



WARD MEMBER DECISION
NUMBER

WB/20-21/003

Decision taken by: **Ward Member for Folkestone East –
Councillor Michelle Keutenius**

Subject: **Origins**

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

Date decision taken: 20 September 2020

Name and address of applicant(s):

Aida Silvestri
Project Leader
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 £350 to the above project.

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:

None

The decision set out above was made by me.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Keutenius', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

**Councillor Michelle Keutenius
Ward – Folkestone East**

20 September 2020