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WELCOME TO ACSIS 2025

This Exhibitor Directory has been thoughtfully curated to spotlight the outstanding businesses, innovators, and change-makers who form the economic heartbeat of our African and Caribbean communities. Each exhibitor featured here embodies the spirit of enterprise, resilience, cultural pride, and global ambition that ACSIS exists to champion.

Across the two days of the summit, we invite you to explore, connect, and engage. Within these pages, you'll discover a mix of organisations spanning sustainability, education, finance, wellness, culture, fashion, community impact, and social innovation. Together, they represent the richness of our global diaspora and the future we are building collectively.

How to Use This Directory

This guide is designed to help you make the most of your summit experience. Inside, you will find:

- Exhibitor Profiles who they are, what they do, and where to find them
- Reasons to visit each stand, conversation starters to spark meaningful engagement
- Contact Details & Links to continue networking, partnership and commerce beyond the summit

Let this directory be your passport to discovery: start exploring, start connecting.

Our Shared Purpose

This directory reflects ACSIS's vision to connect, empower, and elevate African and Caribbean talent globally. Every conversation, every connection, every collaboration, it all adds up. May the relationships formed here spark new ideas, fuel enterprise, build community wealth, and strengthen the ecosystem of excellence across our diaspora.

We encourage you to approach each stand with curiosity, an open mind, and a spirit of collaboration. Whether you are looking to learn, invest, support, partner, or amplify we hope you discover something that inspires you.

**On behalf of the ACSIS team, thank you for being part of this journey.
Together, we write legacy.**

Warm regards,

Elizabeth Flanders

Delegate Experience & Operations Lead, ACSIS 2025

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<https://eventconnoisseurs.com/>

AN INTRO TO YOUR ACSIS 2025 SUPPORT TEAM

Welcoming you, guiding you, supporting your summit experience

At ACSIS, we believe that every delegate should feel acknowledged, supported, and empowered to fully engage in the Summit. Our Support Team is available throughout the event to ensure your experience is seamless, engaging, and truly unforgettable.

Delegate Experience & Operations Lead

Elizabeth Flanders

Elizabeth is responsible for overseeing the delegate experience on both summit days. She ensures smooth reception, provides exhibitor support, coordinates volunteers, and maintains overall event flow. Elizabeth is dedicated to creating a welcoming environment where delegates, VIPs, and partners feel informed, valued, and well cared for from arrival to conclusion

AC SIS Volunteer & Support Team

Our dedicated team members embody the ACSIS values of service, community, and excellence.

Positioned across key touchpoints, they are here to offer:

- A warm welcome and registration support
- Guidance around the venue and summit programme
- Assistance for exhibitors and delegates throughout the day
- Support during session transitions, breaks, and the Networking Reception

Please feel free to approach them at any time; they're here for you.

How to Identify the Team

You can recognise ACSIS Support Team members by:

- Their ACSIS-branded name badges
- Their presence at Reception, Info Points, the Main Hall, and Exhibition Space
- Their warm, proactive approach

Acknowledgement

The success of ACSIS 2025 depends on the dedication, teamwork, and professionalism of everyone supporting behind the scenes from our volunteers and venue partners to the ACSIS planning team and Event Connoisseurs operations crew.

Each person plays a vital role in creating a welcoming, efficient, and culturally rich experience for delegates, exhibitors, and guests.

With gratitude, we thank every member of the Support Team for their commitment, care, and contribution to delivering a summit that truly connects, empowers, and elevates.



Dalgety

Master Tea Blenders

OFFICIAL HOT BEVERAGE PARTNER



About the Organisation

Dalgety Teas stands as a beacon of Caribbean heritage in the UK, celebrated for crafting high-quality herbal teas that capture the essence of Caribbean culture. Established in 1993 by Mark Dalgety, a visionary chemical engineer, the brand has grown from its modest beginnings into a prominent name in the tea industry. Dalgety Teas prides itself on using 100% natural ingredients and fostering sustainable partnerships with small-scale farmers, ensuring that each blend is both flavourful and ethically sourced.

