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Organisers of Black History Month celebrations in Peterborough have announced details of events in October.

The first will take place in the city centre on Cathedral Square on Saturday (1 October) between 11 am and 6pm. There will be live music, poetry readings, African clothing, food stalls and arts and crafts.

This theme for 2016 is 'Africa, Mother of Mankind' with a celebration of heritage and culture.

Bernadetta Omondi, from the Black History Month Committee, said: "We believe in community cohesion, integration and tolerance. Our theme this year will highlight that we are all 'one' regardless of our differences.

"We would love to see as many people at the events as possible so we can explore our cultural customs together. One in particular is the idea of 'Umoja' which is an African expression meaning to be equally concerned about one another as you are of yourself."

Other events taking place in celebrating of Black History Month are as follows:

- Saturday 8 October, Millennium Centre, Dickens Street, 2pm until late. Games of dominoes will be played alongside storytelling, traditional Afro Caribbean food, music and stalls.
- Saturday 22 October, Dominion Christian Connections, Park Road 2pm to 6pm. There will be a fashion show from upcoming designer Seraphic Couture, music and food from different parts of Africa.
- Wednesday 9 November, Cavell Centre, Peterborough City Hospital, 1pm to 3pm. The event will include a fashion show, poetry and food stalls.

For more information visit the [BHM Peterborough website \(http://www.bhmpeterborough.org/\)](http://www.bhmpeterborough.org/).

Councillor Janet Goodwin, cabinet member for city centre management, culture and tourism, said: "This is another important series of events to promote diversity and equality in our city.

"Peterborough celebrates all of its communities and cultures and these events will be a fantastic opportunity for all to learn from and enjoy.

"There are also celebrations organised for Diwali that will take place on Cathedral Square on Saturday 22 October."