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LONDON JIGSAW PUZZLE GUIDE

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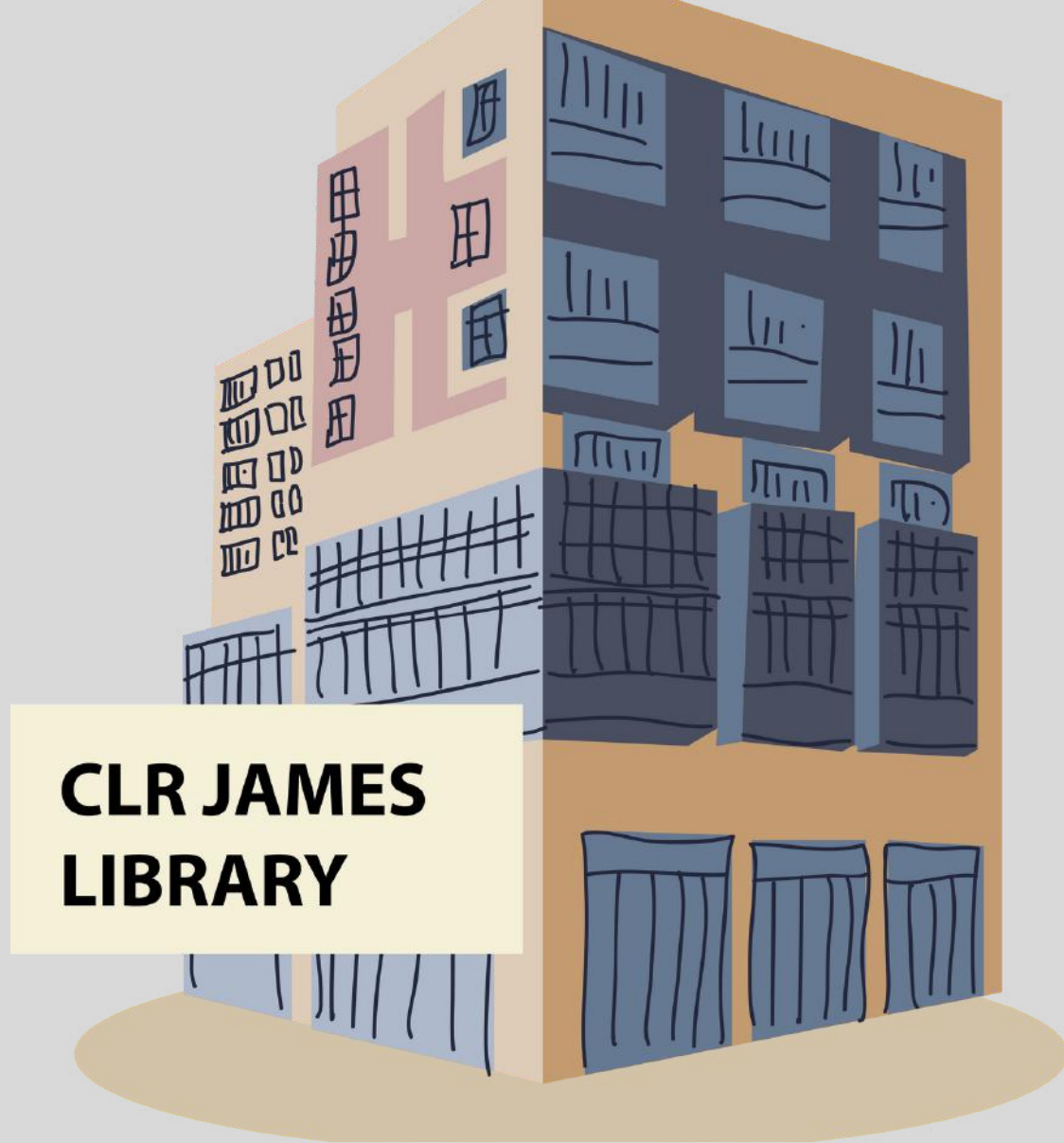


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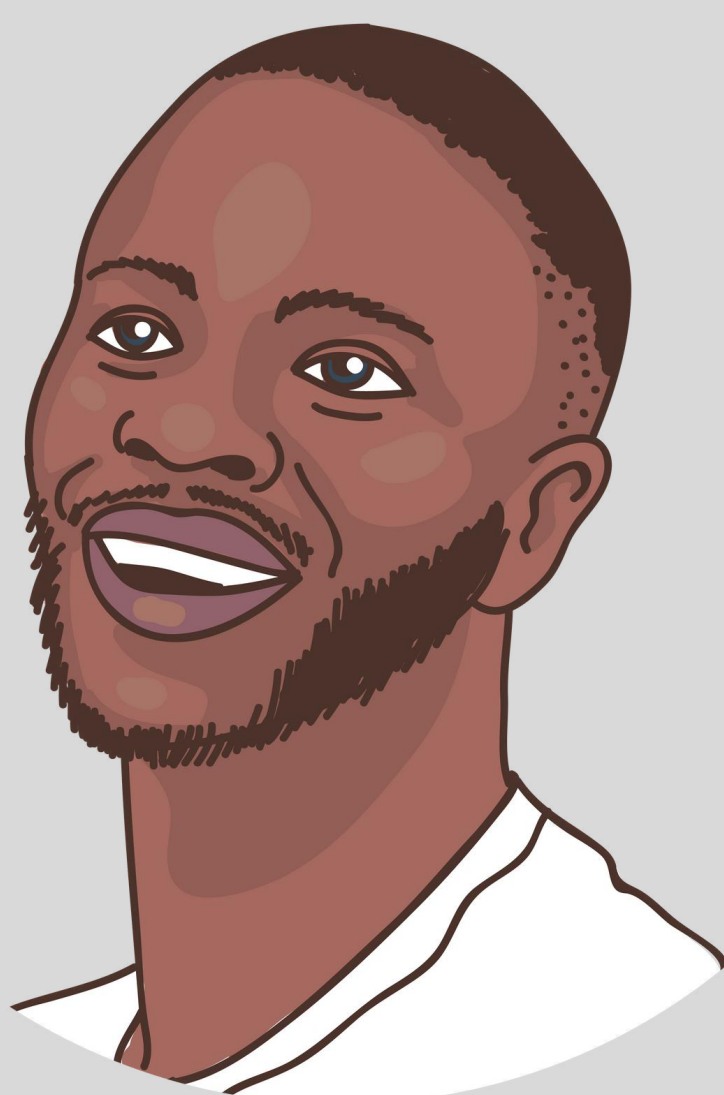
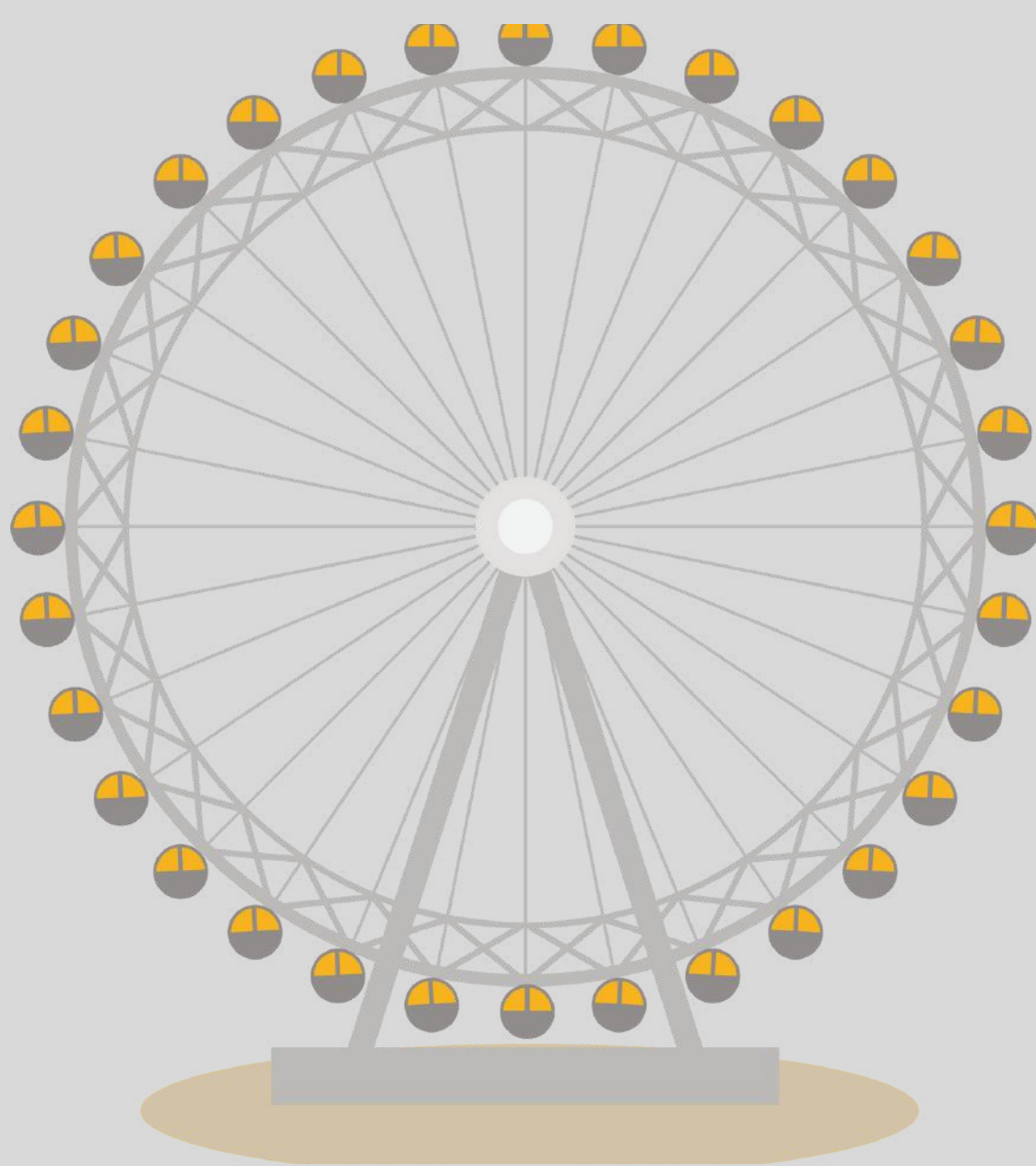
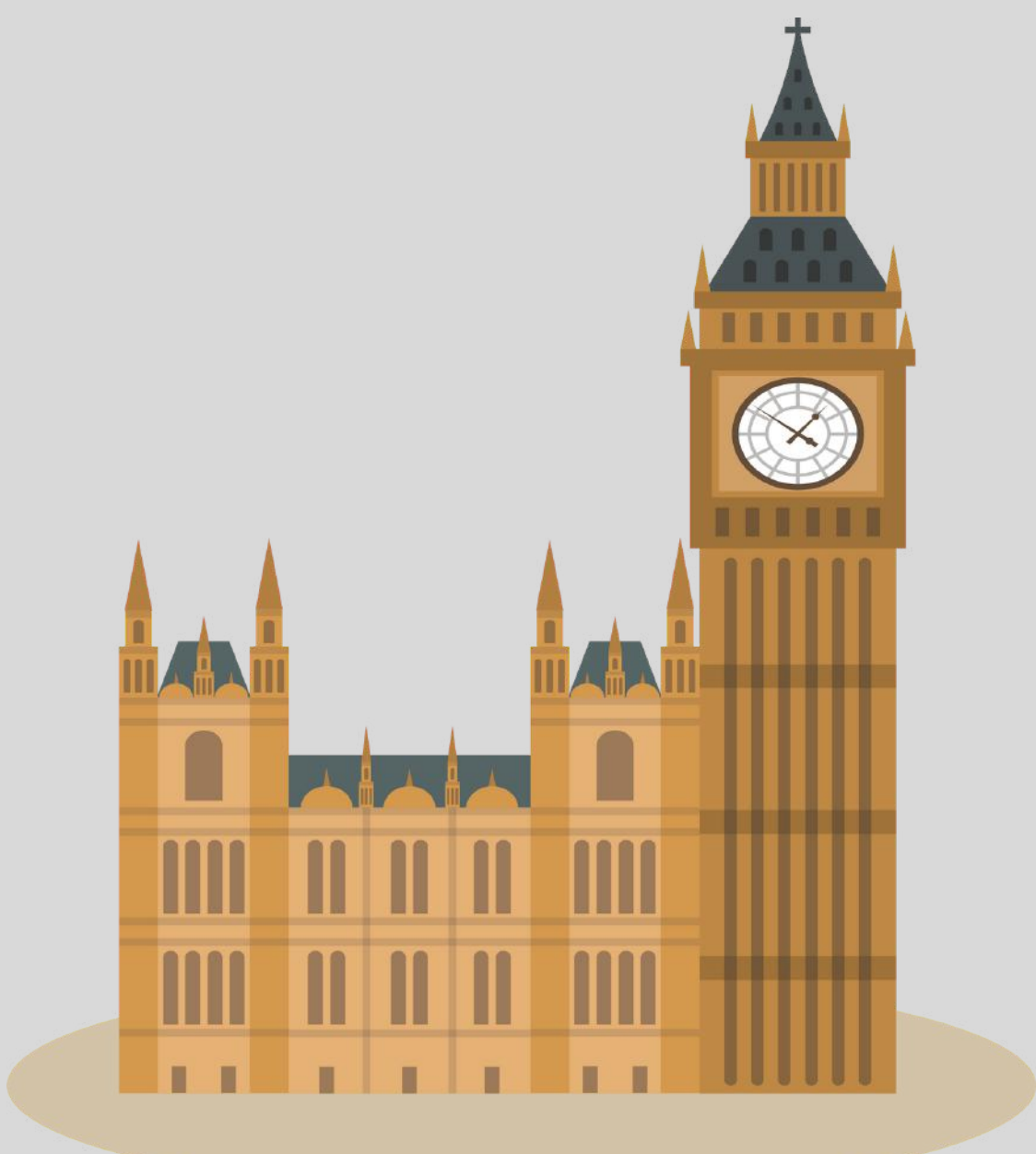