Experience Dalgety Teas at ACSIS 2025

As the Official Hot Beverage Partner of ACSIS 2025, Dalgety Teas invites delegates to indulge in a curated selection of its signature herbal blends. From the invigorating notes of ginger and moringa to the soothing essence of soursop and peppermint, attendees can enjoy complimentary servings that promise an authentic taste of the Caribbean. The dedicated hot-beverage station will not only offer a delightful sensory experience but also provide insights into the traditional healing practices and cultural heritage that each cup embodies.

Why Visit the Dalgety Teas Stand

Visiting the Dalgety Teas stand offers a unique opportunity to:

- Discover the rich heritage and cultural stories behind each blend.
- Sample authentic herbal teas reflective of the African & Caribbean diaspora experience.
- Learn about the health benefits of Caribbean herbs and the sustainable sourcing practices that support small-scale farmers.
- Engage with one of Europe's most successful Caribbean-owned tea brand.
- Experience a moment of calm and connection amidst the bustling summit environment.

The Founding Story

The journey of Dalgety Teas is a testament to perseverance, innovation, and cultural pride. Founded by Mark Dalgety with just £1,000 on his credit card, the brand's inception was fuelled by a desire to bring authentic Caribbean herbal teas to the UK market. Mark's pioneering spirit led him to Guyana, where he sourced the cerassie (corilla) bush, and with determination, he hand-packed 16,000 one-ounce packets in his parents' living room. Today, Dalgety Teas produces over 3.4 million teabags daily and is a staple in major supermarkets, embodying a legacy of excellence and cultural integrity.

