

The Gardens Trust

Other Voices in Garden History

Introductory Resources

In Spring 2021 the Gardens Trust ran a 10-week online series, hearing voices and stories that had been overlooked or forgotten as a result of empire, colonisation and enslavement. The series aimed to explore new ways of engaging with the whole history of gardens, landscapes and horticulture.

This resource pack has been assembled in response to requests from the series audience. It suggests a selection of books, articles, websites, archives and other materials on making gardens, landscapes and heritage more inclusive, as well as some wider reading on the theme of racial justice. The pack includes a list of introductory resources, suggestions for further reading and more in-depth research resources.

Archives and digital collections

- English Heritage, 'Black History', <<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/learn/histories/black-history/>>
- Historic England, research on Inclusive Heritage <<https://historicengland.org.uk/research/inclusive-heritage/>> and the Slave Trade and Abolition <<https://historicengland.org.uk/research/inclusive-heritage/the-slave-trade-and-abolition/>>
- National Archives, Abolition of Slavery, research guides and online resources, <<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/slavery/about.htm>>

Articles

- Antonelli, Alexandre, 'Director of science at Kew: it's time to decolonise botanical collections', *The Conversation*, 19 June 2020, <<https://theconversation.com/director-of-science-at-kew-its-time-to-decolonise-botanical-collections-141070>>
- Cornish, Caroline, 'Kew and colonialism: A history of entanglement', *Kew.org*, 10 March 2020, <<https://www.kew.org/read-and-watch/kew-empire-indigo-factory-model>>
- Harvey, Yvette, 'Collecting with Lao Chao [Zhao Chengzhang]: Decolonising the Collecting Trips of George Forrest', *Natural Sciences Collections Association (NatSCA) blog*, 16 July 2020, <<https://natsca.blog/2020/07/16/collecting-with-lao-chao-zhao-chengzhang-decolonising-the-collecting-trips-of-george-forrest/>>

- Marsh, David, 'Overlooked? Forgotten? Unseen?' *The Gardens Trust blog*, 3 April 2021 <<https://thegardenstrust.blog/2021/04/03/overlooked-forgotten-unseen/>>
- Riley, Charlotte Lydia, 'Culture wars in country houses: what the National Trust controversy tells us about British history today', *Legacies of British Slave-ownership project blog*, 17 February 2021, <<https://lbsatucl.wordpress.com/2021/02/17/culture-wars-in-country-houses-what-the-national-trust-controversy-tells-us-about-british-history-today/>>
- Younge, Gary, 'Why Every Single Statue Should Come Down', *Guardian*, 1 June 2021 <<https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2021/jun/01/gary-younge-why-every-single-statue-should-come-down-rhodes-colston>>

Books

- Eddo-Lodge, Reni, *Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race*, (Bloomsbury, 2018)
- Fowler, Corinne, *Green Unpleasant Land: Creative Responses to Rural England's Colonial Connections* (Leeds: Peepal Tree Press, 2021)
- Ratinon, Claire and Sam Ayre, *Horticultural Appropriation: Why Horticulture Needs Decolonizing* (Rough Trade Books, 2021)

Podcasts and TV programmes

- 'Black and British: A Forgotten History', BBC2, 4 episodes, November 2016 <<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b082x0h6/black-and-british-a-forgotten-history>> [only available to view in the UK]
- Eddo-Lodge, Reni, *Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race*, Guardian Long Read podcast, 30 May 2017 <<https://www.theguardian.com/news/audio/2017/may/31/why-im-no-longer-talking-to-white-people-about-race-podcast>>
- Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and James Wong, *Dirt on our hands: Overcoming botany's hidden legacy of inequality*, Unearthed - Mysteries from an Unseen World podcast series, episode 7, 10 March 2021 <<https://www.kew.org/about-us/virtual-kew-wakehurst/unearthed-kew-podcast>>

Social media accounts

@bcaheritage
 @BhmUK
 @BlackBritHist

@blak_outside
@botanygeek
@ColonialCountr1
@decolonisethegarden
@diversehistory
@Diversehistory2
@DNarratives
@HistoryWO
@ihr_history
@MirandaKaufmann
@yhp_uk