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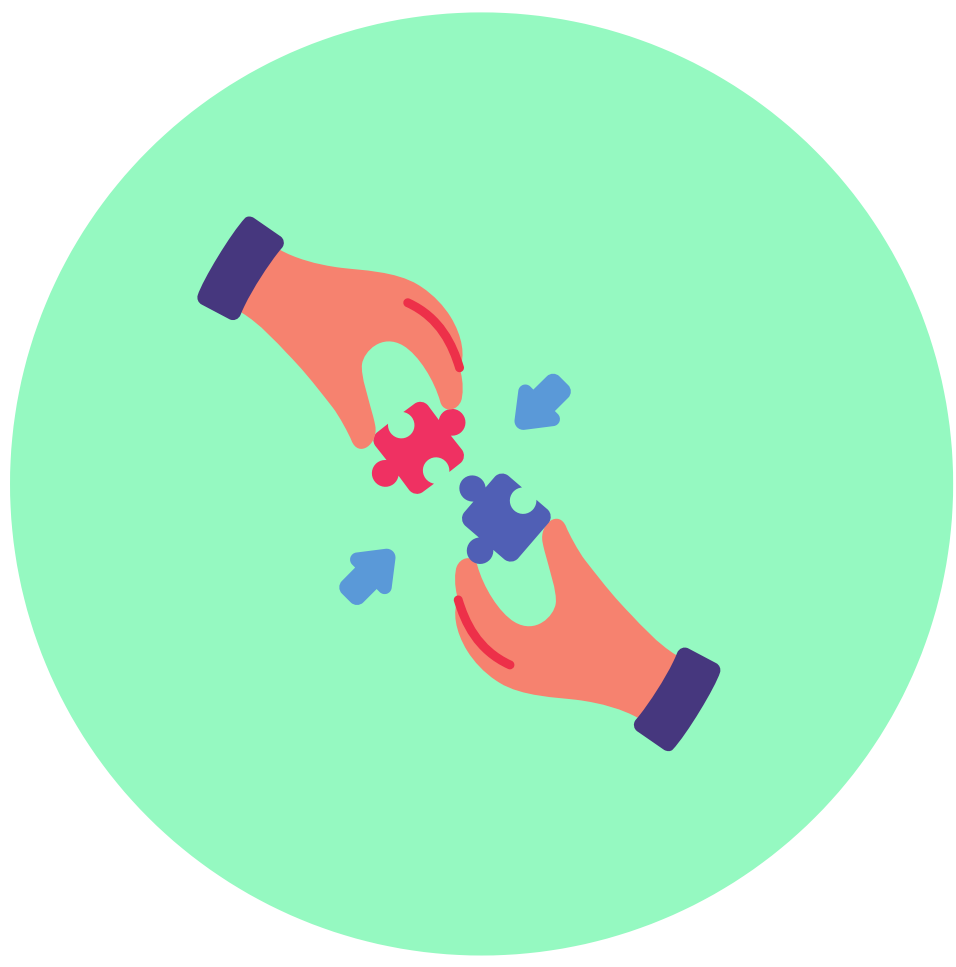
YOUR GUIDE

London is considered to be one of the world's most important global cities and has been called the world's most powerful, most desirable, most influential, most visited, most expensive, sustainable, most investment-friendly, and most-popular-for-work city.

It is the most-visited city as measured by international arrivals and has the busiest city airport system as measured by passenger traffic.

