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The Third CARICOM Regional Conference on Reparations was held from 17 to 19 September at Wyndham Grand Sam Lord's Castle in Saint Philip, Barbados. Under the theme "Reparatory Justice as the Coming Enlightenment," it built on the regional gatherings held in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in 2013 and Antigua and Barbuda in 2014.

Almost 200 participants attended, including political leaders, African Union and UN representatives, members of the CARICOM Reparations Commission, Chairpersons of the National Reparations Committees and civil society advocates. Together they discussed how to translate the revised Ten-Point Plan into legal, political and economic action.

The conference marked the relaunch of the revised Ten-Point Plan and highlighted the need for stronger research, coordinated diplomatic engagement and wider public participation. Barbados Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley called for a global petition to mobilise public support for reparatory justice. CARICOM Secretary-General Dr Carla Barnett emphasised the importance of partnerships with Africa and civil society. She also outlined the region's intention to advance reparatory justice at the UN General Assembly and at November's Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

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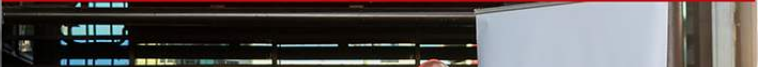
"WHAT DOES BRITAIN'S PAST MEAN FOR ITS PLACE IN THE WORLD TODAY?"



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With the reparatory justice debate growing louder globally, The Repair Campaign, in partnership with More In Common, hosted a fringe event exploring where Britons really stand.

Featuring Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP, Lord Marvin Rees, Councillor Valerie Bossman-Quarshie, Sophie Stowers and Conleth Burns, the session drew on fresh polling to examine what facing up to history means for Britain's role in the world, and the relationship Britons want with countries once part of the Empire.

Held in Liverpool on 28 September 2026, as part of the Labour Party’s Annual Conference, amid 800 fringe events and 15,000 attendees, this was the first fringe event at a Labour Conference dedicated to the reparatory justice debate.

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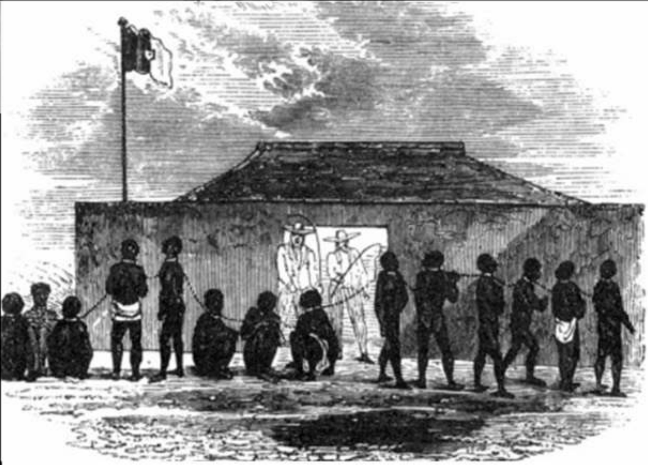
THE REGISTER THAT NAMES 10,500 BRITISH SLAVE TRADERS: FROM KINGS TO MPS TO BANK OF ENGLAND DIRECTORS



A landmark three-year research project has produced a comprehensive record of the people who financed Britain's transatlantic slave trade. The Register of British Slave Traders documents thousands of investors who profited from trafficking more than three million enslaved Africans. They include the monarchs James II and Elizabeth I, more than 100 MPs, dozens of Bank of England directors, 45 Church of England clergymen and over 1,000 women.

The research shows how profits from the transatlantic trafficking of Africans funded hospitals, schools and the arts. The register builds on existing research into enslavement and colonialism, strengthening calls for the UK government to acknowledge Britain's role and engage with reparatory justice.

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PETITION FILED: JAMAICA'S PURSUIT OF JUSTICE

On 7 September 2026, a Jamaican delegation led by the Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, the Honourable Olivia Grange, arrived in London to deliver a landmark reparations petition to King Charles III, Jamaica's head of state. The petition asks

the monarch to seek legal advice from the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (JCPC), Jamaica's final appellate court, on three questions: whether the forced transportation of Africans to Jamaica and their subsequent enslavement was lawful, whether it constituted a crime against humanity, and whether Britain is obliged to provide restitution.

Minister Grange called the move critical to advancing the country's reparations claim, arguing that the legacy of slavery still leaves Jamaica at "a grave economic disadvantage." The visit took place amid growing momentum in the global reparatory justice movement.

On 22 September, Minister Grange announced to the Jamaican Parliament that King Charles III had referred the petition to the JCPC. The referral advances Jamaica's effort to secure legal consideration of the lawfulness of the forced transportation and enslavement of Africans, and of Britain's obligation to provide a reparatory remedy. The government is awaiting directions on the next steps.