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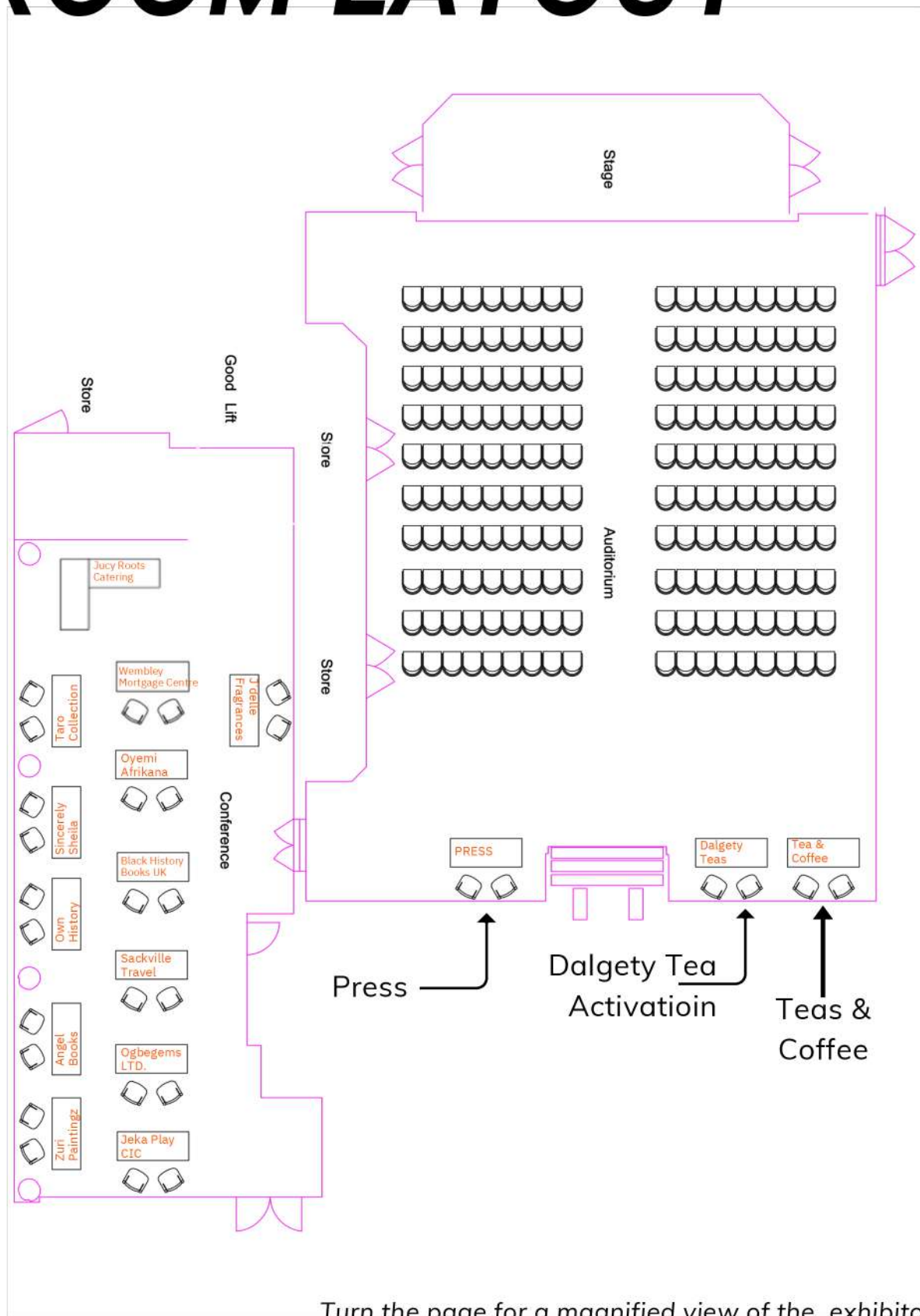
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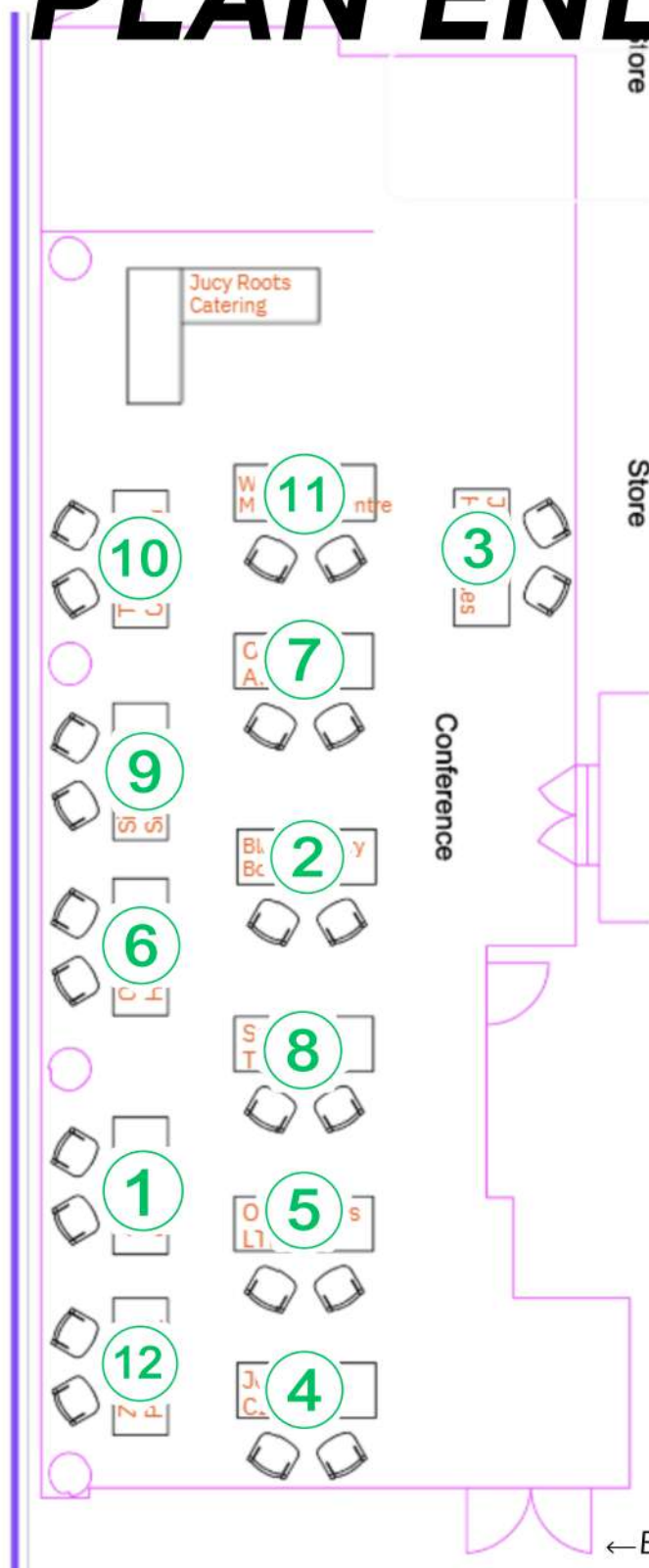
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Whether you're seeking to savour bold flavours or explore the deep traditions of Caribbean herbal remedies, Dalgety Teas offers a journey of taste and history that is not to be missed.

