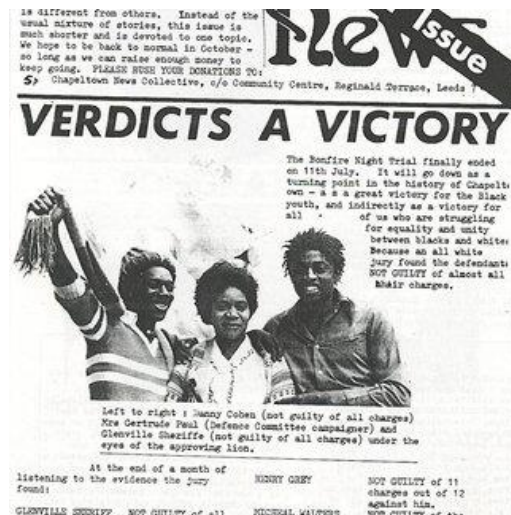


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Gertrude Paul (1934 – 1992)



In 1956 Gertrude Paul moved from St Kitts and Nevis to Leeds in the United Kingdom. The St. Kitts and Nevis Association of Leeds was started by Mrs Paul.

Years later she became the city's first black head teacher in Leeds, co-founder of the Leeds West Indian Carnival and an important community leader in Chapeltown who was the Commissioner for race equality. In 1976 Mrs Paul fought for justice (as a defence committee campaigner) for 12 people who faced trial for having a bonfire party that the news reported as a riot, Mrs Paul won this fight on the 11th July 1976.



Gertrude Paul was listed as one of eight Leeds heroines whose achievements were recognized for the positive impact on the world. Mrs Paul's legacy will continue as Leeds Beckett University launch the Gertrude Paul doctoral studentship project improving maths and literacy with primary school children from mainly African and Caribbean backgrounds.

A tribute to Gertrude Paul by Leeds Civic Trust, link below:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ConB69DrxQ>