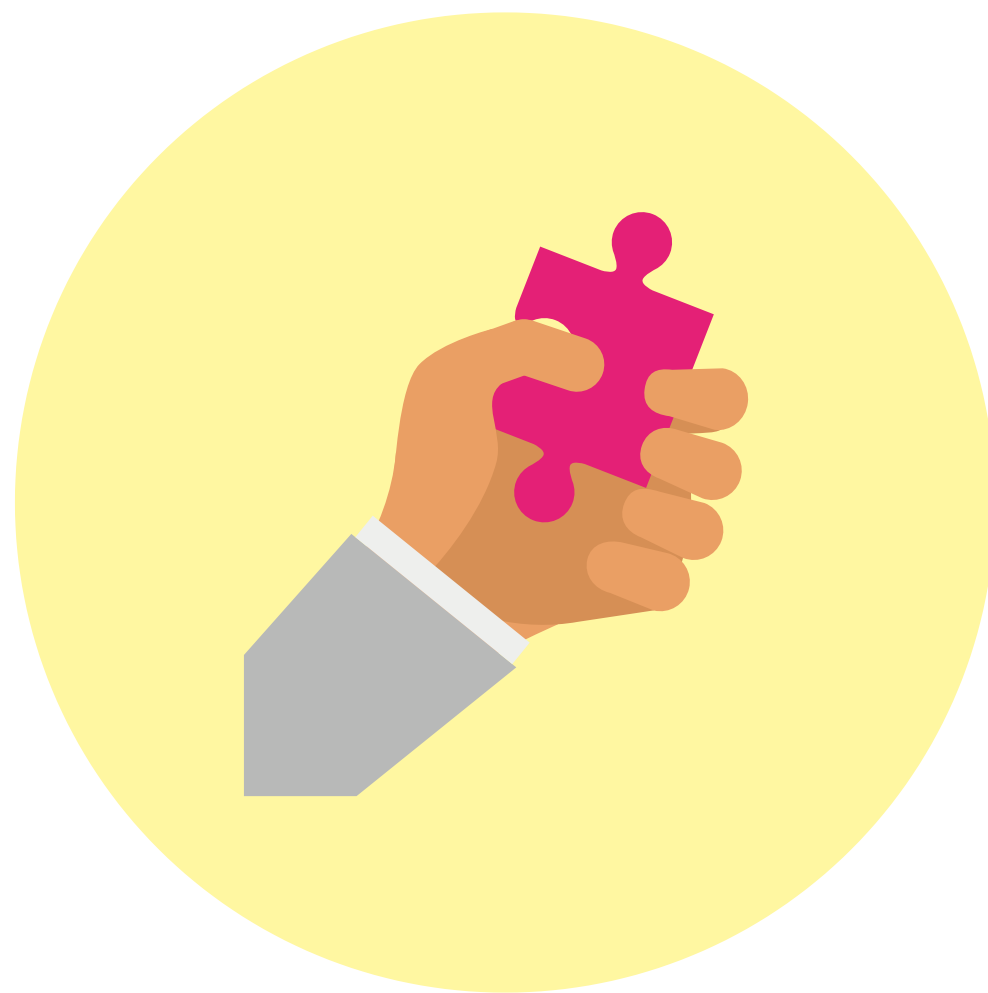
London's universities form the largest concentration of higher education institutes in Europe, and is home to highly ranked institutions such as Imperial College London, the London School of Economics in social sciences, University College London and King's College London. In 2012, London became the first city to have hosted three modern Summer Olympic Games.

THE BENEFITS OF JIGSAW PUZZLES



HAND-EYE COORDINATION

Your child will develop a keen relationship between what their eyes see, what their hands do and what their brain relates to this information.



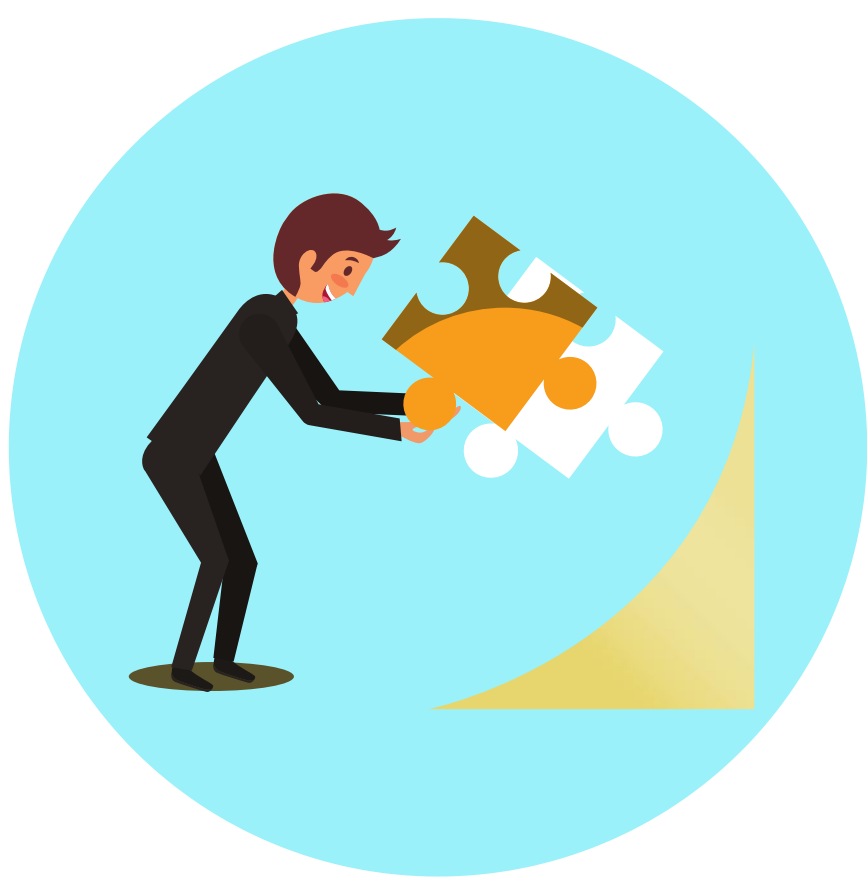
MOTOR SKILLS

Larger puzzle pieces and stacking puzzle games can enhance the large movements of your child to the point where they can then work on their fine motor skills.



UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

There is no better way for your child to gain an understanding of the world around them than by letting them literally manipulate the world around them.



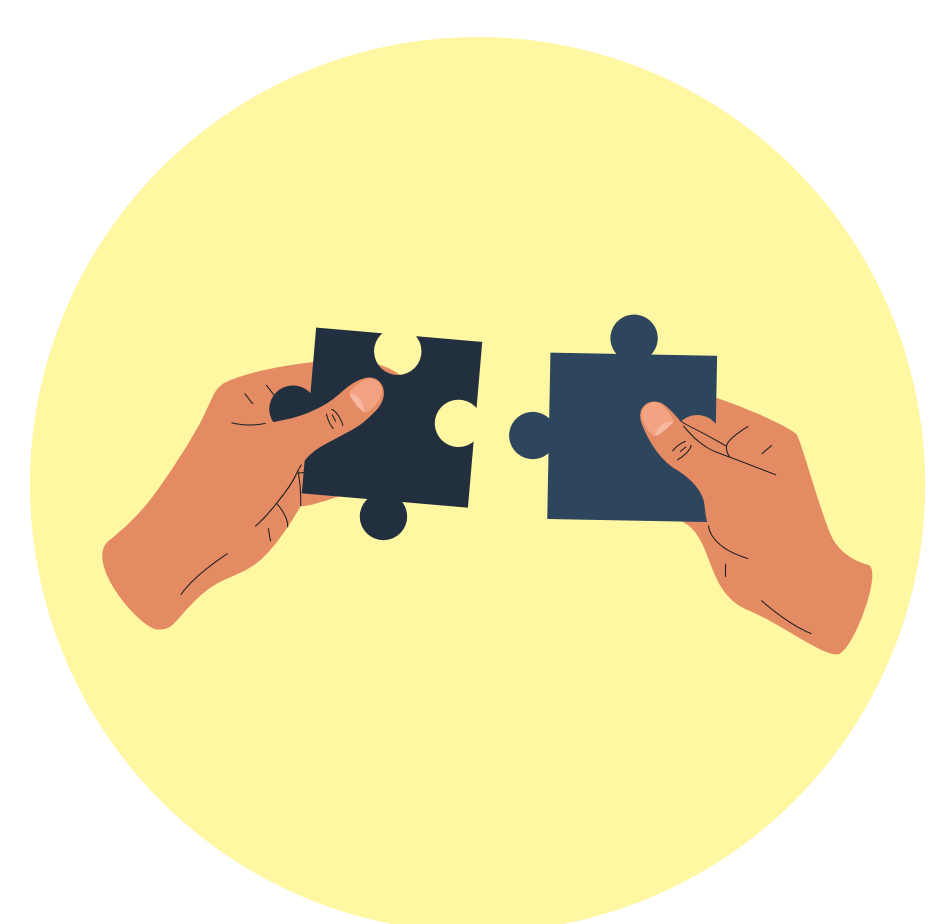
SHAPE RECOGNITION

The first puzzles we use are simple shapes — triangle, squares and circles. From there more complex shapes are used until the abstract jigsaw puzzles are used.



