

Stonewall

ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

This resource is produced by Stonewall, a UK-based charity that stands for the freedom, equity and potential of all lesbian, gay, bi, trans, queer, questioning and ace (LGBTQ+) people.

At Stonewall, we imagine a world where LGBTQ+ people everywhere can live our lives to the full.

Founded in London in 1989, we now work in each nation of the UK and have established partnerships across the globe. Over the last three decades, we have created transformative change in the lives of LGBTQ+ people in the UK, helping win equal rights around marriage, having children and inclusive education.

Our campaigns drive positive change for our communities, and our sustained change and empowerment programmes ensure that LGBTQ+ people can thrive throughout our lives. We make sure that the world hears and learns from our communities, and our work is grounded in evidence and expertise.

To find out more about our work, visit us at www.stonewall.org.uk

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Ivor Cummings, OBE (1913-1992)

Ivor Cummings was born in Hartlepool in 1913 and is known for the work he did to support the people that came to Britain on the Windrush.



Between 1941 and 1958, Ivor worked for the British government. It was his role to help people who had moved from different Caribbean and African Commonwealth countries. Ivor was the only Black person in his department.



When the Windrush arrived at Tilbury Docks, Ivor was there to welcome the 492 passengers. It was his responsibility to organise housing for the migrants, as well as to help to find them jobs. This was difficult because of the racism that Black people experienced.

Despite this, Ivor managed to find people work and helped them settle down all over Britain.

Ivor was gay and will have experienced homophobia as well as racism. He was open about being gay, which was a very brave thing to do at the time. It was illegal to be gay in Britain until 1967. Thankfully the law has now changed and people now understand that there is nothing wrong with being gay. Ivor had a number of different jobs after working for the British government and he lived until 1992.