

# Investing in heritage of diverse ethnic communities



London, Sugar and Slavery gallery at the Museum of London. Photo: Museum of London.  
Heritage belongs to us all - which is why we want to help tell everyone's stories.

At The National Lottery Heritage Fund, we support all sorts of projects which explore and celebrate the heritage of diverse ethnic communities.

We want to help the sector itself to better reflect the UK population. That's why we make it mandatory that all of the projects we fund [ensure a wider range of people are involved in heritage](#).

## The terms we use

Some of the terms we use include:

- diverse ethnic communities, or ethnically diverse communities. In Scotland we use MECC (minority ethnic and cultural community). We have revised our usage of the term BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic).
- LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and other identities)

We use these terms because we believe they are widely understood. Identities can be complex and intersectional, and we are also aware that for many these terms may feel inadequate or limiting.

We keep the language we use constantly under review.

## **Get inspiration for your project**

We want to support projects that make the stories of the UK's four nations more inclusive of everyone's heritage. Get inspired by the projects below and [find out more about applying for our funding](#).