

Representation of ethnic diversity in the Parliamentary Art Collection

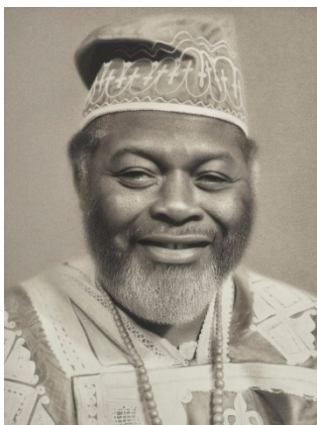
This document outlines existing resources from or related to the Parliamentary Art Collection about the history and representation of Black, Asian or other ethnic minority people at Parliament.

The Parliamentary Art Collection is committed to improving the representation of minority groups.

This document will be kept updated to reflect any new projects, works of art, or research.

Displays

- A permanent display looking at the history of Black, Asian or other ethnic minority MPs through works in the Parliamentary Art Collection is on display in the entrance corridor to the House of Commons public gallery.
- A selection of portraits currently on display on the first floor of Portcullis House as part of the Contemporary Portrait Collection include:
 - Portrait of Bernie Grant MP by Kelvin Okafor, WOA 7607
 - Portrait of Diane Abbott MP by Stuart Pearson Wright, WOA 6270
 - Portrait of Paul Boateng MP by Jonathan Yeo, WOA 6483



To find out more about arranging a visit to parliament, please [check our Visit Parliament web pages.](#)

Films

The UK Parliament YouTube channel features a playlist about Art in Parliament. These selected films are focussed on recent works of art depicting people from Black, Asian or other ethnic minority backgrounds.

- [50th anniversary of the elevation Learie Constantine, as first black peer, to the House of Lords](#)
- [Portrait of Diane Abbott MP](#)
- [Portrait of Baroness Amos](#)

Online exhibitions, articles and resources about Art in Parliament and Black, Asian or other ethnic minority history

- An article in *The Guardian* from Curator and Head of Heritage Collections Melissa Hamnett: [We must confront racist history of UK Parliament's art.](#)
- [An online exhibition exploring the history of Black, Asian and other ethnic minority MPs through works in the Parliamentary Art Collection](#)
- [An online exhibition exploring the abolitionist campaigns of Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton MP through works in the Parliamentary Art Collection](#)
- [Speaker's Advisory Committee on Works of Art Race Relations Residency](#)
- [Recent Acquisition of bust depicting Olaudah Equiano](#)
- [Commission of a portrait of Bernie Grant MP](#)
- [Art UK article exploring three portraits of pioneering black politicians](#)
- A [poem written and performed by Rommi Smith, writer in residence to the British Slave Trade: Abolition, Parliament and People exhibition, which was held in Westminster Hall in 2007.](#)
- While a new Heritage Collections website is under development, some paintings and sculptures from the Parliamentary Art Collection can be viewed on [our collection page on the Art UK website.](#)

Portrait of Bernie Grant MP by Kevin Okafur, Pencil drawing, 2017 © The artist, Parliamentary Art Collection

Diane Abbott, MP for Hackney North and Stoke Newington 1987 by Stuart Pearson Wright, Oil painting, 2004 © The artist, Parliamentary Art Collection

Portrait of Paul Boateng MP by Jonathan Yeo, Oil on Canvas, 2003 © The artist, Parliamentary Art Collection