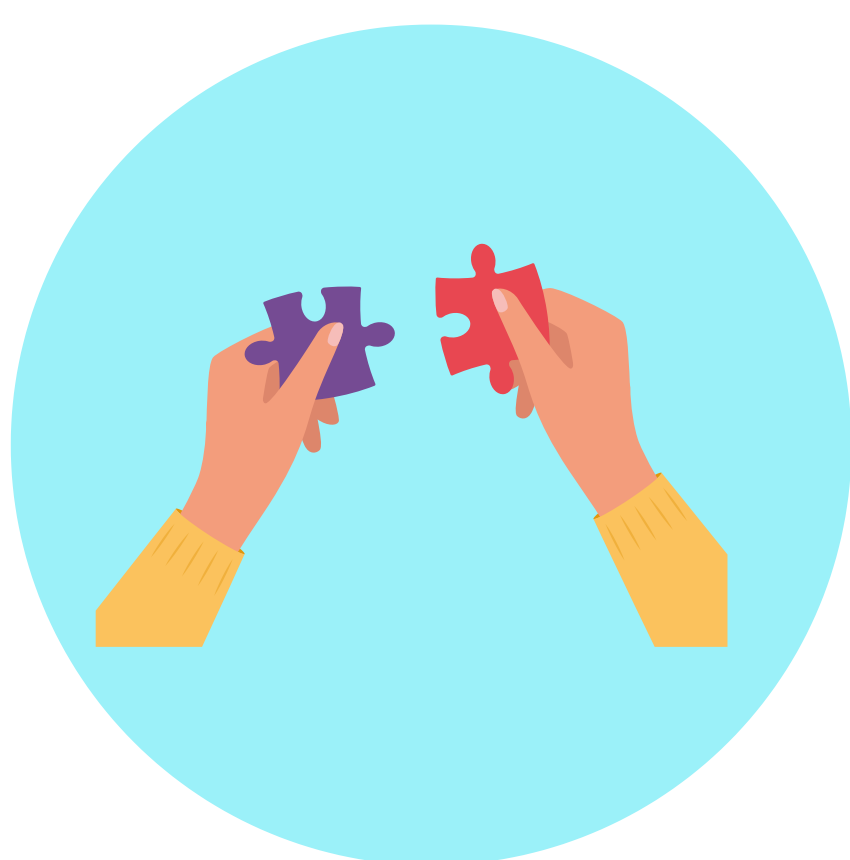
MEMORY

Your child has to remember the shape of pieces that don't fit for when they will fit later on.



PROBLEM SOLVING

Either the puzzle piece fits or it does not. Your child uses critical thinking skills to solve the puzzle and, best of all, you can't cheat a puzzle!



SETTING GOALS

The first goal is to solve the puzzle, the next goal will be a series of strategies your child comes up with to solve the puzzle. Such as putting familiar shapes or colors in one pile for future reference.



PATIENCE

Puzzles are not like sports, you can't just step up to the plate and swing until you knock it out of the park. You must practice patience and slowly work through the puzzle before you reach the ending.



BLACK CULTURAL ARCHIVES

Black Cultural Archives (BCA) was founded in 1981, by educationalist and historian Len Garrison and others. BCA's mission is to record, preserve and celebrate the history of people of African descent in Britain. The BCA's new building in Brixton, opened in 2014, enables access to the archive collection, provides dedicated learning spaces and mounts a programme of exhibitions and events.

Black Cultural Archives is the only national heritage centre dedicated to collecting, preserving and celebrating the histories of African and Caribbean people in Britain.

MAGGIE ADERIN- POCOCK

(9 March 1968)

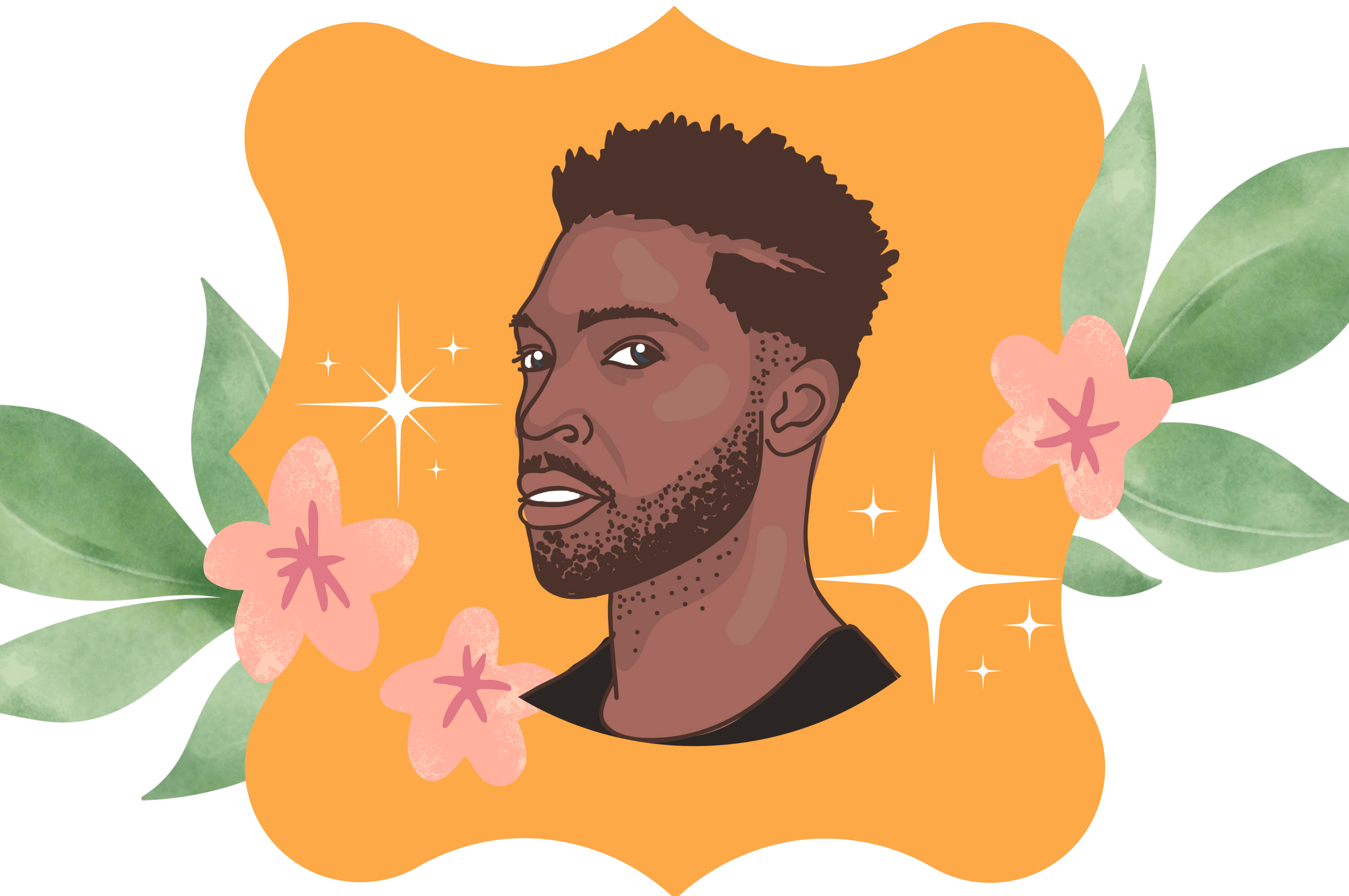


Margaret Eburuluwa Aderin-Pocock MBE is a British space scientist and science educator. She is an honorary research associate of University College London's Department of Physics and Astronomy. Since February 2014, she has co-presented the long-running astronomy television programme *The Sky at Night* with Chris Lintott.

In 2020 she was awarded the Institute of Physics William Thomson, Lord Kelvin Medal and Prize for her public engagement in physics. She is the first African woman to win a gold medal in the Physics News Award. She has also earned the title of the president-elect of the British Science Association

TINIE TEMPAH

(7 November 1988)



