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**Nottingham-based British Black voices**

**to celebrate Black History month on national TV channel**

*Together TV to air TV Premieres to promote social justice*

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**Together TV**, the UK’s leading TV channel for social change welcomes Catherine Ross and Lynda-Louise Burrell at Museumand, National Caribbean Heritage Museum, as Digital Guest Editors to gather unheard voices and celebrate Black History Month in October.

To mark the Black History Month this year, the charitable channel for social good will air for the first time an array of TV Premieres, including “Nine Nights”, “An Outrage”, “Felling of Colston”, “Race for Justice”, “No Justice No Peace” and “Looking for Love”. In 2019, Together TV focused on History with “Black & British” and “ALT History: The History They Don’t Teach You In Schools”, and in 2018 the channel focused on “Heroes”, with “Voices” in 2017. This year, along with films about racial justice Together TV will broadcast films celebrating black British lives, culture and contribution to the national story.

"It is the one time of the year when the spotlight is on us, but we are black 365 days a year. We should celebrate culture every day including Black culture, because Black Lives Matter all year round." – Lynda Burrell, Museumand.

Based in Nottingham, the National Caribbean Heritage Museum has gathered British health carers, artists, academics and other members of the Black community based in the North of England and have encouraged them to share their direct stories of racism and lack of social justice on Together TV.

When recalling racism episodes in his young life, Lenny Bedward from Quantro Sound System said: “Racism is not born in everyone. When you’re born, you don’t know who is black from who is white. It is installed into you afterwards.”

Sheine Peart, Senior Lecturer at Bishop Grosseteste University in Lincoln, said: “What justice means to me is the simple concept of fairness. For example, when it comes to a job, it’s about being given the opportunity to compete with your competitors on a same plain field”.

**Catherine Ross, Founder and Director at Museumand said:**

"Every Black History Month Is bitter-sweet. We remember the atrocities and degradation Inflicted on our ancestors and that Is always hard to bear, but we also embrace their legacy to us, the contributions they have made to the world, and revel in our heritage. I'm heartened that in this Black History Month there is an energy around the world with young people leading the way and giving a simple message, "No justice for black people, no peace for anyone!".

**Alexander Kann, Chief Executive at Together TV said**: “We are incredibly proud of the Black History Month season we are offering to our audience, to reflect and understand social justice, the systemic discrimination and a historical lack of justice we’ve been experiencing both in our country and globally. Through our inspiring and thought-provoking content, we want to help people make meaningful connection.”

Together TV is watched by 15 million viewers a year on TV and tens of millions through social media.

Together TV helps viewers find inspiration for social change through entertaining content – by showing real-life stories, activities and social issues that promote participation in national campaigns and causes. By encouraging people to get involved in campaigns that offer relevant, practical and achievable things to do, the channel promotes healthier lifestyles, improved mental wellbeing and increased social connections amongst its viewers.

Together TV is on Freeview 87, Sky 170, Virgin 269 and Freesat 164, along with being on-demand on My5 and social videos on YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and DailyMotion.

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**Notes to Editors**

**About Together TV**

Together TV is the UK’s leading TV channel for social change. Optimistic, encouraging and celebrating the quirks of British life, we motivate viewers to do more for themselves and those around them through smartly entertaining series and motivating documentaries.

Available 24-hours-a-day, our programming is geared around wellbeing, creativity and heritage of British communities.

Together TV broadcasts 24-hours on Freeview 87, Sky 170, Virgin 269 and Freesat 164, and is available on-demand through [www.togethertv.com](http://www.togethertv.com), TVPlayer, DailyMotion, YouTube, Facebook and My5.

The channel has been one of the fastest-growing TV channels in the UK in 2019 (source: Digital-I, BARB data), reaching 2.5m viewers per month spread across the UK. Research shows that Together TV has motivated more "viewers do more with their life” and “to do more in their local communities” than other comparable TV channels. (Opinium survey, September 2019).

Together TV is owned by over two hundred individual shareholders with a wider group of funders and donors.

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**About Museumand**

Museumand is a unique, vibrant, creative organisation dedicated to commemorating and celebrating the Caribbean contribution to life in Nottingham and the UK.

For many centuries, Caribbeans have helped to shape and influence our shared British culture, heritage and achievements, but their stories are often left untold. We aim to bring those stories to life for everyone, by exploring, preserving and sharing the history, heritage and culture, both past and contemporary.

Fascinating social histories. Moving personal accounts. Intriguing objects. Wonderful music, art, performance and crafts. You’ll find all that and more in our eclectic and often unexpected exhibitions and events.

Above all, Museumand is a museum without walls, in every sense. As a social history and community museum we travel to and connect with communities in Nottingham, our home, and further afield, especially those who may not normally visit traditional heritage organisations. Our exhibitions and events celebrate the lives and experiences of ordinary people, in a way that all people can recognise and embrace.

History and heritage aren’t only found in the pages of a book or in a museum, it’s about our lives, the things we do every day, the objects we use and treasure, the traditions and values we hold dear and the stories we tell. We unearth all those things, from the day-to-day, to the rituals and curious customs little is known about, revealing why they’re important in order to shine a light on our shared social history and culture.

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