

BIO SPEAKERS

DEBATE

23/02. 19.00 - BOZAR - Studio

BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN BELGIUM? PART 2

WHAT ARE THE LESSONS OF EXISTING BLACK HISTORY MONTHS ?

LINDA BELLOS

Born in 1950 in London Linda Bellos has been actively involved in community politics since the mid 1970's. Her Nigerian father and Jewish mother encouraged her independence and pride in her heritage. She has been actively involved and initiated in a number of African centred initiatives; Black Sections of the Labour Party, Black History Month, Black Feminist Conference, and more recently with refocusing BHM in the UK."

QUINSY GARIO

Quinsy Gario is a performance artist who was born in Curaçao and raised in St. Maarten and the Netherlands. He has a background in theater, Film and Television Studies at the Utrecht University with a focus on Gender and Postcolonial Studies. Currently he is enrolled in the graduate program Masters of Artistic Research at the Royal Academy of Art The Hague.

His most well-known work 'Zwarte Piet Is Racisme' ignited the second anti-racism wave of the Netherlands. His latest focus is on state protection of the marginalized, and political resistance as performance. He won the Hollandse Nieuwe 12 Theatermakers Prize 2011, the Issue Award 2014, the Amsterdam Fringe Festival Silver Award 2015 and the Black Achievement Month's Black Excellence Award in 2016.

TUNDE ADEFIOYE

Tunde Adefioye, born in Los Angeles but has been active in Belgium for many years. Amongst other things, he helped found Urban Woorden and is city dramaturg at the KVS in Brussels.

John Leerdam tbc

John Arnold Walther Julius Leerdam is a Dutch politician of the Labour Party (PvdA)

MODERATOR :

OMAR BA

Omar Ba is a historian, activist and consultant on diversity policies, inclusion and diasporic transnational networks. Native of Senegal and long time resident of Antwerp, Belgium, he is a well-known voice within Flanders on matters of multiculturalism and social inclusion. He also was for many years a key spokesperson for the African communities in Flanders and representative of the European Network Against Racism coordination Belgium. Ba is now involved in the European Network for People of African Descent.