

WILLIAM CUFFFAY

(1788-1870)



Son of a former enslaved African, William Cuffay was a leading figure in the Chartist movement. He **FOUGHT FOR WIDER SUFFRAGE (VOTING) FOR ALL**. His actions **HELPED LAUNCH THE MODERN TRADE UNION MOVEMENT**, where he **FOUGHT AGAINST OPPRESSION AND RACISM**.

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HARRIET TUBMAN

(c1820-1913)



Harriet Tubman **LIBERATED HUNDREDS OF ENSLAVED AFRICANS** in the run up of the US civil war and **LED SOLDIERS IN THE WAR** itself. As a child, Harriet received a traumatic head injury from her slave owners. However, she did not let her disability prevent her from helping over 300 enslaved people to freedom.

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'International
day of Disabled
People' wallchart*

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SAMUEL MAHARERO

(1856-1923)

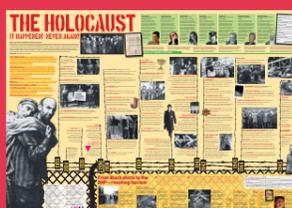


Considered the first genocide of the 20th century, forerunner to the Holocaust, between 1904-08 the German army committed acts of genocide against groups of black people in German South West Africa. Samuel Maharero's **HEROIC RESISTANCE TO THE MASSACRE** by the German army has made him a **NATIONAL HERO**.

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OLIVE MORRIS

(1952 - 1979)



UK civil rights pioneer

Olive Morris played an important role in the **FIGHT AGAINST RACIAL INJUSTICE** in the late 1970s in the UK. She was co-founder of the Organisation of Women of African and Asian Descent in London and support groups in Manchester.

Although she died young at 29, she is considered instrumental in **SHAPING THE SUCCESSFUL STRUGGLES** against injustice in the 1980s.

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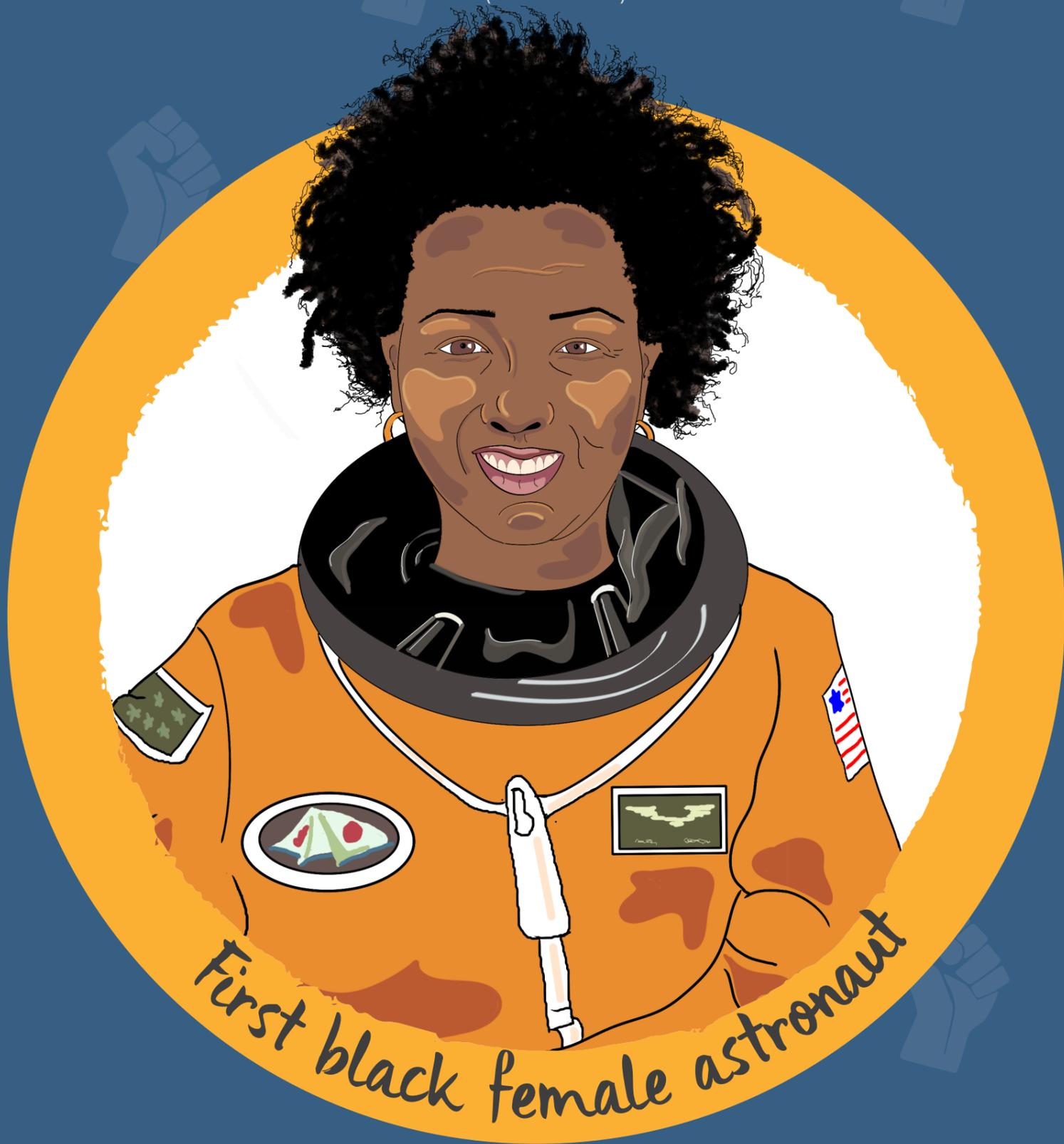