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A-Z EXHIBITOR LISTINGS

This section provides a quick alphabetical reference to all exhibitors participating in ACSIS 2025.

Use it to locate businesses, plan your visit, and make the most of your networking time in the exhibition area. Whether you're seeking partnerships, inspiration, or insight, this index offers a clear overview of who's present and where to find them.

Each listing corresponds to the detailed exhibitor profiles that follow.

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ANGELBOOKS

Sector: Education

Representative: A M Colman MBE



About the Organisation

AngelBooks is a children's publishing initiative dedicated to creating inclusive and diverse books that centre children of colour as main characters. Through empowering stories and vibrant representation, AngelBooks fosters self-confidence, affirms identity, and encourages a lifelong love of reading and learning. The organisation also runs the Sow A Seed project, which distributes inclusive books to children in developing countries, promoting literacy, cultural pride, and self-worth.

What You Will Experience at ACSIS 2025

Meet the author A M Colman MBE and discover titles that celebrate Black history in the UK and showcase children of colour in empowering roles, designed to inspire and educate.

Delegates will be able to explore a range of inclusive children's books and educational resources designed to reflect children's identities, cultures, and lived experiences of children within our communities. The stand will feature UK Black history materials, culturally affirming storybooks, and resources for schools, parents, and community groups.

Importantly, AngelBooks' titles provide inclusive representation, the children featured in these books are intentionally diverse, ensuring that young readers see themselves positively reflected in the stories they read.

Why Visit This Stand

Delegates will gain insight into the transformative power of representation in children's literature. AngelBooks sparks meaningful conversations among educators, families, and communities, promoting empathy, understanding, and cultural connection.

This is a chance to explore resources that foster confidence, belonging, and cultural awareness and to witness how inclusive storytelling can shape identity and inspire lifelong learning.

Founding Story

AngelBooks was founded by A.M. Colman MBE to ensure children of colour are not only present but celebrated as central characters in the stories they read. Her work continues to champion visibility, pride, and empowerment through literature.

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Photo: A M Colman, MBE



BLACK HISTORY BOOKS UK



Sector: Education | Publishing | Book distribution

Representative: Emmanuel Amevor, Founder

About the Organisation

Black History Books UK was founded in 2014 in response to the growing demand for accessible literature on African and Caribbean history and culture in the UK. It operates as both an online and mobile bookstore, actively engaging with communities through festivals, exhibitions, and pop-up markets across the country.

Founded by Emmanuel Amevor, a retired Chartered Certified Accountant and cultural entrepreneur, Black History Books UK has grown into a specialist retailer of hard-to-find titles focused on African and Caribbean heritage. The organisation also stocks a wide range of books for children, young people, and women of African descent, with a strong emphasis on cultural education and empowerment.

What You Will Experience at ACSIS 2025

Delegates will have the opportunity to browse and purchase a curated selection of titles that celebrate and explore African and Caribbean history, culture, and identity. The stand will showcase works from leading Caribbean and African publishers, as well as titles on notable African American figures and movements. Emmanuel Amevor will also be available to engage in conversation and share insights on the importance of cultural literacy and historical awareness.