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'CARRY WI STORY,
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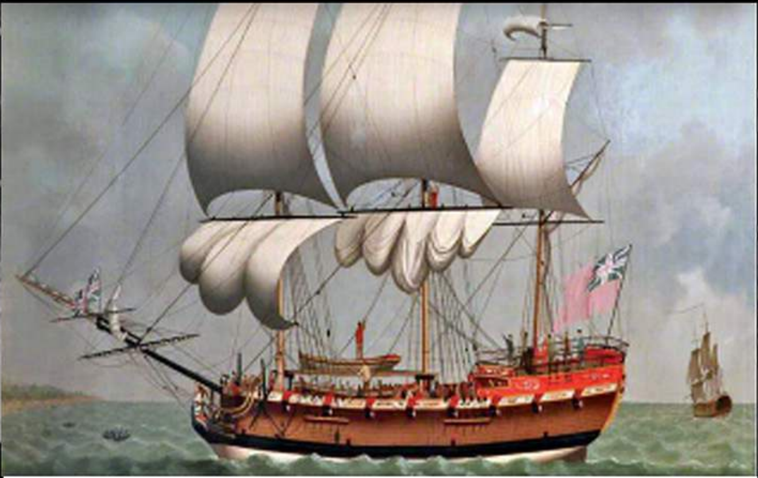
COMMEMORATING THE ZONG MASSACRE



'Carry Wi Story, Lest We Forget' was a ceremony of remembrance, justice and repair honouring the victims and survivors of the Zong massacre of 1781. It was held in London and broadcast on 6 September 2026.

During the voyage to Jamaica, navigational errors prolonged the crossing, and the crew claimed that drinking water was running dangerously low. More than 130 enslaved Africans died after the crew began throwing captives overboard, and the ship's owners subsequently sought insurance compensation for their deaths. Evidence that rain had fallen before the final killings later challenged the claim that these acts were necessary.

The ceremony also remembered those who survived the crossing and were subsequently sold into slavery in Jamaica. Held on the eve of the filing of Jamaica's petition to King Charles III, it connected remembrance of these atrocities with the contemporary legal and moral case for reparatory justice.

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ECONOMIC REPARATORY JUSTICE DIALOGUE: CONNECTING GRASSROOTS MOVEMENTS ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

COMMON WEALTH

On 8 September, the UK-based policy think tank Common Wealth hosted a discussion that brought together grassroots organisations from the UK and the Caribbean, including The Repair Campaign, to explore the economic dimensions of reparatory justice. Participants discussed how organisations could strengthen cooperation across the Atlantic, advance policy change in the UK, and connect legal, diplomatic and socio-economic advocacy across the UK, the Caribbean and Africa.

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REPARATORY JUSTICE ADVOCATE

SPOTLIGHT

BELL RIBEIRO-ADDY MP, A FORCE FOR JUSTICE

Bell Ribeiro-Addy is the Labour Member of Parliament for Clapham and Brixton Hill (London). She was elected in 2024 after serving a term as MP for Streatham. She chairs the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Afrikan Reparations and is recognised as one of the most prominent parliamentary voices for reparatory justice in the UK.

Her support for reparatory justice in the Caribbean and the UK includes:

- Organising parliamentary events for visiting CARICOM delegations, including supporting Jamaica's September 2026 delegation to petition King Charles III.
- Supporting the Ghana-led UN General Assembly resolution of March 2026, which formally acknowledges the transatlantic slave trade as the gravest crime against humanity and calls on the UK government to engage meaningfully.
- Presenting a parliamentary petition on the UN International Day for the Remembrance of Victims of the Transatlantic Slave Trade (March 2026), urging a UK apology and reparatory justice for slavery and colonialism.

- Calling for a revision of the British Museum Act 1963 to enable the return of artefacts stolen from African and Afro-diasporic communities, such as the Benin Bronzes.

Ribeiro-Addy continues to challenge the framing of reparations as financial aid in UK politics, arguing that reparations must be understood as a fight for long-overdue justice. Her work connects African, Caribbean and British advocacy networks, positioning her as a key link in the global reparatory justice movement.

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REPARATORY JUSTICE ADVOCATE SPOTLIGHT: LAVINYA STENNETT AND THE BLACK CURRICULUM TEAM

The Black Curriculum is a UK-based social enterprise founded in 2019 by Lavinya Stennett to address the lack of Black British history in the national curriculum. Its programmes for children and young people aged 3 to 25 support its mission to embed Black British history into the curriculum year-round. The organisation has been described as "an international institute leading reparatory justice by reimagining Black history, arts and culture across education and society."

Led by Founder and CEO Lavinya Stennett, and team members Melody Triumph, Nadene Martin, Eden Ehioghae, Cherrelle Stewart-White, Nhlanhla Thando and Boitumelo Diale, The Black Curriculum works with schools and communities to improve the teaching of Black history and address its exclusion from education.

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The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) comes to the Caribbean in November 2026. Under the theme "Accelerating Partnerships and Investment for a Prosperous Commonwealth", 56 member nations will gather in Saint John's, Antigua and Barbuda, from 1 to 4 November 2026, with climate finance and fair trade high on the agenda. More details to follow.

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