHANGE?**

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ACTIVITIES
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**TUESDAY 21ST &
THURSDAY 23RD
JUNE 2022**

**ACROSS LONDON
WITH BLACK
THRIVE LAMBETH**

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FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 21ST JUNE, LONDON

WORKING WITH BLACK COMMUNITIES FOR BLACK COMMUNITIES

Full afternoon hosted by Black Thrive. Information here: bit.ly/CSMHFest-BTL
Black Thrive bring together individuals, local communities, statutory agencies and voluntary organisations to address structural barriers that prevent Black people from thriving. Black Thrive place the voice of the community at the center to influence policy, service design and delivery and to provide feedback about the community's experience of services.

15:30 – 17:00, BRIXTON HOUSE, BRIXTON, LONDON

Systems Change through Black-led research: A conversation with Black Thrive

This event explores the inequalities that Black people face in academia and knowledge production and how Black Thrive and the ESRC Centre for Society and Mental Health are partnering to address these issues. The event will feature presentations from the Black Thrive research team, followed by a panel discussion.

Participants will hear from Tamanda Walker (Qualitative Research Fellow at Black Thrive) about our ongoing collaborations with Mind in Haringey and Catalyst 4 Change in Birmingham centring service user voice and developing community-owned data for systems change. Jolyon Miles-Wilson (Quantitative Research Fellow at Black Thrive) will discuss the work we are developing on big data and stop & search for police accountability followed by Nathaniel Martin (Black Thrive/KCL) who will discuss how we are involving young people with lived experience of stop and search in research. Celestin Okoroji (Head of Research) will discuss the overarching ambition of Black Thrive's research work and how the organisation is seeking to disrupt research, evidence and policymaking.

Participants will have an opportunity to reflect on knowledge production practices and their implications for Black Communities. Our distinguished panel will include Jacqui Dyer (Director at Black Thrive) and Stephani Hatch (Professor of Sociology and Epidemiology at the ESRC Centre for Society and Mental Health). The panel discussion will be chaired by Lela Kogbara (Director at Black Thrive).

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FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 21ST JUNE, LONDON (CONT.)

17:30 - 19:00, BRIXTON HOUSE, BRIXTON, LONDON

Supporting Black Families through Trauma

Join Black Thrive in an open and honest conversation with parents, therapists, and organisations to discuss healing trauma in our modern Black communities.

Parenting teenagers can be tough but perhaps even more worrying for parents when accessing services is difficult, and even the police can be a threat.

We are all aware navigating services such as the education system, youth justice system, health and mental health can contribute to the trauma our families face. These systemic issues faced by some parents is clear but how can we build together as a community to call for effective change? How will we hold organisations accountable? What support is already available? What should services offer our parents and families?

Come and find out about local people and organisations working hard to change outcomes and challenge the system. Let's work together to envision what the future of thriving family support needs to look like. A discussion including:

- Ira Campbell, a Parent and Co-CEO of [Marcus Lipton Community Centre](#) which forms part of the [Ecosystem Coldharbour](#)
- Karen Dhlamini, a Parent and therapist working with [Black Thrive](#)
- Zena Kada, a Parent and Mental Health Nurse really pushing for positive change for parents and their families
- Jay Perkins, Founder of [Partisan](#) an organisation collaborating with community organisations like [Juvenis](#) to offer therapeutic support to families and young people
- Livia Whyte, Head of Special Projects and Legacy, [Black Thrive](#)

...alongside parents, community members and local organisations, and you. **Your voice** is important.



FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 23RD JUNE, SCIENCE GALLERY LONDON

11:30 - 15:00, THEATRE

Employment support as a race equity and health inequalities issue for Black people with mental ill-health with Black Thrive

This session will be a panel discussion focusing on employment support as a race equity and health inequalities issue for Black people in Lambeth and beyond.

If you are Black and living in Lambeth, you are more likely to be physically and/or mentally unwell; you are also more likely to be unemployed or in poor quality, low paid, precarious work. There are demonstrated negative cyclical relationships between poor health and poor employment.

Contrary to some beliefs, people with long-term health conditions do want to, and can work. There is an argument for employment, and good quality employment support (such as Individual Placement and Support – IPS), being positioned and prioritised as a human right, as well as a social responsibility.

Black Thrive exists to address the inequalities that negatively impact the mental health and wellbeing of Black people so that the thriving of our Black communities is the norm. Their Employment Project, funded by Impact on Urban Health, seeks to improve employment outcomes for Black Lambeth residents with long-term physical and mental health conditions.

This event aims to explore the extent to which employment support in mental health teams is a race equity and health inequalities issue. Panelists and attendees will engage in a discussion focusing on:

- identifying systemic barriers to employment for people with mental health problems
- exploring whether employment should be posited as a human right
- discussing race equity issues relating to mental health and employment
- spotlighting partnerships working to improve mental health outcomes for Black people

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