



Black at Sussex: Celebrating Len Garrison (photo courtesy of Garrison family)

About

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An event to remember and celebrate the remarkable cultural contributions of Len Garrison (activist, historian, educationalist and University of Sussex alumnus).

An African and Caribbean History graduate from University of Sussex, Len Garrison (who died in 2003), dedicated his life to cataloguing the development and teaching of black British identity and history, notably through co-founding the Black Cultural Archives (BCA) and the Afro-Caribbean Education Resource (ACER).

Part of the University of Sussex 60th anniversary celebrations, this event is the first in a series that will celebrate the cultural contributions and achievements of black alumni from University of Sussex, and explore the experiences of black students at the university.

This afternoon event will take the form of a series of conversations led by Karina H-Maynard (cultural curator and performing arts educator, who worked on the 2020 Black British Theatre Awards on Sky Arts), with guest speakers including: Garrison's widow, Marie, their son Tunde, and Dr Yvonne Thompson CBE (Chair of the Trustees of the Black Cultural Archives). Also present will be internationally revered photographers Charlie Phillips and Eddie Otchere (who have been commissioned to capture new portraits of influential black alumni from University of Sussex), along with students and academics Gavin Mensah-Coker and Professor Martin Evans from the School of Media, Arts and Humanities.

The event will be introduced by Professor David Ruebain, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Culture, Diversity and Inclusion at University of Sussex.

There will be a DJ playing reggae and African Hi-Life in the cafe-bar at Attenborough Centre for the Creative Arts from 12.30pm - 2pm before the event and from 4pm - 5pm after the event on Wednesday 9 February 2022.

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Dates & Times

Wednesday 09 February, 2022
2:00pm - 4:00pm

Tickets

All tickets Free

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