

STEPHEN LAWRENCE DAY

22 APRIL

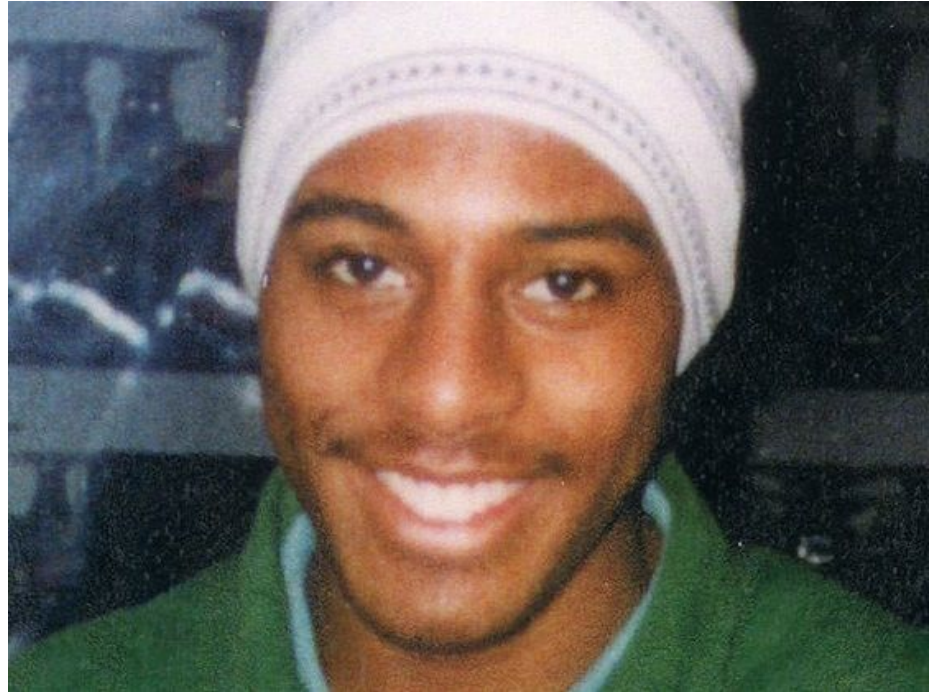
WE ALL HAVE THE
POWER TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE



Who was Stephen Lawrence?

Stephen was murdered by racists in South London in an unprovoked attack on April 22, 1993, when he was just 18 years old.

It took his mother Baroness Doreen Lawrence – the former Chancellor of De Montfort University – and lawyer Imran Khan QC, 18 years to get a conviction against two of Stephen's murderers.



What happened next?

A subsequent independent inquiry by former High Court judge Sir William Macpherson concluded the police investigation into the killing had been “marred by a combination of **professional incompetence, institutional racism** and a **failure of leadership**”.

Like most 18-year-olds, Stephen had a passion for sport, particularly athletics, loved art and dreamed of a successful career, which in his case, was as an architect.

Since then Baroness Lawrence has used Stephen’s legacy to encourage young people to be inspired about what they can achieve in their own lives, create the kind of community they want to live in and have a strong voice in building a fairer and more inclusive society.





The pandemic has shown us why our local communities are so important and how we can pull together to create real, meaningful change.

Stephen Lawrence Day is about the part we all play in creating a society in which everyone can flourish. It is an opportunity for children and young people to have their voices heard, make the changes they'd like to see and create a society that treats everyone with fairness and respect.

Through *Stephen Lawrence Day* we want young people to be inspired about what they can achieve in their own lives whether in their classroom, their community or a career. We want you to get involved in creating the kind of community you want to live in and we want you to have a strong voice in building a fairer and more inclusive society.



Stephen Lawrence

A legacy of hope

Interactive timeline

<https://www.dmu.ac.uk/research/centres-institutes/stephen-lawrence-research-centre/timeline.aspx#top>

Please click the link above and find out more about Stephen and his life.

Where can you go to find out more?

<https://stephenlawrenceday.org/community/get-involved/>

Make a difference: **#ChallengeAccepted** – Do something simple to help others and pass it on! We are setting three different kinds of challenges – **do good** (a simple act of kindness to help others in your community); **get creative** (express what living your best life looks like for you through your chosen artform); or **share the learning** (find out about Stephen's story and share it). Choose the challenge that suits you, or, if you're feeling ambitious, why not do all three?

Make some noise **#BecauseOfStephen** – Help us reach as many people as possible with our positive message about Stephen Lawrence Day by telling the world what a difference Stephen's story has made to you. Take a photo of yourself holding one of our #BecauseOfStephen cards and share on your social media accounts. Choose from our existing messages or write your own personalised message OR simply make your own with pen and paper!