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Proud To Be...: Celebrating the intersectional identities of black and brown people.

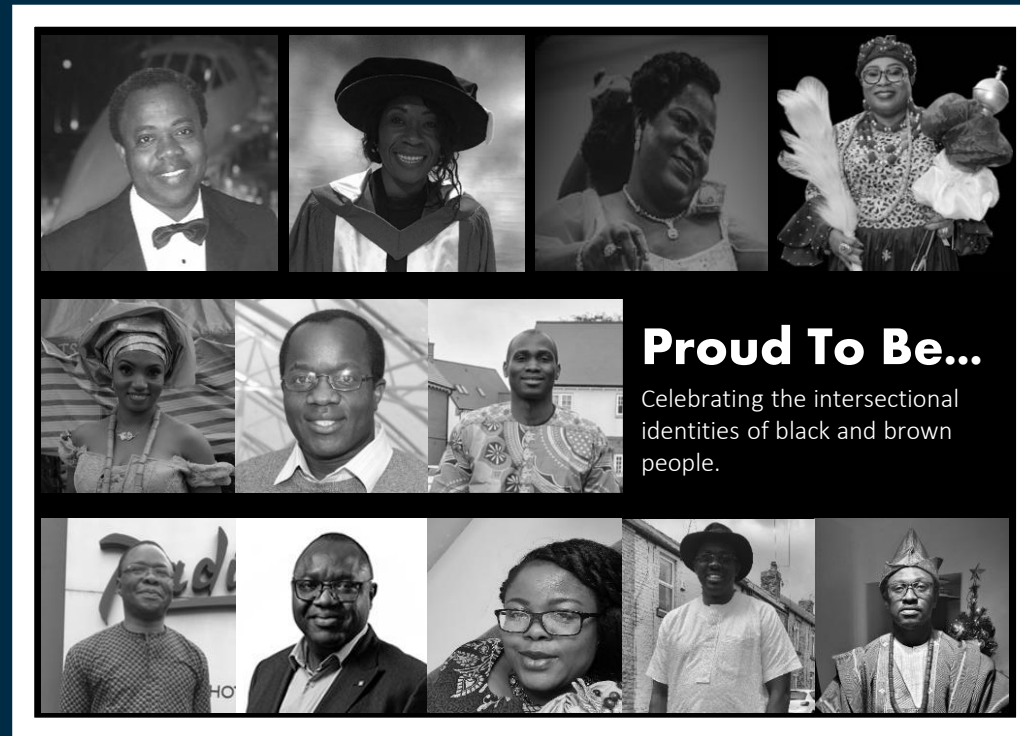
The University of Bradford is pleased to be marking Black History Month 2021. In line with this year's theme, we are using this opportunity to highlight the history and achievements of black and brown people and to celebrate the intersecting identities they are proud of.



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I am **Proud** of the rich tradition of black people that could not be diminished by the cruelty and evil of colonisation. I am **proud of** the advancement of black people that could not be perpetually hindered by systemic and institutional racism. I dey **proud say** nothing fit hold us for ground! I dey **proud say** we no go cry !! That time don pass, we go jump and carry go!!!

Dr Colins Imoh

Research Fellow, Centre for Inclusion and Diversity (CfID)

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As an academic I am **proud to** see students I have taught and mentored at some point achieve outstanding results in their career. This is satisfying and motivates me to always want to do more to see everyone succeed around me.

Dr David Omiyi

Lecturer in Diagnostic Radiography, Faculty of Health Studies

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I am **Proud to be** in academia and nothing is more gratifying than doing something with measurable outcomes, adding values to people, being in the company of other brilliant minds and working with staff and students from all backgrounds and nations of the world. I am **proud to be** a professor of healthcare leadership and through my memberships of national and international organisations, I am contributing to shaping healthcare agenda and policies. Finally, but not the least, I am **proud to be** a Nigerian-British as I enjoy the best of both worlds, ranging from the culture, clothing, food etc. My usual dish in the UK is not always fish and chips on Fridays but can also enjoy my iyan with egusi soup on occasional Friday's (to those of you who are not Nigerians, I let you find out what iyan and Egusi is and when you did, make sure you try it)!

Professor Emmanuel Idowu

Head of School of Nursing & Healthcare Leadership

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I am **Proud to be** Black! A black African woman with dark kinky afro hair that is innately versatile; **proud of** the ebony hues of my melanin-soaked skin that defies the attempts of time to number my days. I am **proud to be** part of a race that imbibes 'Ubuntu' as our organising philosophy - celebrating our humanity, recognising the collective good rather than just the individual, seeking restoration not vengeance. I proudly enjoy the sounds and rhythms of black music in all its eclectic forms- music that stirs the limbs, gyrates the body, and feeds the soul. I am **proud to** bring all of that energy and passion, the experiences of my blackness, to my job- so that I see, hear, and feel; and to be a bridge and an advocate for those who walk the road that I have been fortunate to thrive on!