Why Visit This Stand

- Discover rare and essential titles on African and Caribbean history
- Explore children's and youth literature that centres Black voices and stories
- Learn about publishing pathways for self-published authors
- Connect with a passionate advocate for cultural education and community engagement
- We welcome enquiries from libraries, schools, colleges and other institutions in need of books on black history and culture

Founding Story

Emmanuel Amevor launched Black History Books UK after recognising a significant gap in the UK's literary landscape particularly the absence of Afrocentric bookstores on the high street. What began as a personal mission has evolved into a trusted platform for cultural education, representation, and literary access. Today, Black History Books UK is also the UK and European distributor for Ian Randle Publishers Ltd, Jamaica's leading publisher of Caribbean academic and literary works.

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J'DELLE FRAGRANCES

Sector: Beauty & Fragrance

Representative: June Ross MBE, Founder & CEO



About the Organisation

J'delle Fragrances is a generational perfume brand founded by June Ross MBE, inspired by the biblical character Queen Esther and the strength of intergenerational legacy. The brand blends storytelling, elegance, and empowerment through scent, offering fragrances that symbolise identity, resilience, and royalty. J'delle is more than a perfume it's a crowning scent that invites wearers to unveil their inner beauty and remember who they are.

What You Will Experience at ACSIS 2025

Visitors will be immersed in the world of J'delle, where fragrance meets heritage. Engage with June Ross MBE and explore the meaning behind each scent, rooted in personal journey and cultural symbolism. Discover how perfume can be a powerful expression of self, legacy, and queenship.

Why Visit This Stand

If you're drawn to meaningful luxury, intergenerational storytelling, and products that celebrate identity, J'delle Fragrances offers a unique experience. Learn how scent can empower, inspire, and connect and take home a fragrance that reflects your own journey.

Founding Story

Founded by June Ross MBE to symbolise her personal journey and legacy, inspired by Queen Esther and the initials of her children forming the intergenerational brand JDL (pronounced Ju-del).

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Photo: June Ross, MBE with her children

JEKA PLAY CIC & ENJOY EY



Sector: Early Childhood Education & Social Innovation

Representative: Anneka Russell, Founder & Director

About the Organisation

Jeka Play CIC & Enjoy EY are pioneering early childhood education initiatives founded by Anneka Russell, a social entrepreneur, educator, and innovator with over two decades of experience. The organisation transforms physical learning environments into inclusive, sustainable “third teachers” that support child development while being cost-effective and environmentally conscious. Through design, pedagogy, and community engagement, Jeka Play promotes education equity and culturally rooted support systems.

What You Will Experience at ACSIS 2025

Delegates will explore innovative early years solutions, including the patented JEKA Pack n Play shelf a modular nursery furniture system designed to maximise flexibility and reduce setup time for childcare providers. The stand will also showcase community-based programmes such as stay-and-play sessions, parent workshops, and crèche models inspired by Caribbean diaspora values.

Why Visit This Stand

Jeka Play CIC offers practical, scalable solutions for educators, entrepreneurs, and community leaders seeking to expand access to high-quality early education. Visitors will gain insights into sustainable design, inclusive pedagogy, and how physical environments can be leveraged to support learning, wellbeing, and social inclusion.

Founding Story

Founded by Anneka Russell to combine design, teaching, and sustainability in creating equitable early learning environments, especially for underserved communities.

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Photo: Anneka Russell

OGBEGEMS LTD



Sector: Jewellery Boutique

Representative: Modupeoluwa "aka Modupe" Ogbe

OGBEGEMS

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About the Organisation

Bespoke. Elegant. Timeless.

Ogbegems is a luxury jewellery brand celebrating individuality and sophistication through meticulously handcrafted pieces. Each design blends the richness of African gemstones with contemporary elegance creating timeless accessories that elevate every look.

Whether you're seeking statement necklaces, delicate pearls, or unique gemstone creations, Ogbegems offers exquisite pieces designed to enhance your personal style and confidence.

Discover the art of stylish luxury - where every piece tells your story.

