

# Black History Month October 2024



## Black disabled role models

### Jason Arday

[Jason Arday](#), an autistic Sociologist who became Cambridge University's youngest black Professor. Jason Arday was unable to speak until he was 11 and could not read or write until he was 18. As a PE teacher in 2012, he wrote a list of goals he wanted to achieve. One of them was to be a professor at Oxford or Cambridge University.

Watch a channel 4 interview with Jason [here](#).



### Sam Ruddock

Sam is a black Paralympian – see an interview with Sam about Diversity and Inclusion [here](#).

### Menghi Mulchandani

The CEO of Action Disability Kensington for over a decade and the Chair of the National Centre for Independent Living.

### Barbara Stewart

A poet, artist and activist in disability hate crime, who passed on in October of last year. Barbara worked with local East London communities out of Tower Hamlets and worked as a benefits adviser.

### Johnnie Lacy

Lacy was an early leader in the independent living movement, and a founding member of the first Centre for Independent Living in Berkely, California, who worked to target racism in the Disability movement and ableism in the Black community.

### Leroy F Moore Jr

A Black Disabled artist, writer, poet, community activist, and feminist. Moore was one of the founders of Krip Hop, a movement that used hip-hop music as a means of expression for disabled people.