

# D . W . I . C . A

# Newsletter



Celebrations Edition 2025  
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Hello and welcome to the D.W.I.C.A. Newsletter.



Mr G. MIGHTY  
CHAIRMAN



In 2025 we celebrate our most important event of Caribbean people settlement in Derby. 70 years since the formation of Derby West Indian Community Association!

We want this to be an all year celebration with as many social, cultural and educational activities we can hold at the centre. Your voluntary help and your support for these activities/events would be much appreciated.

On 28th June 2025 DWICA host the East Midlands Caribbean Carnival Costume Competition for the best Queen, King, Prince & Princess at Derby Theatre.

On 20th July 2025 we celebrate 50th (Golden) Anniversary of Derby Caribbean Carnival

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 Social 10:00am - 4:00pm
- Saturdays**  
 Cycling Club 10:00am - 12:00pm  
 Connect with Nature  
 11:00am - 1:00pm  
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## Derby Caribbean Carnival 2025



In addition to celebrating Caribbean culture, the Derby Caribbean Carnival also presents an exciting opportunity for local businesses to show their support and get involved. Sponsorship opportunities are available, offering businesses a chance to align themselves with one of Derby's most beloved and impactful events. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, interested parties are encouraged to contact [info@dwica.co.uk](mailto:info@dwica.co.uk)

Don't miss your chance to experience the magic of the Derby Caribbean Carnival. Tickets are now available for purchase, offering attendees access to a day filled with music, dance, and unforgettable memories.

For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit <http://www.dwica.co.uk/carnival/> or call us on 01332 371529 or email [info@dwica.co.uk](mailto:info@dwica.co.uk) or details on the official flyer. Join us as we come together to celebrate culture, community, and the vibrant spirit of Derby at the Derby Caribbean Carnival!

CELEBRATING 50 GOLDEN YEARS OF DERBY CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL!

### CALLING ALL PAST CARNIVAL QUEENS!



Be Part of Our 50th Anniversary Celebrations as part of our troupe Derby Caribbean Carnival



Know a former Carnival Queen? Please share this poster with them or ask them to get in touch with us

Contact tel: 01332 371529 email: [info@dwica.co.uk](mailto:info@dwica.co.uk)



## EMCCAN Regional Costume Carnival Show 2025



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On Saturday 28th June 2025, Derby Caribbean Carnival will host the East Midlands Caribbean Carnival Arts Network (EMCCAN) Regional Carnival Costume Competition at Derby Theatre, 15 Theatre Walk, St Peter's Quarter, Derby, DE1 2NF. This annual event will feature competitions for the best Queen, King, Prince and Princess costumes.

Join us for and experience the infectious energy, artistry, and joy of Carnival. Step into a world of vibrant culture, creativity, and celebration on **Saturday 28th June 2025 at Derby Theatre!**

This dazzling event, hosted by the team behind the iconic Derby Caribbean Carnival, marks an extraordinary 50 years of Carnival magic and community spirit, brought to life by the **Derby West Indian Community Association**.

This year's competition challenges designers to "Re-imagine Carnival Culture" by embracing community, costume ergonomics, and sustainability. Collaborate and tell diverse stories through vibrant designs that prioritise wearer comfort and freedom of movement. Utilise eco-conscious materials and construction, incorporating recycled elements and minimising waste. Let's redefine Carnival aesthetics with breath-taking and responsible creations that honour tradition while shaping a sustainable future for this vibrant cultural celebration.

Be captivated by the brilliance of Kings, Queens, Princes, and Princesses from Derby, Leicester, Nottingham, and Northampton as they compete for glory in the costume showcase. The evening will also feature an array of spectacular performances, including the soulful sounds of a traditional steel pan band, dynamic dancers and many more...

Don't miss your chance to be part of this unforgettable cultural extravaganza. secure your [tickets now!](#)

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## What's on at D.W.I.C.A

The month of March see's the Centre coming out of its winter sleep with the return of the Walking Club every Wednesday 12.00 pm - 2.00 pm

Why not join us as the club will be 1 year old.

We ask that you bear with us as there will be some building works at the Centre throughout March 2025 as we refurbish the kitchen.

This work will greatly benefit the Centre and of course all who use it.



Various classes and clubs throughout the week.



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