



WARD MEMBER DECISION  
NUMBER

**WB/20-21/002**

**Decision taken by:** **Ward Member for Folkestone Central –  
Councillor Laura Davison**

**Subject:** **Origins**

**Executive/non-executive decision:** **Non-executive**

**Date decision taken:** **23 September 2020**

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**Name and address of applicant(s):**

Randolph Matthews  
Project Manager  
232 Seabrook Road  
Hythe  
Kent CT21 5RG

**Name and description of project:**

Black History Month - A diverse group of people coming together to celebrate Black History Month and Black men in honour of our founding member Arike who passed away in June 2020.

**DECISION:**

**To provide funding of £500 to the above project.**

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**Reason for decision:**

Origins know that explicit racism was once legal and practised openly just a few decades ago: Discrimination in work, a place to live or access to education. Outlawing racial discrimination has helped. But it continues for black communities as an experience for people and in Folkestone Kent and throughout the UK. We feel that there is a need to work in partnership with the statutory and voluntary sectors in Folkestone to make a positive difference in Kent. The Black community is underrepresented in Folkestone, and for those who call Folkestone their home, there has been an interlocking of racism and mental health oppression. To provide services fairly, we want to promote equality, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief in

line with the Human Rights Act. Origins group would like audiences to experience a greater awareness of the accomplishments Folkestone; a sense of pride in our collective multicultural history; and celebrate the diverse tapestry of cultures and ethnicities that form our national identity.

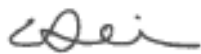
**Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:**

Voluntary announcement made as one of the organisers of BHM is a nearby neighbour.

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**The decision set out above was made by me.**

**Signed:**



**Councillor Laura Davison  
Ward – Folkestone Central**

**23 September 2020**