NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL

The Notting Hill Carnival is one of the biggest street carnivals in the world. Millions of people attend this event each year. The Notting Hill Carnival celebrates Black British people, especially the Caribbean community – their music, dance and food.

The carnival is celebrated every year during the summer in Notting Hill, London.

During the carnival, the streets are filled with music. Steel bands play calypso music, huge sound systems play reggae and some well-known artists perform on a main stage.

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People wear costumes and dance along the street. There are thousands of costumes to see and all of them are handmade.

At the carnival, you can buy Caribbean food, such as curried goat or jerk chicken. Have you ever try Caribbean food?

Starting in the late 1940s (after the Second World War), many people from the Caribbean went to live and work in the UK. Lots of them suffered **racism**. In 1958, White people attacked Black people and their homes, in Notting Hill. A woman called **Claudia Jones** wanted to do something to help the people who suffered. She decided to organise a carnival. This was a celebration of all Caribbean culture – the music, dance and food. It took place every year for the next six years and then it became famous.

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