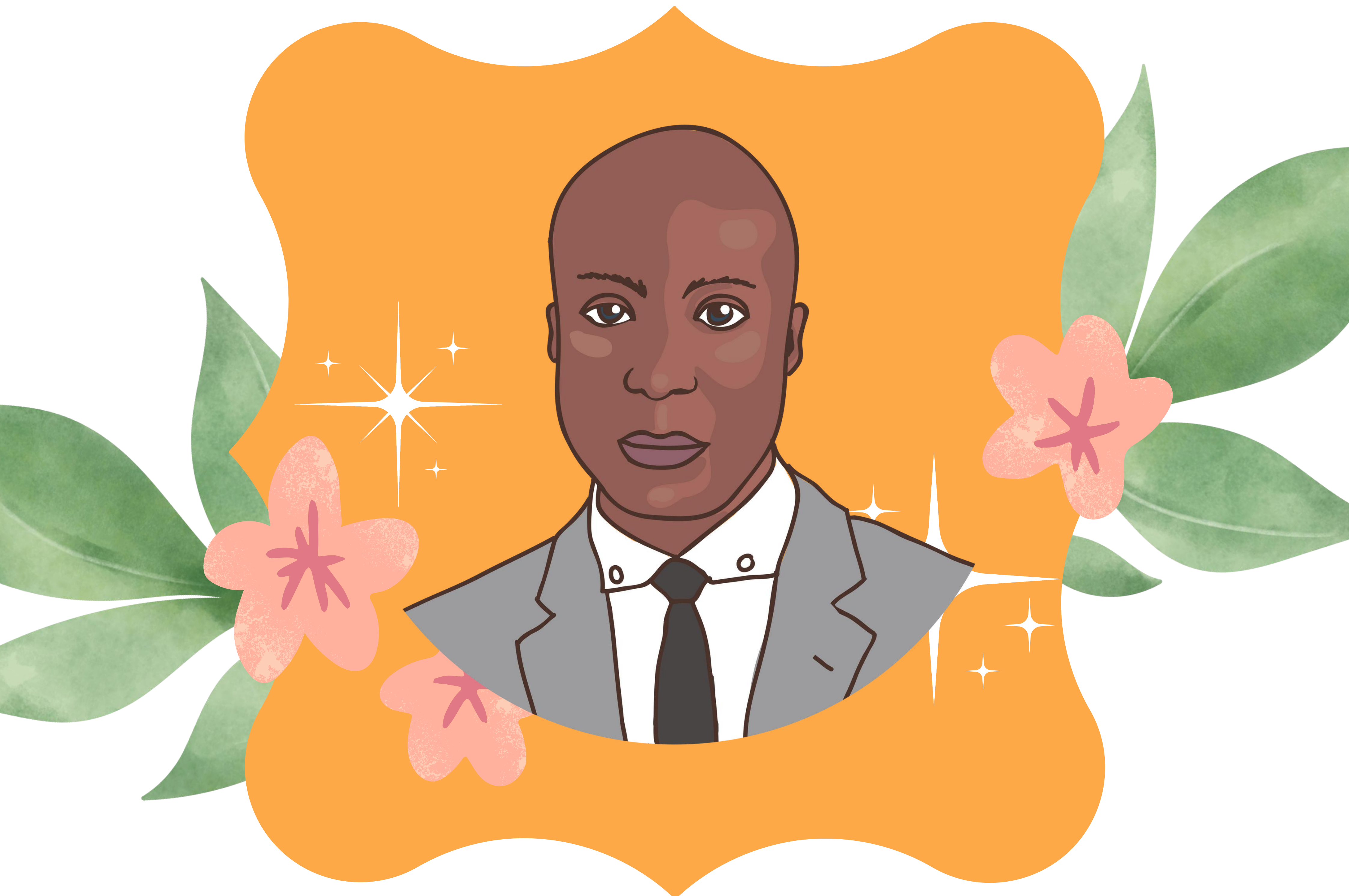
Patrick Chukwuemeka Okogwu better known by his stage name Tinie Tempah is a British rapper. He has been signed to Parlophone Records since 2009, a subsidiary of Warner Music Group. He created his own entertainment company Disturbing London in 2006, along with his cousin Dumi Oburota.

After releasing a number of mixtapes, he released his debut album, *Disc-Overy*, in October 2010. Preceded by two British number-one singles, "Pass Out" and "Written in the Stars", the album charted at number one and was certified Platinum the next year. In February 2011, he won two Brit Awards for Best British Breakthrough Act and Best British Single.

In November 2013, he released his second album, entitled *Demonstration*. Preceded by top ten singles "Trampoline" and "Children of the Sun", the album charted at number three and was certified gold by the BPI the next year. In June 2015, he released "Not Letting Go", the first single from his third album *Youth*. This gave Tinie his sixth UK number one.

OZWALD BOATENG

(28 February 1967)



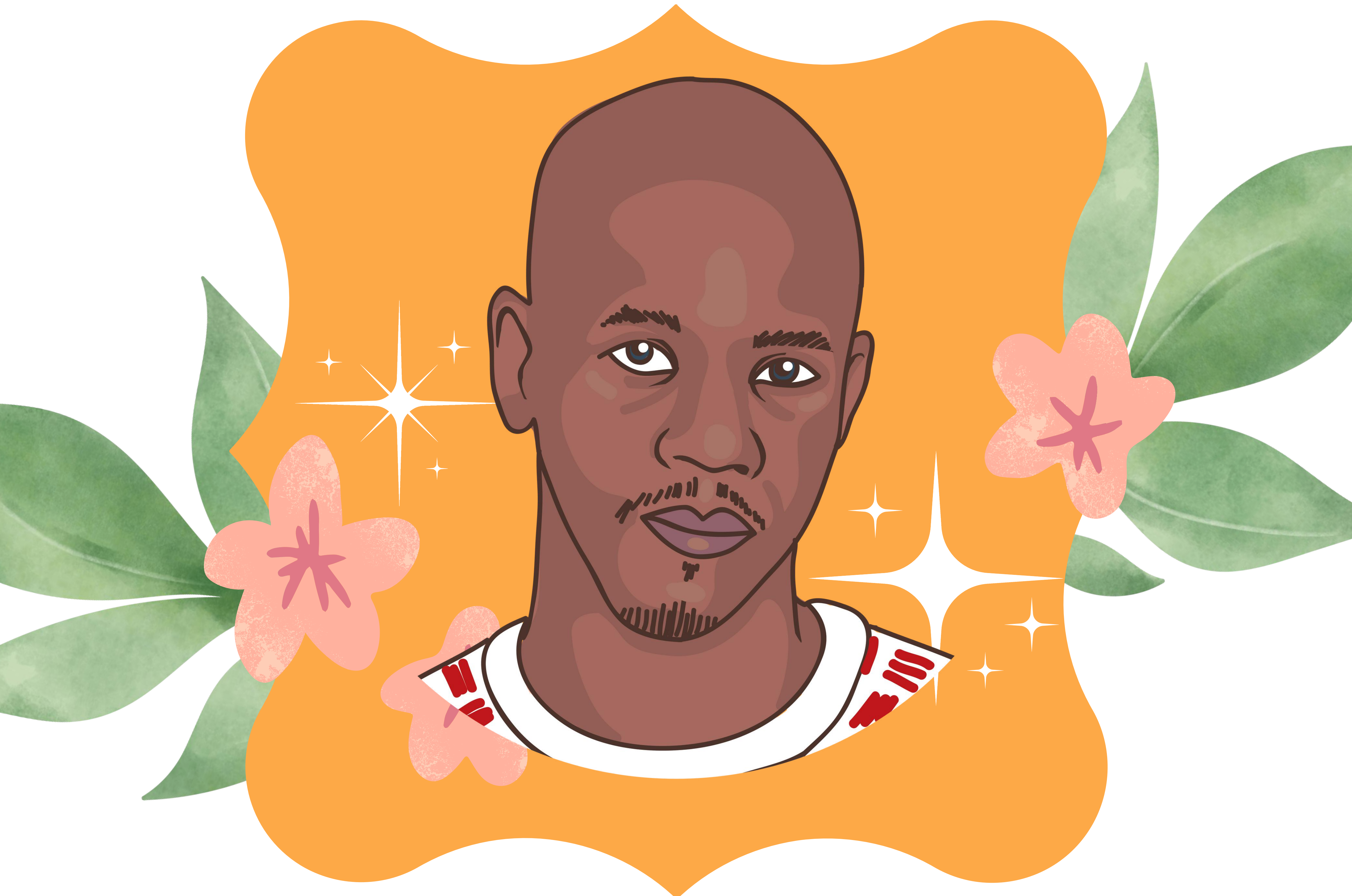
Ozwald Boateng, OBE is a British fashion designer, best known for his trademark twist on classic tailoring and bespoke styles.

Ozwald Boateng has had a transformational impact on menswear fashion for almost three decades, with a design aesthetic rooted in Savile Row traditions but defined by international style, detail, and artistry.

His instinctive use of colour, cut and fabric fuses traditional classic British tailoring with a high end modern design focus on the refinement of a man's silhouette, this has brought tailoring to a whole new generation of men.

GIGGS

(11 May 1983)



