

# PIONEERING VOICES



**SALUTING OUR SISTERS**

In a world often marked by silence, these exceptional black women have chosen to raise their voices against injustice, using the power of their pens and the strength of their convictions to ignite change. Their words reverberate far beyond pages and speeches, dismantling barriers and paving the way for progress. Through their courage, they prove that speaking truth to power is an act of resilience, and that even the smallest voice can ignite a movement.

## Olive Morris

**"Black Women, fight now for the future of your kids."**

Olive Morris's legacy of resistance lives on through her activism and words. Her voice was a catalyst for change in the fight against racial and gender injustice. Olive's journey showcases the unyielding power of using one's voice to incite meaningful change and stand against oppression.



## Stella Dadzie

**"The history of Black women in Britain is a testimony to our ability to survive, adapt and grow in the face of adversity"**

Stella Dadzie's activism is rooted in amplifying marginalised voices. Her co-authorship of "The Heart of the Race" exposed the experiences of black women in the UK. Stella's journey reflects the power of collaboration and using words to uncover untold histories, rewriting narratives for generations to come.

## Yvette Williams OBE

**"The truth will always find its voice."**

Yvette Williams OBE's advocacy for justice after the Grenfell Tower tragedy is a resounding call for accountability. Her voice represents the collective demand for truth and change. Yvette's journey showcases the importance of demanding justice and using words to amplify collective voices.

## Jessica Huntley

**On the 10th anniversary of Jessica Huntley's passing, her legacy still shines brilliantly.**

Rising from resilient roots, she championed Black British voices, defying adversity. Her fervour birthed narratives that resonate deeply today, inspiring and uplifting countless souls. A testament to enduring passion and purpose, Jessica's spirit eternally guides and galvanises us. Celebrate her indomitable journey; let her story empower ours.

## Afua Hirsch

**"Being British is not a matter of straightforward lineage, but a complex interweaving of histories, cultures, and choices."**

Afua Hirsch's advocacy is a rallying cry for justice. Through her writing and activism, she amplifies marginalised voices and challenges societal norms. Afua's journey exemplifies the impact of raising awareness and the importance of speaking out against systemic inequities.

## Bernardine Evaristo OBE

**"Stories are a way to create ourselves, redefine ourselves, reinvent ourselves and also to invent ourselves."**

Bernardine Evaristo's voice in literature is a testament to the potency of storytelling. Her novels unearth hidden narratives, exploring the lives often overlooked. As the first black woman to win the Booker Prize, she disrupts the status quo and amplifies diverse stories, reminding us of the transformative power of narratives.

## Yrsa Daley-Ward

**"Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle."**

Yrsa Daley-Ward's poetry bridges the gaps between emotions and shared experiences. Through her words, she addresses mental health, identity, and societal challenges. Yrsa's journey reminds us of the profound impact of using one's voice to create empathy and understanding.



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