

# ‘Objeks & Tings’ exhibition celebrating Caribbean culture

CATHERINE ROSS and Lynda Burrell, a mother and daughter team, will be taking their touring exhibition of ‘Objeks and Tings’ from the Windrush era to York in the north of England at the York Castle Museum from June 19 to November 1.

This unique exhibition showcases 70 items that identify with the Windrush Generation and Caribbean culture, objects that combined familiarity and practicality and were passed down through the generations. The small but powerful exhibition is brought to York by Museumand in collaboration with The National Caribbean Heritage Museum.

Museumand is founded by Catherine and her daughter Lynda, who have created the travelling exhibition as a fun and informative way to share more about the Windrush Generation.

This exhibition, which celebrates the 76th anniversary of Windrush, is a chance to explore their experiences and lives through cooking and household goods, food packaging and beauty supplies, funeral items, music, games, books, newspapers, and more.

‘Objeks & Tings’ is accompanied by a hardback book by the founders, available in the York Castle Museum shop, along with a podcast version.



Some of the items from the ‘Objeks & Tings’ exhibition, which will be on display at York Castle Museum.

Ross said: “We are elated to bring ‘Objeks & Tings’ to York. As aspects of Caribbean culture are so entwined with British culture and Yorkshire’s cultural traditions especially, this leg of our tour across the UK is particularly exciting for us.

“We hope to eke out more stories from people of the Caribbean Diaspora and others

who know about the islands and their peoples. Together with York Museums Trust, we hope from our time in York to be able to add new stories and information from people of the Caribbean Diaspora in York and the surrounding areas to the growing archive of the Caribbean presence and contribution to British life.”

Philip Newton, community participation manager at York Museums Trust, said: “What an insight into the lives of this generation this exhibition gives us. Little pieces of the Caribbean which arrived with the *Empire Windrush* at Tilbury Docks on June 22, 1948, carrying passengers from the Caribbean who had been invited



Contributed

Museumand founders, Lynda Burrell (left) and Catherine Ross.

by Britain to help with post-war reconstruction.

“These items continued to play a part in the new lives that this generation embarked upon, passing them down to their children and incorporating into British identity, too. The title, and interpretation, has a nod to patois ... with ‘Objeks and Tings’ referring to the things that Caribbeans, especially those of the Windrush Generation, hold dear and are important to them.

“We are really proud to collaborate with Museumand and delighted to bring this gem of an exhibition to York Castle Museum, where its ethos and inspiration fit well within our displays.”

The ‘Objeks & Tings’ exhibition runs from Wednesday, June 19 until November 1, 2024. The York Castle Museum, near the city centre, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and tickets are £17 for adults and £10.20 for children. More information is available at: [www.yorkcastlemuseum.org.uk](http://www.yorkcastlemuseum.org.uk).

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