What You Will Experience at ACSIS 2025

Visitors to the Ogbegems stand will discover a refined collection of jewellery that blends modern aesthetics with subtle nods to African and Caribbean artistry. Expect a welcoming atmosphere, opportunities to explore signature pieces, and conversations around the inspiration and story behind each design.

Why Visit This Stand

Ogbegems is perfect for attendees seeking jewellery that tells a story. Whether you're looking for a statement piece, a meaningful gift, or simply drawn to elegant design with cultural depth, this stand offers a fresh perspective on adornment and identity. It's a chance to support a rising brand with a strong creative vision.

Founding Story

Founded in October 2024, Ogbegems Ltd emerged from a passion for jewellery that celebrates individuality and cultural pride. The brand was born out of a desire to create pieces that resonate with the wearer, not just in style, but in spirit. With roots in London and a global outlook, Ogbegems is poised to make its mark as a thoughtful, design-led jewellery house.

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Photo: Modupeoluwa "aka Modupe" Ogbe

OWN HISTORY

Own History

Sector: Heritage | Education | Genealogy

Representative: Adrian Stone, Founder & Lead Genealogist

About the Organisation

Own History is an award-winning genealogy company dedicated to reconnecting people of African and Caribbean descent with their ancestral roots. Founded by genealogist Adrian Stone, the company uses family history as a bridge to restore cultural identity, strengthen cross-continental ties, and inspire global unity across the African diaspora.

What You Will Experience at ACSIS 2025

At ACSIS 2025, the Own History stand will offer a rich exploration of genealogy as a catalyst for cultural empowerment and personal discovery. Delegates will gain insight into ancestral research methods, the impact of rediscovering lineage, and the opportunities that emerge when heritage and business collaborate.

Whether you are beginning your genealogical journey or seeking to deepen your research, the Own History stand provides a space for learning, reflection, and meaningful connection.

Why Visit This Stand

- Discover how genealogy can reconnect you with your African or Caribbean heritage
- Learn techniques for tracing your family tree and uncovering your roots
- Explore the intersection of ancestry, entrepreneurship, and cultural pride
- Engage with Adrian Stone and learn firsthand how heritage can transform lives
- Discover opportunities to participate in future workshops and community initiatives

Founding Story

The inception of Own History was fuelled by Adrian Stone's personal quest to understand his family's roots after his mother's illness. Faced with the historical challenges of slavery, migration, and fragmented records, Adrian embarked on a decade-long journey, uncovering thousands of relatives and tracing his lineage from Jamaica back to Nigeria. This transformative experience inspired him to create Own History a platform dedicated to helping others reclaim their ancestral stories and reconnect with their past.

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Photo: Adrian Stone, Founder & Lead Genealogist

OYEMI AFRIKANA



Sector: Fashion & Lifestyle

Representative: Opeyemi Okuselu, Founder

About the Organisation

Oyemi Afrikana is a vibrant African fashion and lifestyle brand that celebrates heritage through timeless design. Using 100% quality cotton materials sourced from Africa, the brand curates ready-to-wear clothing and accessories that fuse traditional aesthetics with contemporary style. Each piece is crafted to honour the beauty, strength, and elegance of African women.

What You Will Experience at ACSIS 2025

Visitors will discover a stunning collection of fashion pieces that embody queenship and cultural pride. Expect bold prints, elegant silhouettes, and a celebration of African identity through wearable art. Meet the founder, Opeyemi Okuselu, and learn about the inspiration behind the brand's fusion of old and new.

Why Visit This Stand

If you love fashion that tells a story, values authenticity, and uplifts women, Oyemi Afrikana is a must-visit. Explore how African prints and styles are reimagined for modern wardrobes, and find pieces that make you feel regal, empowered, and beautifully seen.

Founding Story

Founded by Opeyemi Okuselu to style women in timeless fashion pieces that celebrate African heritage and queenship.

