

Black Women Leaders



Black History Month 1 - 31 October 2023

Black History Month is a momentous occasion to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of black people to society. It also serves as an opportunity to inspire and empower future generations.

This year, the theme is 'Saluting Our Sisters'. It's all about honouring and celebrating the achievements of black women who are often the forgotten heroines. We want to amplify their voices and challenge the systems that oppress them. Below you will find some key facts and inspirational quotes from 3 inspiring black women.

Competition

Get involved in our competition and be in with a chance of winning a £200 gift card for you and £200 for a local black cause of your choice*. Simply tell us who your black inspiration is and why before 4th October 2023.

Simply scan the QR code and fill out the form to enter*



*See coop.co.uk/terms



Mae Jemison

Born: October 17, 1956, in Decatur, Alabama, USA

Job: Physician, engineer, NASA astronaut, educator

Key Facts:

- Became the first African American woman to travel in space when she flew aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour in 1992.
- After leaving NASA, she continued to promote STEM education and founded the Jemison Group to advance technology and science projects that benefit society.

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Never be limited by other people's imagination; never limit others because of your own limited imagination.”



Maya Angelou



Born: April 4, 1928 - May 28, 2014
St. Louis, Missouri, USA

Job: Poet, author, civil rights activist

Key Facts:

- Overcame a traumatic childhood and used her experiences as inspiration for her writing.
- Her autobiographical book "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" is considered a classic of American literature, addressing themes of race, identity, and resilience.

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I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”



Michelle Obama

Born: January 17, 1964, in Chicago, Illinois, USA

Job: Lawyer, author, former First Lady of the United States

Key Facts:

- Advocated for health and education through the "Let's Move!" campaign, focusing on childhood obesity and healthy lifestyles.
- Authored the bestselling memoir "Becoming," which offers insights into her life, experiences as First Lady, and thoughts on social issues.

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Success isn't about how much money you make. It's about the difference you make in people's lives.”