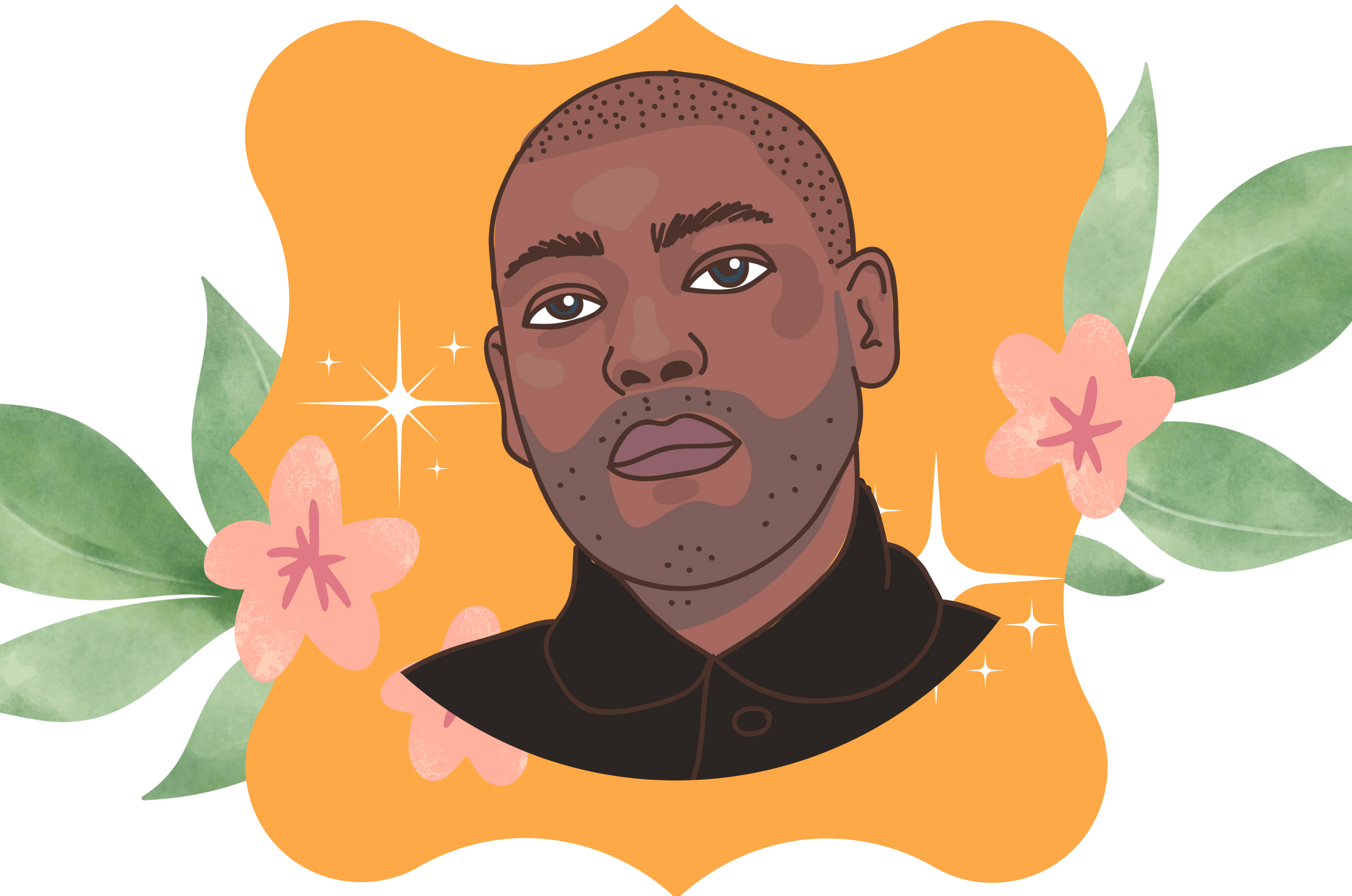
Nathaniel Thompson better known professionally as Giggs, is a British rapper and songwriter from Peckham, London. He released his debut studio album *Walk in da Park* in **2008** and released a follow-up album *Let Em Ave It* the following year.

Giggs released his third studio album *When Will It Stop* in October **2013**. In **2016**, Giggs released his fourth album *Landlord*, which entered and peaked at number **2** on the UK Albums Chart – becoming the highest-charting album of his career.

His mixtape *Wamp 2 Dem* was released in **2017** and also debuted at No. **2**. His latest album *Now or Never* was released in **2020**. Giggs is also the frontman and founder of record label and rap collective SNI (Spare No I), which includes Gunna Dee, Joe Grind, Kyze and Tiny Boost. While sometimes referred to as a grime MC, Giggs has repeatedly stated the music he makes is not grime, but rather falls under the UK rap umbrella.

KANO

(21 May 1985)



Kane Brett Robinson better known as Kano, is a British rapper, songwriter and actor from East Ham, London. A significant contributor to grime music, Kano is widely considered one of the pioneers of grime music and culture, alongside artists such as Wiley and Dizzee Rascal. In 2004, Kano released his debut single "Ps and Qs", which was an underground hit within the grime community.

Kano's London Town (2007) featured his highest-charting single "This is the Girl" featuring Craig David. After signing to Parlophone and six years without a studio release, Kano released his fifth album Made in the Manor (2016), Kano's most successful album to date. It was critically acclaimed by music critics and charted at number eight in the UK Albums Chart, becoming Kano's highest-charting release, as well as being considered one of the best albums of 2016 by numerous publications. It was shortlisted for the 2016 Mercury Prize and won Best Album at the 2016 MOBO Awards. He is also known for his acting, most notably playing the role of Sully in Top Boy.



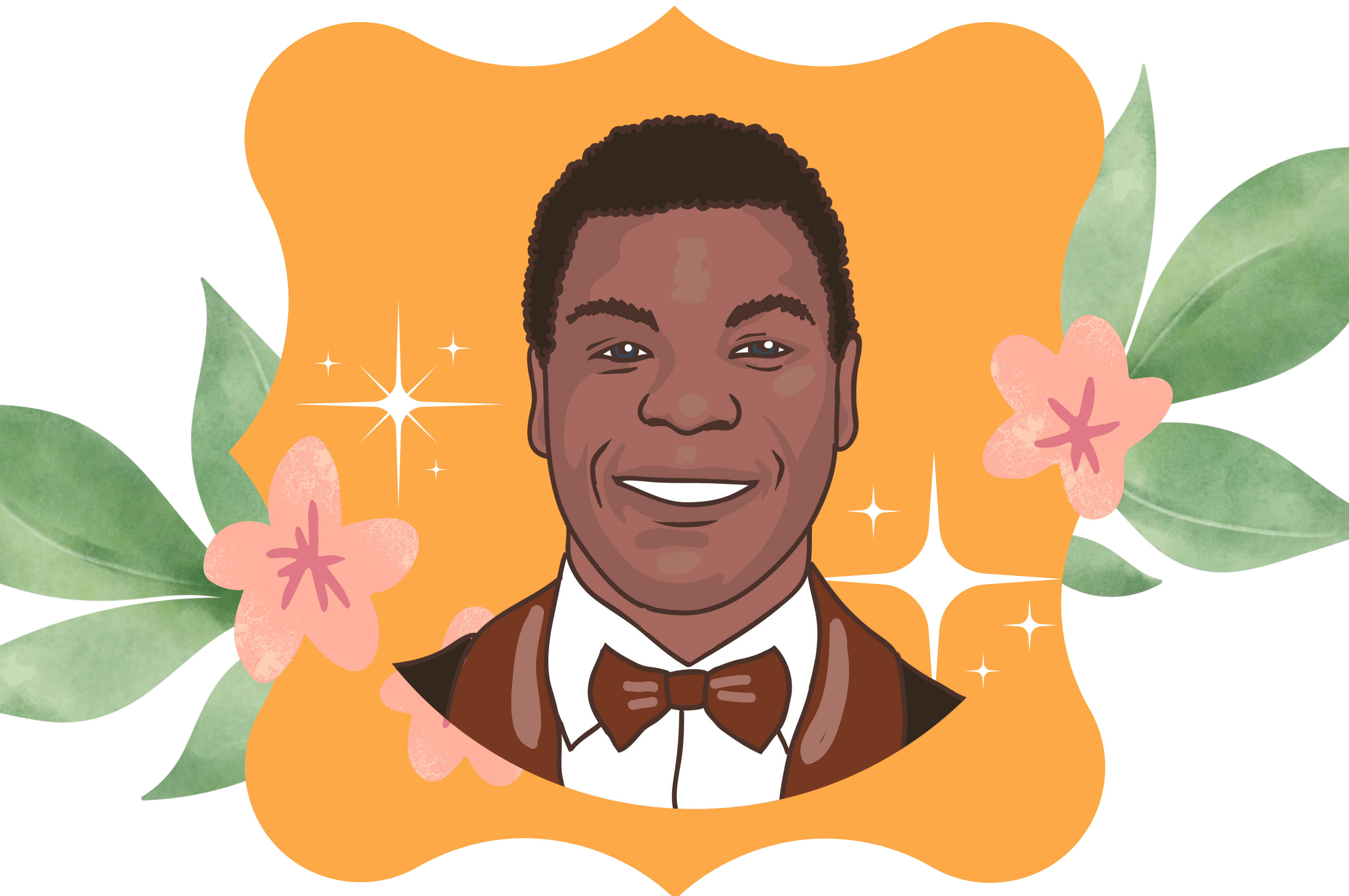
NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL

The Notting Hill Carnival is an annual Caribbean festival event that has taken place in London since 1966 on the streets of the Notting Hill area of Kensington, each August over two days (the August bank holiday Monday and the preceding Sunday).

It is led by members of the British Afro-Caribbean community, and attracts around two and a half million people annually, making it one of the world's largest street festivals, and a significant event in Black British culture. In 2006, the UK public voted it onto a list of icons of England.