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Photo: Opeyemi Okuselu, Founder

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SACKVILLE TRAVEL

Sector: Travel & Tourism

Representative: Laverne Walker, Director

About the Organisation

Sackville Travel is a trusted travel agency with decades of experience in delivering tailored travel solutions. Under the leadership of Director Laverne Walker, the company has built a strong reputation for competitive fares, exceptional customer service, and a deep connection to the communities it serves. Specialising in travel to the Caribbean and Africa, Sackville Travel offers personalised support and ethical business practices that reflect its values of integrity and inclusion.

What You Will Experience at ACSIS 2025

Visitors to the Sackville Travel stand will meet Laverne Walker and her team, who bring expert insight into global travel markets. Expect engaging conversations about travel planning, diaspora tourism, and how Sackville can support your next journey with flexible, community-focused solutions.

Why Visit This Stand

Whether you're planning a cultural trip, a family holiday, or a bespoke itinerary to the Caribbean or Africa, Sackville Travel offers the expertise and care to make your experience seamless. Learn how this agency champions diversity, supports local charities, and empowers travellers to explore the world with confidence.

Founding Story

Founded to provide inclusive, community-rooted travel services with a focus on the Caribbean and African diaspora, inspired by Director Laverne Walker's lifelong passion for travel and her commitment to empowering others to explore the world.

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Photo: Laverne Walker

SINCERELY SHEILA



Sector: Art, Literature & Mental Health
Representative: Sheila Paul, Founder

About the Organisation

Sincerely Sheila is a UK-based creative and therapeutic initiative founded by artist, author, and mental health advocate Sheila Paul. The organisation creates lifelike Black reborn baby dolls as tools for healing, emotional reconnection, and cultural representation. Through art, storytelling, and workshops, Sincerely Sheila supports Black women, girls, and families in navigating identity, mental wellbeing, and generational healing.

What You Will Experience at ACSIS 2025

Delegates will engage with a unique blend of art and advocacy, including therapeutic dolls, creative resources, and Sheila's debut book *Black Girl, Broken Mirror*—a powerful narrative of healing and self-discovery. The stand will also showcase community workshops that promote mental health, cultural pride, and resilience.

Why Visit This Stand

Sincerely Sheila offers a deeply personal and culturally affirming experience. Visitors will explore how creativity can be used to support mental wellbeing, celebrate identity, and spark healing conversations across generations.

Founding Story

Founded by Sheila Paul, inspired by her lived experience with Body Dysmorphic Disorder and her Caribbean heritage, to bridge the gap between art, mental health, and cultural representation.

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Photo: Sheila Paul, Founder

TARO COLLECTION



Sector: Fashion & Accessories

Representative: Tolly Taro (Tola Awolesi), CEO & Designer

About the Organisation

Taro Collection is a handmade jewellery and accessories brand that brings glamour and sparkle to everyday life. Founded by Tola Awolesi, the brand was born from a personal journey of rediscovery transforming a childhood passion into a thriving creative business. Each piece is thoughtfully designed and handcrafted to celebrate individuality, elegance, and joy.

What You Will Experience at ACSIS 2025

Delegates will discover a stunning range of handcrafted jewelry and accessories that blend creativity with sophistication. Expect to meet the designer behind the brand, explore the story of turning passion into purpose, and find pieces that add a touch of sparkle to your personal style.

Why Visit This Stand

Taro Collection offers more than just accessories—it's a story of resilience, creativity, and empowerment. Visitors will leave inspired by the craftsmanship and the journey behind the brand and may even find a piece that speaks to their own story.

Founding Story

Founded by Tola Awolesi after turning a childhood hobby into a business that celebrates beauty, purpose, and personal transformation.

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Photo: Tolly Taro

WEMBLEY MORTGAGE CENTRE



Sector: Financial Services

Representative: Patrick Brown

About the Organisation

Wembley Mortgage Centre is an independent mortgage advisory firm with over 25 years of experience in the financial services sector. Led by Patrick Brown, the centre specialises in Commercial, Investment, Buy-to-Let, and Bridging Finance solutions. With a strong foundation built on integrity, transparency, and personalised service, the firm offers whole-of-market access to help clients secure the most suitable property finance options.

