

Call for Black Queer Voices To Share Stories of 'Love and Hope'

A NEW campaign to find and share the stories of Black LGBTQ+ people has been launched today.

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, March 4, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- 'Amplify Black Queer Voices' is calling on bloggers, podcasters, filmmakers, writers and creatives to share their personal experiences of love, hope, home and family in a bid to increase representation for the Black LGBTQ+ community.



The campaign is being launched by award-winning playwright Paul Boakye, editor-in-chief of blackgayblog.com - successful submissions will be hosted on the popular site.

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Paul Boakye

Paul said: "We often take for granted how much representation actually means to human wellbeing and how much it can shape society.

"When I searched for 'black gay men' on Google two years ago, and all I could find was pornography and HIV statistics, it was time to change the conversation – that was why I created the Black Gay Blog, to build a safe space where we could be seen.

"Now, two years on, we want more Black LGBTQ+ people to share their stories and experience. It's only by doing this

that we will steadily increase representation and dismantle the barriers that our community has faced for far too long."

The "Amplify Black Queer Voices" campaign is taking submissions throughout March 2021.

Contributors can submit short fiction, journalistic pieces, book/film/music/theatre reviews, and creative non-fiction such as memoirs, travelogues, interviews and biographies of notable Black queer folks. Written submissions must be under 1,000 words, while podcasts or short films may be up to 30 minutes.

Selected blog posts will go live on blackgayblog.com from April 2021, with live streaming of short films in May via the BGB YouTube channel or Facebook page.

Paul added: "I believe it is by sharing stories of personal experience that we can shift attitudes in society, and that need is urgent."

"Black LGBTQ+ individuals face considerable inequalities in mental and physical health and wellbeing in Britain, the Commonwealth, and many other places around the world. They are also at far higher risk of severe or lethal violence. Far less likely to be protected, both by law enforcers — who are disturbingly often the violators — and by their own families and friends.

"We want this campaign to unleash the creative force that is at the heart of the Black LGBTQ+ community. We all have the agency to change how the world values us, and it starts with our stories."

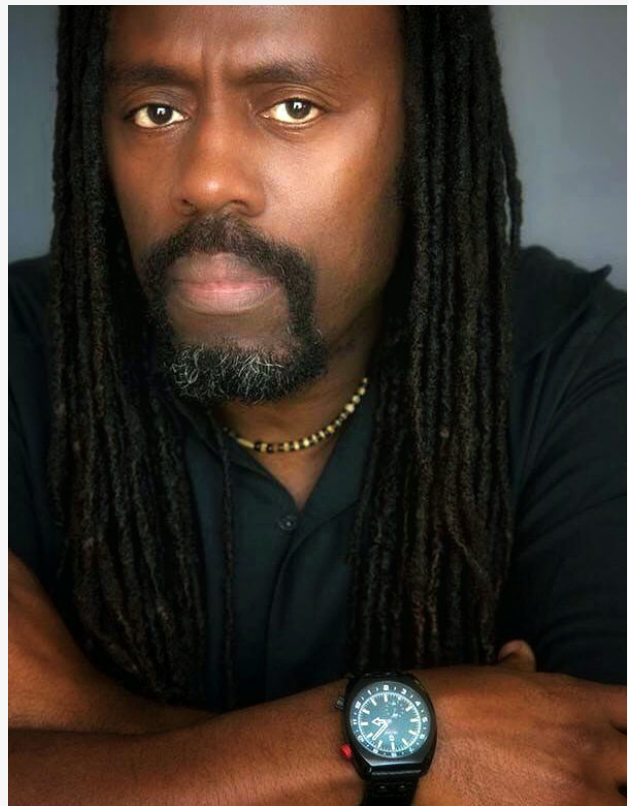
To submit your entry, please [go here](#). All successful contributions are paid at the market rate.

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Paul Boakye



Black woman playing guitar to her female lovers as they chill at home.



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