JOHN BOYEGA

(17 March 1992)

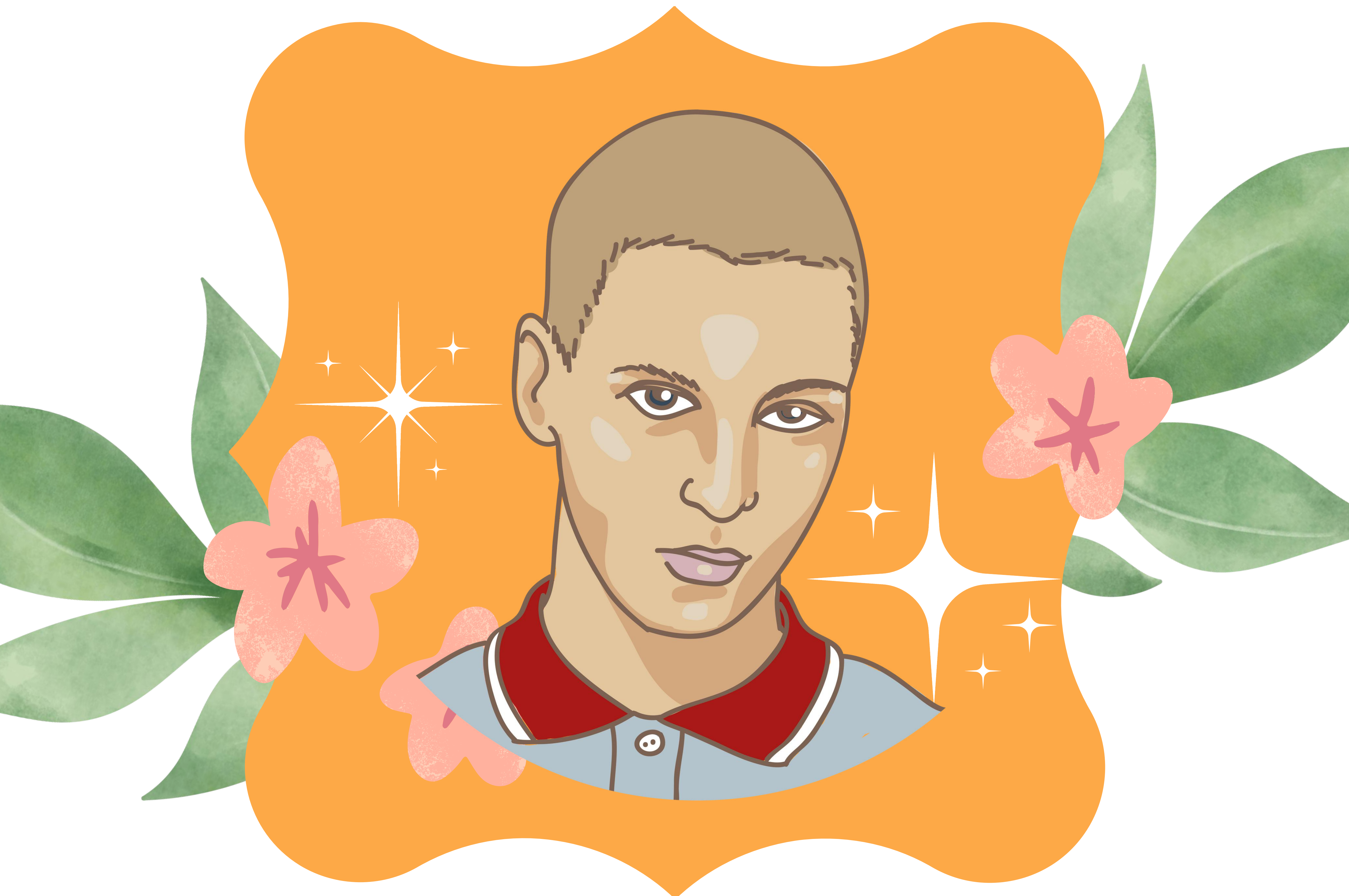


John Adedayo Bamidele Adegboyega, known professionally as John Boyega, is a British actor and producer. He first rose to prominence in his native Britain for his role as Moses in the sci-fi comedy film *Attack the Block* (2011), and his international breakthrough came with his role as Finn in the *Star Wars* sequel trilogy films *The Force Awakens* (2015), *The Last Jedi* (2017), and *The Rise of Skywalker* (2019).

His other credits include the drama film *Imperial Dreams* (2014), the historical drama film *Detroit* (2017), the science fiction film *Pacific Rim: Uprising* (2018), and four episodes of the television event *24: Live Another Day*. He received the BAFTA Rising Star Award in 2016, and the Trophée Chopard at the 2016 Cannes Film Festival.

Boyega portrayed Leroy Logan in the 3rd episode of Steve McQueen's anthology series *Small Axe* (2020). For his performance he won the Golden Globe Award for Best Supporting Actor – Series, Miniseries or Television Film and the Critics' Choice Television Award for Best Actor in a Movie/Miniseries.

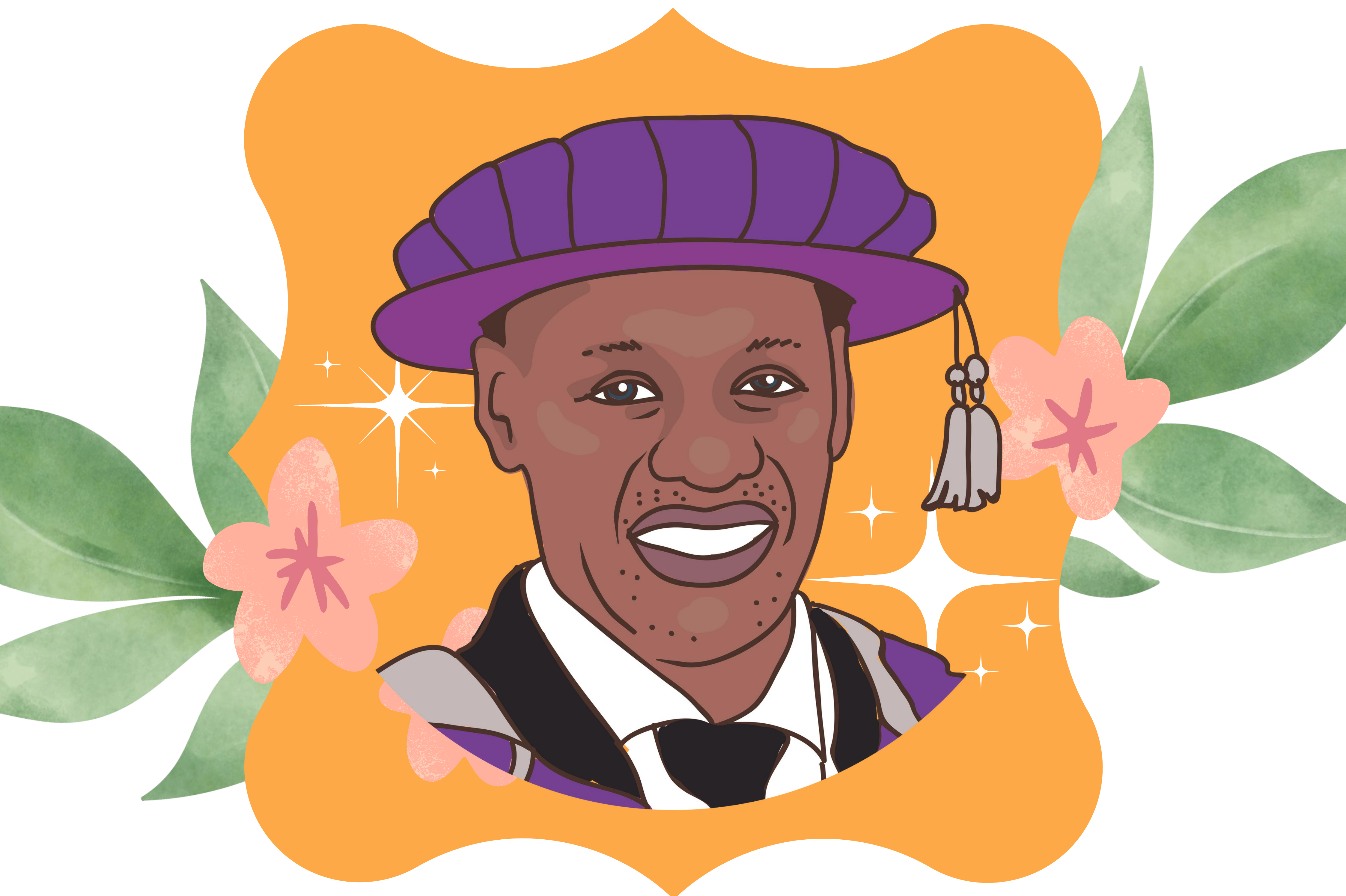
DEVLIN
(7 May 1989)



James Devlin, better known mononymously as Devlin, is an English retired rapper and songwriter from Dagenham, London. He attended the Brittons Academy in Rainham, East London. He was signed to Island Records from 2010 to 2015. He is part of grime collective 'O.T Crew' with Dogzilla, Deeperman, M. Eye, Benson, Kozy, Syer Bars, Shotz, Meshie, Props and Daze. Devlin was also a member of the Movement, consisting of himself, Wretch 32, Scorchers, Ghetts, Lightning, Mercston and DJ Unique but has since left.

SHAUN WALLACE

(2 June 1960)



Shaun Anthony Linford Wallace is an English barrister, lecturer and television personality. He is one of the six "chasers" on the ITV quiz show *The Chase*. Wallace is a part-time lecturer and visits schools, colleges and other institutions to educate students on aspects of law. In 2004, he won *Mastermind* and was ranked 286th in the *World Quizzing Championships* in 2012.



