

Below is the **Chronology (a summary)** of efforts to obtain funding for AUGUST 23 COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS.

- (1) 2007: The 200th anniversary of the Parliamentary Act that legally abolished the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Commemorative events held throughout year. Discussions with John Prescott MP and ad-hoc committee about a national day to remember Abolition. No generally agreement.
- (2) 13 December 2007 Government issues Press Release (to the British Media, including New Nation and The Voice newspapers): August 23 is Britain's National Day. A unilateral decision.
- (3) British Government says community organisations could apply for Lottery funding for commemorative events.
- (4) August 2008: National Maritime Museum holds events on 23rd and continues to do so.
- (5) September 2008: Arthur Torrington (Windrush Foundation) writes to the Prime Minister Gordon Brown MP about Government's lack of support for August 23. He passes complaint to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG).
- (6) 2008: Arthur Torrington letters to DCLG. No response.
- (7) 2009: Windrush Foundation complains to the Parliamentary Ombudsman about poor service and no support from DCLG who has failed to widely publicise the fact that August 23 is a national day of commemoration. Also, it is evident that the Government gives Holocaust Memorial Day Trust £500,000 per year to commemorate the Jewish Holocaust on 27 January, and to hold other events throughout the year.
- (8) 2009: Windrush Foundation applies to Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant, but is refused.
- (9) 2010: Ombudsman advises DCLG to apologise to Windrush Foundation, and to meet with Arthur Torrington and Sam King.
- (10) 2010: DCLG promise to talk with Lottery funders to assist organisations planning commemorative events, etc. They didn't.
- (11) 2010: Windrush Foundation applies to Big Lottery; application is successful at Stage 1; Stage 2 application submitted in February 2011
- (12) July 2011: Stage 2 application unsuccessful. Is said to have failed because it did not show that there was a need for the project and that there was sufficient consultations with beneficiaries and stakeholders, as other applicants who were considered by BIG
- (13) July 2011: Arthur Torrington launches campaign to show BIG that there is support for August 23

(14) July 2011: Windrush Foundation's complaint is received by BIG, who are informed about the Government's statement in 2007 on the need for August 23 projects now and in the future: "A strong theme to come out this year was the need to remember abolition in future years. In addition to the August date for national commemorations the history and impact of the slave trade will become a compulsory element in schools from next September..." It is therefore unfair to expect Windrush Foundation to do further consultation, as the memorial is a permanent feature of British life. The need to remember will always be there, in a similar way to Jewish Holocaust.

(15) 15 September 2011: Letter of complaint to DCLG

(16) 13 February 2012: DCLG's decision.