



THE DAVID OLUWALE CHOIR IS BEING FORMED – PLEASE JOIN!

Hello! We're looking for people to join us for a special performance of two traditional songs adapted by myself, Ellen Smith, to commemorate the life of David Oluwale, at the unveiling of the blue plaque on Leeds Bridge, on Monday 25th April 2022 at 5pm.

I would like to gather some vocalists to form a choir, but also welcome any musicians who would be keen to bring along guitars or percussion etc. Voices of all types and abilities are welcome and encouraged to join us! We want to make this fun and upbeat, and a performance to remember.

Our first gathering is on Saturday 26th March at 11 am in the David Oluwale Room at The Tetley Centre for Contemporary Art for our first rehearsal. I look forward to meeting you all! If you'd like to join us, or have any questions, please email Max at rememberoluwale@gmail.com

Thank you,

Ellen

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David Oluwale was a British citizen born in Lagos, Nigeria, around 1930. He arrived in Leeds in 1949. After many years in a psychiatric hospital and then sleeping rough in Leeds, he was drowned in the River Aire near Leeds Bridge by two policemen in 1969. (They were briefly imprisoned in 1971 for assaulting David.) More information via social media as #RememberOluwale or on [this website](#).

Ellen Smith is an experienced singer-songwriter in Leeds whose adaptations of the songs sung about David Oluwale by Leeds United fans in the 1970s were recently included in a BBC Radio 4 documentary. You can listen to them [here](#).

The David Oluwale Memorial Association and **Leeds Civic Trust** are commemorating David by installing a Blue Plaque on Leeds Bridge at 5pm on Monday 25th April. The details of this event are [here](#). Contact: rememberoluwale@gmail.com

The Tetley art centre is just over Leeds Bridge, near The Adelphi Pub. Its address is Hunslet Road, Leeds LS10 1JQ. There's a map and instructions of how to find it [here](#).