What You Will Experience at ACSIS 2025

Visitors will have the opportunity to engage directly with Patrick Brown, an experienced advisor who brings decades of insight from leading institutions like HSBC and Barclays. Expect tailored guidance on property finance, real-world case studies, and practical advice on navigating the lending landscape.

Why Visit This Stand

Whether you're a first-time investor, a seasoned developer, or exploring commercial finance options, Wembley Mortgage Centre offers trusted expertise and FCA-authorized advice. Discover how open, honest conversations can lead to smart funding solutions that align with your goals.

Founding Story

Founded over 8 years ago by Patrick Brown to provide independent, client-focused mortgage advice in Wembley and beyond.

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Authorised by: Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)



Photo: Patrick Brown

ZURI PAINTINGZ



Sector: Arts & Crafts | Well-being | Cultural Enterprise
Representative: Karen Reid, Founder & Artist

About the Organisation

Zuri Paintingz is a London-based art initiative founded by Karen Reid, specialising in Afrocentric textured art and affirmation pieces. The organisation uses visual storytelling to celebrate Black identity, resilience, pride, and wellbeing. Through both artwork and community workshops, Zuri Paintingz fosters cultural connection, self-expression, and healing.

What You Will Experience at ACSIS 2025

Delegates will be able to explore a curated collection of artwork and handcrafted designs that celebrate transformation, self-expression, and community resilience. The stand will feature pieces that demonstrate how creativity can support well-being, strengthen cultural sustainability, and inspire positive social impact.

Why Visit This Stand

Zuri Paintingz embodies the belief that art is more than decoration it is a catalyst for growth, connection, and collective empowerment. Visitors will experience how visual storytelling can nurture emotional wellness and cultural pride.

Zuri Paintingz offers a unique opportunity to explore how art can be a tool for cultural affirmation and personal empowerment. Visitors will leave inspired by the beauty and depth of Afrocentric art and the transformative impact of creativity within communities.

Founding Story

Karen Reid founded Zuri Paintingz out of a deep desire to use art as a healing force and a means of cultural affirmation. Drawing from her lived experience and passion for Afrocentric creativity, she envisioned a space where Black identity, resilience, and wellbeing could be celebrated through textured art and storytelling. Zuri Paintingz was born to empower communities, foster emotional wellness, and spark transformation—one brushstroke at a time.

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Photo: Karen Reid



About the Curator

Elizabeth Flanders

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Elizabeth Flanders is a visionary event curator and cultural strategist known for crafting premium, purpose-driven experiences that celebrate legacy, elevate identity, and empower communities. As the founder of Event Connoisseurs, she brings precision, storytelling, and cultural fluency to every detail from summit design to editorial direction.

About Event Connoisseurs

Creators of Inspired Events, Insight & Storytelling

Event Connoisseurs is a boutique consultancy specialising in culturally aligned experiences that connect, inform, and elevate. Our work spans:

- *Strategic Event Delivery: Summits, awards, curated gatherings, and legacy-driven initiatives*
- *Insight & Research: Community surveys and cultural reporting, including the landmark 100 Caribbean Voices Survey*
- *Editorial Publishing: One Caribbean Magazine, a quarterly celebration of Caribbean excellence, identity, and innovation*

We blend operational excellence with creative direction to produce experiences that are seamless in execution and rich in impact.

Signature Projects

- Spirit of the Caribbean Annual Ball & Caribbean Honour Awards
- 100 Caribbean Voices Survey Report
- One Caribbean Magazine

Our growth is grounded in trusted relationships and word-of-mouth, a reflection of the care, integrity, and high standards we bring to every project.

Let's Connect & Collaborate

We welcome partnerships, commissions, and conversations that align with our mission to elevate Caribbean excellence through events, insight, and storytelling.

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Thank you for Your Support

ACSIS extends heartfelt thanks to all speakers, exhibitors, partners, volunteers and delegates whose passion, innovation, and collaboration have made this summit possible.

Together, we are shaping a future built on connection, empowerment, and shared prosperity across the African and Caribbean communities.

David F Roberts
Founder & Chairman



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