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Please sign this petition to join us (names listed below) to support the call to celebrate Windrush Day every year on 22nd June.

Windrush Day is an opportunity to give thanks for the positive contributions made by those who have come from overseas to Britain to our common home.

All of us – whether we are immigrants ourselves, the children and grandchildren of immigrants, or able to trace our family histories back to much earlier arrivals to Britain – have a responsibility to uphold a positive vision of multi-ethnic and multi-faith Britain as a shared society which is welcoming, just and fair to all.

Many aspects of British society today would be unrecognisable without the contributions which immigration and integration have made to our society over the generations: from the NHS to the monarchy, our language and literature, our culture and food, even the Olympic team that we cheered together last year.

It was therefore fitting that Danny Boyle's Olympic opening ceremony featured the Windrush's arrival as part of its popular account of how our history has shaped the country that we are today.

The 65th anniversary of the arrival of the MV Empire Windrush at Tilbury Docks is a chance to reach across our many different ethnic, faith and family heritages, to reject prejudice and intolerance, and to shape a fair and inclusive future that we all want to share. This and every year,

Windrush Day should be an inclusive celebration of the Britain that we are proud to call home.

For more information: please contact Patrick Vernon at Every Generation patrick@everygeneration.co.uk

Some of the SUPPORTERS OF WINDRUSH DAY:

- Arthur Torrington CBE, Windrush Foundation
- Sam King MBE, 1948 Windrush passenger
- Patrick Vernon OBE, founder of 100 Great Black Britons
- Revd. Sivakumar Rajagopalan London Baptist Association
- Sunder Katwala, Director, British Future
- Zadie Smith, Author
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