

A close-up portrait of an elderly Black woman with short, dark, curly hair. She is resting her head on her right hand, which is adorned with several rings, including a large, ornate one with a purple stone. She is wearing a leopard-print scarf over a white garment. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

**DR PRINCESS
CAMPBELL MBE**
1939 to 2015

- ▣: “Use determination and your self-esteem:
- ▣ value yourself and let no one crush you



▣ When you come up against challenges and adversity, don't run away; stay and fight if you want to change things.



▣ Education is a
most powerful tool
and it opens doors”



▣ “The pen is mightier than the sword. Use the pen to get where you want and in a very modest and peaceful way, in a dignified and diplomatic way.”



“I didn’t know I was the first black sister in Bristol at the time,”

“I had to fight for my job and did that as a natural thing.

I was very proud of that”



But looking back, I did something, I achieved something and that is why I talk about it to the school kids, they can see it is from personal experience. I was a fighter and that is why I did it.

I was not doing it to become the first black sister for myself.



“Children must realise that one person can make a difference even if it is just making a cup of tea for an old lady; someone would see that and the happiness it brings and think that is a good thing.

“The world would be a better place if everyone gave a little.”



“I tell the children to use their motivation, self-esteem and they must use it, not loose it. It is so important, I am telling them what happened to me and how to survive in positive way.

We now have a wide community and we have to be cohesive and we must respect each other and each other's religion.”





▣ 1939 July 9 - born Kingston, Jamaica



▣ 1962 – Princess Campbell arrives in Bristol

▣ 1960 – 1990s First Black person to work at Wills Tobacco, overcame obstacles to become Bristol's first Black Ward Sister in mental health



She has campaigned tirelessly for disadvantaged communities and sought to represent and give voice to vulnerable people. These activities have taken many forms.

1980s -Princess played a key role in setting up United Housing Association. This initiative was a response to the difficulties Black people experienced accessing affordable accommodation. The association also built nursing homes for older people and sheltered housing for multicultural groups of residents.



2006 - Princess received the
'One Person *Can* Make a Difference'
Award, Bristol

2007 – 'International Women's Day'
Award

2007 - Founder member of the Bristol
Black Archives Partnership. Visited
Downing Street in January 2007 at a
special reception to commemorate the
Abolition of the TransAtlantic Slave
Trade. July 2007 invited to meet the
Queen at Buckingham Palace



Up until her death, Princess was an active member of The Malcolm X Elders club, applying for the funding for the annual Christmas lunch for over 100 elders every December. She was also a valuable and vocal member of management committee of the Bristol Older Peoples Forum.

She was in the film 'Our Century' with cartoon sketches of her life story being shown alongside her dialogue.

STEVE BIKO 1946-1977



During her later years she continued to act as a role model, visiting schools around Bristol speaking to young people of all races and backgrounds, encouraging them to raise their aspirations and work to the best of their ability.

Princess is featured in the learning resource 'Black Bristolians – People Who make a Difference'



2009 – 2012 One of 12 Commissioners
on the Bristol Legacy Commission,
which continued the work started by
‘Abolition 2000’

2011 Honoured in Queen’s Birthday
Honours list – received MBE

July 2014 – Was awarded ‘Honorary
Doctor of Law’ by University of Bristol



Despite her increasing infirmity, Princess loved singing at Malcolm X Elders, her favourite songs being 'Diana' and 'Lucky Old Sun'.

Whenever 'Diana' was played, she would rise to her feet and 'shimmy, including as part of a 'Flash Mob' at City Hall for the Mayor and Lord Mayor



REST IN PEACE

You will be sadly missed

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