

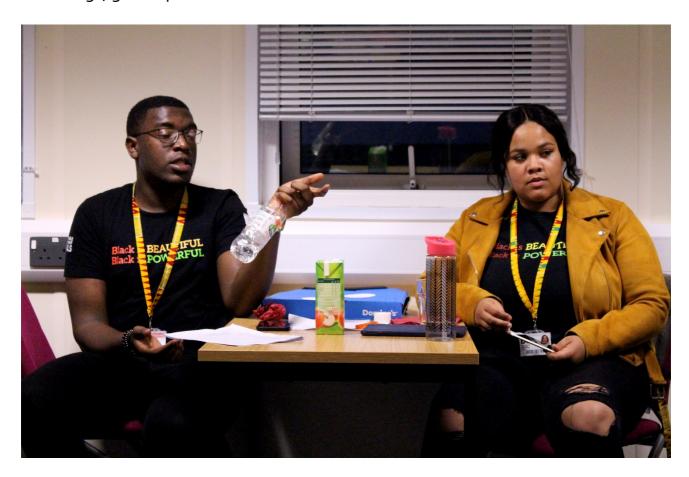
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## Black History Month 2018

Black History Month is a global annual celebration of the contribution Black people have made to society. As every October, it was also celebrated in the Students' Union at Bournemouth University (SUBU). There were 10 events organised, including film screenings, guest speakers and debates.



The leading officer for this year's Black History Month was Lea Ediale, the Vice President of Activities. Her main theme was 'Empowerment' and her goal was to make all students of Bournemouth University to feel empowered, especially as Black is an ethnic minority in Bournemouth.

"Black History Month is not just for Black people; it is for everyone. It is for everyone to acknowledge the contributions Black people have made to society. It is for everyone to celebrate the Black culture. And it is for everyone to strive to make this world more inclusive."

## Lea Ediale, Vice President Activities at SUBU.

The planning of Black History Month began around July and all 5 elected full-time officers were involved. Time flew by and, as Lea admits, time management was a big challenge because it went quicker than expected.

The events were well attended and there was a wide selection for everyone to choose from, including debates about Black History Month, empowerment and beauty, demonstrations with hairdressers, discussions with guest speakers, African bead workshops and screenings of films such as 'Black Panther' and 'Paris is Burning'. The students who attended said that the events were very welcoming and informative. There is also a Black History Month magazine coming out very soon for everyone to look back at the events!

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