Professor Engobo Emeseh

Head of Law School

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I am **Proud to be** a mother, a wife, a midwife. I am also **proud to be** an academic, supporting the learning of so many future midwives who provide care for women at the most vulnerable time of their lives, women of all creeds, colours, and cultures. This is an important aspect supporting students to respect differences that enliven debate and make the world a heterogeneous place. I am **proud that** I achieved my PhD which has given me the opportunity to work with academics at the start of their careers and those more long in the tooth like I am! I am simply **proud to be** involved in students' academic journeys from the early beginnings to the point of questioning what they see and hear, to become inquisitive rather than accepting. When we reach that pinnacle, I have done my job!

Dr Fiona Meddings

Associate Dean EDI, Associate Professor, Senior Lecturer in Midwifery Faculty of Health Studies

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I'm **Proud to be** a successful Education Professional with experience of working in different contexts including Africa, Asia & Europe. I'm a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (now Advance HE), an International Consultant in Education and an Educational Developer who actively contributes to the enhancement of teaching and learning in the HE sector through the provision of pedagogic advice and the conduct of pedagogical research. I have published several journal articles and book chapters on different themes in the field of education. I'm passionate to make a difference in my area of expertise. More recently, I started an International Teaching and Learning Special Interest Group".

Dr Gladson Chikwa

Educational Developer Learning, Teaching & Quality Enhancement

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I am **Proud to be** a British-Nigerian Academic in the UK with many years of experience lecturing at different Institutions. I am **proud to** have positively impacted many people/colleagues and students both in my official role as a University Lecturer and programme lead and in my past-time roles as a youth programme developer / worker and in natural family planning tutoring. I am **proud to be** a fellow of RSPH and senior fellow of HEA. I have always joked that if I do not earn money as a lecturer in academia, I will earn money as a caterer since I love to bake and cook. I love being innovative with my cakes and I argue that I make the best jollof rice and Egusi soup. You will either have to visit me or look for an excuse to put up an appropriate food inviting event at the University to certify my claim 😊. Lastly, I am **proud to be** an Assistant Professor at the School of Nursing and Healthcare Leadership and I look forward to impacting more people (students and staff alike) and the challenges the role will bring.

Dr Imose Itua

Assistant Professor (Public Health), Faculty of Health Studies

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Proud to be me, black, male, father to two beautiful children and husband to a most gorgeous wife. **Proud to** live in Bradford, the city of culture and great diversity. **Proud to be** working with the University of Bradford, an institution renowned for excellence and social inclusion and mobility. **Proud of** achieving a PhD in Diversity Management. **Proud of** my Christian faith and belief in God whose grace has brought me thus far. **Proud of** my black African heritage and of my native village Obudu in Cross River State, Nigeria. **Proud to be me.**

Dr Kingsley Utam

EDI Advisor, Centre for Inclusion and Diversity (CfID)

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I am **Proud to be** a Priest in the Marketplace.

This means I function as a professional in my academic and consultancy roles within public health; and also as an ordained Pastor and leader of a local Christian church congregation. Combining both dimensions of practice has broadened the scope of my humble contributions to the physical, intellectual and spiritual wellbeing of the people I support and work with. This also means I get the best of both worlds - material and spiritual 🌍

Dr Marcus Chilaka

Assistant Professor (Public Health), Faculty of Health Studies

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I am **Proud to be** part of a community that takes responsibility for every child - to love and guide - irrespective of name, gender or ethnicity. We know that it takes a village to raise a child, and build a happy home and a sustainable society. We are confident that: "Mmadu-ka-eji-aka" which means "we prevail with the help of other people." I am **proud to be** confident, full of life, and able to enjoy the simple things; proud of our rich cultural heritage, and unity in diversity. I am **proud to be** black, Nigerian, Ada Mbaise, Ada De Eddy and Daa Pati, mother, sister, Aunty and cousin to so many... I dare not count. Ada means first daughter in my native Ibo land. I am **proud to be me!**

Dr Pedi Obani

Lecturer in Law, Faculty of Management, Law & Social Sciences

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Proud to be Me. Proud of my work in challenging and disrupting structural inequalities endemic in our society which has earned me multiple recognitions and recently been named an inspirational global diversity and inclusion leader. I thrive on magnifying and giving voices and visibility to minoritised people. I make my house a destination of choice at Christmas, offering a variety of traditional meals to help international students feel at home during the festive season every year – try it you will come back for some more and you will bump into my children and grand daughter!. My charity work has led me to establish AFfIH to forge community unity against dementia which has led to my conferment of numerous high chief titles in Nigeria. Being awarded an MBE for my services to HE and Equality followed nicely with my installation as an Ecumenical Canon at Bradford Cathedral – I am not looking back! **Proud to be** the first ever UK Professor of Diversity with a cross-disciplinary and institutional portfolio, and that non-traditional senior leader, expressing myself and communicating my identity through my unique fashion and style statements. So **Proud to be Me!**

Professor Udy Archibong MBE

Pro Vice Chancellor (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion)



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I am **Proud to be** a Christian filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking about the Lordship of Jesus. I am **proud to be** an African and Chemical Engineer looking after Chemical Engineering students and working with beautiful people of the Bradford University.

Dr Yakubu John

Lecturer in Chemical Engineering



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