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DR MAE C JEMISON

(b.1956-)

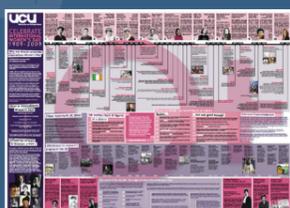


In 1992 Dr Mae Jemison became the **FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO TRAVEL TO SPACE** on the space shuttle Endeavour. She has received many major awards throughout her life and is a **PROFESSOR AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY.**

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Mae is also featured on the UCU International Women's Day wallchart

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SANITE BÉLAIR

(1781 - 1802)



A **LIEUTENANT IN TOUSSAINT L'OUVERTURE'S ARMY** in Haiti that defeated all the European armies of the day, and **LEADER OF THE ONLY SUCCESSFUL SLAVE REVOLT IN HUMAN HISTORY**, Sanité Bélair stands out in history. She played **A LEADING ROLE IN THE STRUGGLE THAT ENDED ATLANTIC SLAVERY** and is commemorated on Haitian currency today.

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PHYLLIS AKUA OPOKU-GYIMAH

(b. Nov 1974)



Founder of UK Black Pride

Phyll Opoku-Gyimah, AKA Lady Phyll, **HELPED FOUND BLACK PRIDE** in the UK, which “promotes unity and co-operation among all Black people of African, Asian, Caribbean, Middle Eastern and Latin American descent, as well as their friends and families, who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender.” She is a **LEADING TRADE UNIONIST**.

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WANGARĪ MUTA MAATHAI

(1940-2011)



Wangari Maathai was a **LEADING ENVIRONMENTALIST**, who founded the green belt movement to plant trees. A leading scholar in her field, she was the **FIRST AFRICAN WOMAN TO WIN THE NOBEL PRIZE** blazing a trail for other leaders in the fight against the global emergency in the Global South.

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Wangari is also featured on the UCU Climate Change wallchart 'The Future WE Choose'

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LADY DOREEN LAWRENCE

(b.1952)



Fighter for justice

Mother to murdered teenager Stephen Lawrence, Doreen Lawrence, along with her family and the trade union movement, **TENACIOUSLY FOUGHT TO BRING HER SON'S KILLERS TO JUSTICE.** She stands as a symbol of **RELENTLESSNESS IN THE FACE OF INJUSTICE** and the **FIGHT AGAINST RACIST MURDER & POLICE BRUTALITY.**



CLAUDIA JONES

(1915-1964)



Founder of the carnival

Claudia Jones is one of the moving spirits **BEHIND THE NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL** in its earlier stages. A **DEDICATED FIGHTER AGAINST INJUSTICE** all her life, her conception of this stretched to the arts; hence her idea of **USING MUSIC TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER**. She was also **A JOURNALIST AND POLITICAL ACTIVIST**, who founded the West Indian Gazette.

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BERNARD COARD

(b.1945)



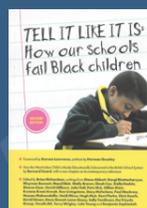
Education pioneer

Bernard Coard **WROTE THE SEMINAL BOOK** 'How the West Indian Child is made educationally sub normal' directly taking on the legacy of Galton in education which deemed people of African descent to be unintelligent. Coard's work is part of the book, 'Tell Like It Is' that continues the struggle to **ERADICATE RACIAL EDUCATIONAL INEQUALITY.**

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