

Press Release

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KCTMO supports blue plaque honouring Frank Crichlow

London housing organisation Kensington & Chelsea TMO is supporting a blue plaque honouring the late community activist Frank Crichlow to be unveiled on 4 December.

The plaque is being organised by the Nubian Jak Community Trust, in association with the Mangrove Family, Black History Walks, and KCTMO. The Trust organises Britain's only BME led national plaque scheme.

For 24 years Crichlow owned Mangrove Restaurant on All Saints Road in Notting Hill, London. This restaurant attracted world famous visitors including Jimi Hendrix, Diana Ross and Marvin Gaye, and was a centre for political and social activism within the African and Caribbean culture in Notting Hill and London as a whole.

Chief Executive Robert Black said: "We're really pleased to be able to support the blue plaque honouring Frank Crichlow who helped to set up the Mangrove Community Association through which local projects were nurtured to improve housing, and provide advice and assistance to the community. These activities develop stronger communities and help make Kensington and Chelsea a great place to be."

KCTMO has worked with and supported the Nubian Jak Community Trust over the past three years to gain permission to erect plaques around the borough in recognition of people who were instrumental in the history of the area.

- On Sunday, 4 December 2011 at 1pm, there will be a ceremony honouring Frank Crichlow with a blue heritage plaque from the Nubian Jak Community Trust.

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Notes for editors

Kensington and Chelsea Tenant Management Organisation (TMO) is responsible for managing some council homes on behalf of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. It was set up following two ballots on 1 April 1996, and took over management of about 10,000 properties.

The Council still owns the properties and retains responsibility for strategic housing policies and homeless people. The relationship between the TMO and the Council is governed by a Modular Management Agreement, and while the TMO works closely with the Council, it is a separate company.