

Wilberforce 2007

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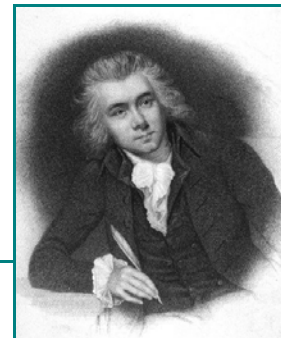


WILLIAM WILBERFORCE 1759—1833

- Born in Hull in 1759
- Became MP for Hull in 1780 at the age of 21
- Elected into the House of Commons from Hull and Yorkshire in 1784
- 1784—converted to Evangelical Christianity
- For 18 years from 1788 onwards, with support from William Pitt, William Wilberforce annually introduced anti-slavery motions in Parliament
- On March 25th 1807 an Act for the Abolition of the Slave Trade Bill (of trans-Atlantic slave trade in British Ships) was passed. This outlawed the Slave Trade in Britain
- It was not until August 1833, a month after William Wilberforce died, that the Slavery Abolition Act was passed where the slave trade was abolished throughout the Empire

Web Links

- Wilberforce 2007 www.wilberforce2007.co.uk
- Anti-Slavery International www.antislavery.org
- Free the Slaves www.freetheslaves.net
- BBC Slavery in the 21st Century http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/in_depth/world/slavery/
- Wikipedia; <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slavery>
- WISE; <http://www.hull.ac.uk/wise/>
- Hull A Fair Trade City; <http://www.fairtradehull.org.uk>
- The Amistad; <http://www.amistad.org/>
- Wilberforce Central; <http://www.wilberforcecentral.org/wfc/index.htm>
- Act to end Slavery <http://www.setallfree.net>
- Force 7 - getting young people involved in W2007 <http://www.force-7.co.uk>



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WILBERFORCE 2007 COMMEMORATIONS PROGRAMME LAUNCHED SEPTEMBER 2006

OBJECTIVES

- To commemorate the abolition of slavery in a contemporary and relevant way that will benefit residents and businesses in Hull
- To promote fair trade across the world
- To promote cultural and economic freedom
- Raising awareness of modern day slavery and human right issues
- To celebrate diversity and promoting good practice in Hull
- To promote Hull as an ideal visitor destination
- To enable the community of Hull to come together and encourage civic pride

THE LAUNCH - 6th September 2006

- Big screen countdown
- Richard Adams Book Launch
- Lighting up of the Wilberforce Monument outside Hull College
- Launch of the new updated website
- Launch of the education pack 'Accessing Wilberforce'
- Citizenship and Diversity Activities (in conjunction with Hull College)
- Hull Art for Freetown Exhibition



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EXAMPLE PROJECTS FOR 2006/2007
[Projects set to commence from
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<u>EVENT/PROJECT</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>FURTHER INFORMATION</u>
Wilberforce Stamp	Owen Finn Chamber of Commerce	Royal Mail set to release the stamp in 2007
New Wilberforce Website	Mitch Upfold Hull City Council	Launch to coincide with W2007 Launch September 2006
Soul City Charity CD	Roger Cutsforth roger@thedeebes.com	Proceeds going to Free-town Society & Bunce Island, Freeland (SL)
Amazing Grace (Film)		See website http://www.walden.com/web/teach/grace
Lighting of the Wilberforce Monument (outside Hull College)	Geoff Bielby Hull City Council	Wilberforce Monument set to be cleaned and lit up.
The Wilberforce Petition	Emma Pearson-Kendall Hull Cityimage	The development of an online petition supporting the outcomes to W2007
W2007 Fair Trade Coffee	Martin Budd Fair Trade Group	Launch of a branded W2007 fair trade coffee
Wilberforce Lectures	Wilberforce Lecture Trust	The delivery of 3 Wilberforce Lectures from the Archbishops of Canterbury & York and the Prime Minister of Barbados
Wilberforce Festival Day (one day long)	Lou Duffy-Howard Hull City Council	Featuring local & international carnival artists and musicians to showcase the city and partners activities linked to Hull Together

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Clarkson Wilberforce Meridian Walk	David Pott Lifeline Expedition	A 200 mile from Hull to Parliament to end on March 25th 2007
Accessing Wilberforce	Jon Pywell Hull Museums	The development of learning materials use in Hull Schools linked to the national curriculum
History of Slavery Exhibition	James Forrester Trinity Church	To be produced by children with a contemporary theme
Wilberforce Book Launches	Mike Ulliot Hull Literary Club	Books by Richard Adams and William Hague
Wilberforce Youth Conference / Parliament	Nickie Johnson Hull Youth Council	3-day event involving the youth of today leading on themed activities
Abolition of Slavery Centre Piece	Robin Diaper Hull City Council	The production of a contemporary, unique and quality artistic sculpture, made from silver, for public display at the Guildhall
The Twinning Link	The Freetown Society	A book is set to be produced detailing the history of Hull's link with Freetown, Sierra Leone
Humber Bridge Cross	David Westwood Christian Aid	Taking place on the first Saturday in May raising awareness and funds.

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HOW BUSINESSES CAN GET INVOLVED

FREE INVOLVEMENT

Use W2007 logos on your letterheads
Add Wilberforce web-link to your email signatures
Sign up to the online anti slavery petition
Put up Wilberforce posters at your work place
Send out bespoke Wilberforce flyers with your mailings

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Purchase Fair Trade Coffee
Use Wilberforce Stickers and Stamps for all external mail
Purchase Soul City Charity CD
Purchase a Wilberforce Flag

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN DUE COURSE



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