



BLACK HISTORY CYMRU

2018 Race Council Cymru

I was very pleased to support Race Council Cymru's celebration of Black History Month. Black History Month is a month long, pan-Wales celebration of the contributions made by people of African descent in Wales. The launch of the month long celebrations was held on Monday 1st October, at the Student Union Main Hall, Aberystwyth University.

The event was hosted jointly by Race Council Cymru, Aberystwyth University Student Union and my office, and it was my pleasure to open the event. Black History Month is a month of celebration, and we need to look at how we can reflect on, and use the history as a springboard for changing the future. The event of 1st October needs to become a regular event, and I have promised my support in making this happen.

My hope for such events is that they will break down barriers, and I encourage individuals of all backgrounds to apply to work for Dyfed-Powys Police. Not just Dyfed-Powys Police, but all public sector agencies need to ensure we represent all of our communities, and the diversity within those communities.

"It was a thoroughly enjoyable and informative day with interesting and impactful speeches from all. I am already looking forward to next year's event."



ACC Richard Lewis; Uzo Iwobi, OBE, Chief Executive of Race Council Cymru; Joyce Watson AM - Commissioner for Equalities; PCC Dafydd Llywelyn, and Wahda Placide - Musician

I was therefore pleased to see staff from Dyfed-Powys Police's Equality and Diversity department giving an input on the force's commitment to combat hate crime in the force area and the importance of having a diverse workforce. It was encouraging to see students speaking to staff about the importance of reporting hate crime and also the possibility of becoming a police officer.