

BLACK HISTORY MONTH NEWSLETTER

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Black in STEM: Spotlight on Prof. Christopher Jackson

Today, we're highlighting the work of Equinor Professor Christopher Jackson from Imperial College London.

Christopher is a geologist whose research covers tectono-stratigraphic evolution of rift basins, salt tectonics and deep-water sedimentology and

stratigraphy. After completing his BSc and PhD in Geology and rift basin evolution at Manchester, Christopher went on to work at Norsk Hydro in Norway, where he also tried out ice-climbing, sea kayaking and rock climbing before taking on the full-time role of Lecturer at Imperial. You'll have seen that Christopher



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is one of the Christmas Lecturers this year, focusing on how the geological record can show the change of Earth's climate. Additionally Christopher has appeared in "Expedition volcano", a BBC 2 series, focusing on a team of scientists who undertook an expedition of the world's most volatile and least known

volcanoes, Nyiragongo and Nyamulagira, a trailer can be seen [here](#). Outside of television, Chris has also appeared on Pint of Science ([here](#)) and discussed about careers in Earth sciences ([here](#)). To hear more from Christopher about his work, research or his out of work hobbies, Christopher's twitter can be found [here](#).



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EVENTS TODAY

Black History Month – Honour, Remember, Inspire at the Zari Gallery

The Zari Gallery starts their month-long exhibition featuring Black artists each showcasing their art style to the world. If you're in the area, bookings are found [here](#).

RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOURCES

Book for younger readers:
[Young, Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Black Heroes from Past and Present](#) by Jamia Wilson, illustrated by Andrea Pippins. Available in hard cover copy at [Waterstones](#) and [Amazon](#).

Book for older readers:
[bone](#) by Yrsa Daley-Ward, a poignant collection of autobiographical poems about the heart, life and

the inner self. Available in paperback at [Waterstones](#) and [Amazon](#).

Podcast: [Black Gals Livin'](#) an hour-long podcast by Jas and Victoria who discuss mental health, pop culture and random shenanigans. The full library of their show can be found [here](#) with their twitter posting frequently about new episodes and updates/news.

Livestream: [Black Girl Gamers](#), a twitch community providing an online safe space and platform that heightens the visibility of Black women in gaming and advocates for diversity and inclusion. They host a number of events, dates found [here](#).



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Today's key figure from Black British history is [Dr Harold Moody](#). Born in Jamaica, Harold moved to Britain in 1904 and studied medicine at King's College, London in 1912. Due to racial prejudice his potential employers did not want to hire a Black man, so he set up his own GP, establishing a practice in King's Grove, Peckham, in 1913.

In 1931, Harold formed the [League of Coloured Peoples](#) (LCP) with assistance from Charles Wesley, a visiting history professor, educator, and author from America. The LCP's aims were possibly Britain's first anti-racism campaign in the 20th century.

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