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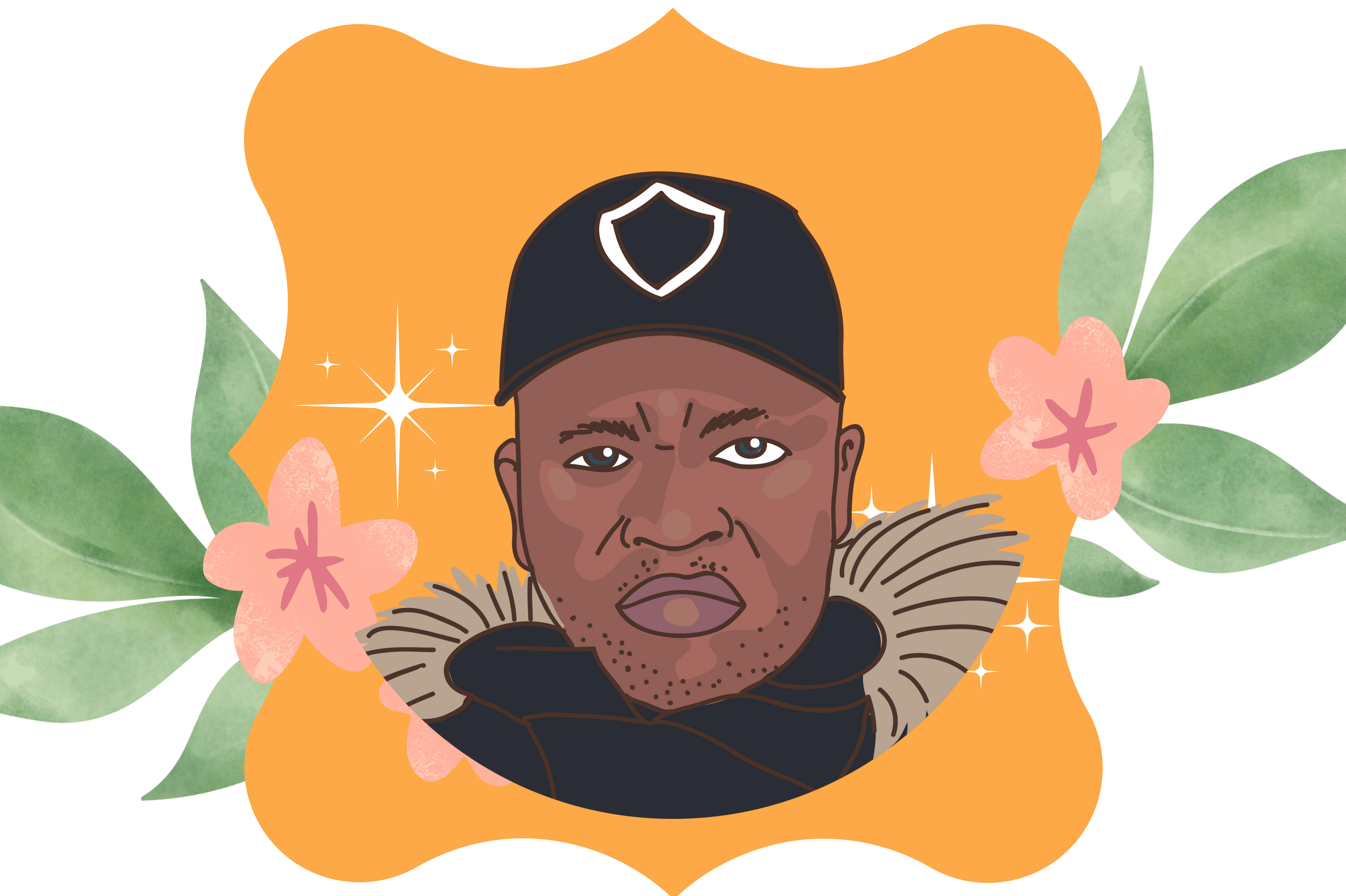
The Bernie Grant Arts Centre (BGAC) is a £15 million purpose-built multi-arts centre, which includes a 274-seat auditorium, studio/rehearsal space, café/bar, enterprise centre and open spaces.

It is located next to the Town Hall in Tottenham, North London. The centre was designed by David Adjaye and opened in September 2007.

It is named in honour of Bernie Grant, MP, who represented the area. It was an initiative started before his death in 2000, through which he aspired to create "a unique showcase for international multicultural talent".

MICHAEL DAPAAH

(10 August 1991)



Michael Dapaah is a British actor, rapper, and comedian best known for portraying the fictional rapper Big Shaq (also known as Roadman Shaq). He is also known for his mockumentary *SWIL* (Somewhere in London), which focuses on four characters and their journey to success.

IRA ALDRIDGE

(July 24, 1807 – August 7, 1867)



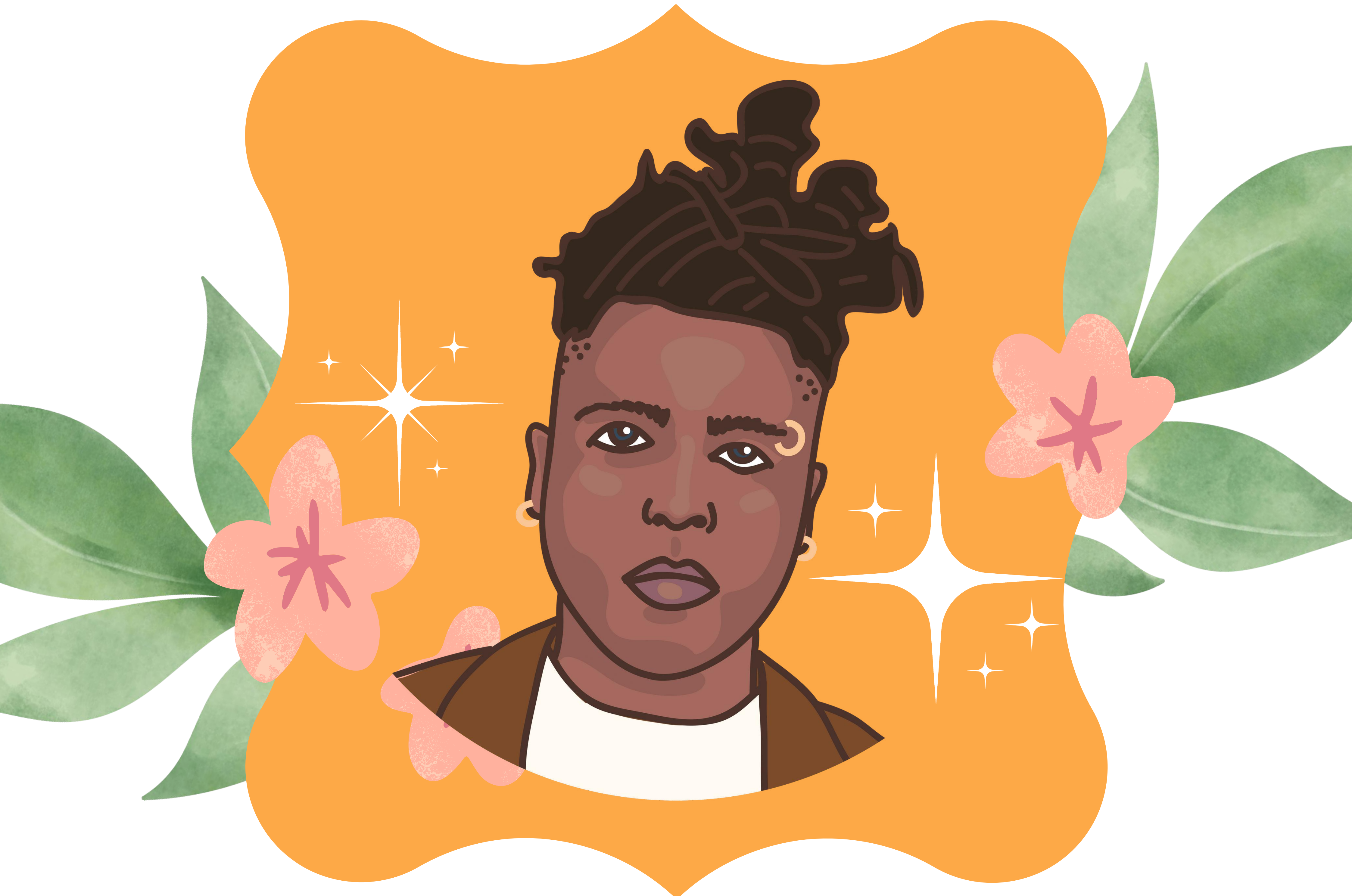
Ira Frederick Aldridge was an American actor, playwright, and theatre manager, who made his career after 1824 largely on the London stage and in Europe, especially in Shakespearean roles. Born in New York City, Aldridge is the only actor of African-American descent among the thirty-three actors of the English stage honoured with bronze plaques at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon.

Aldridge's acting career took off at the height of the movement to abolish slavery. He chose to play a number of anti-slavery roles and often addressed his audiences on closing night, speaking passionately about the injustice of slavery, as did other touring Black abolitionists such as Frederick Douglass.

He was especially popular in Prussia and Russia, where he received top honours from heads of state. At the time of his sudden death, while on tour in Poland, he was arranging a triumphant return to America, with a planned 100-show tour to the United States.

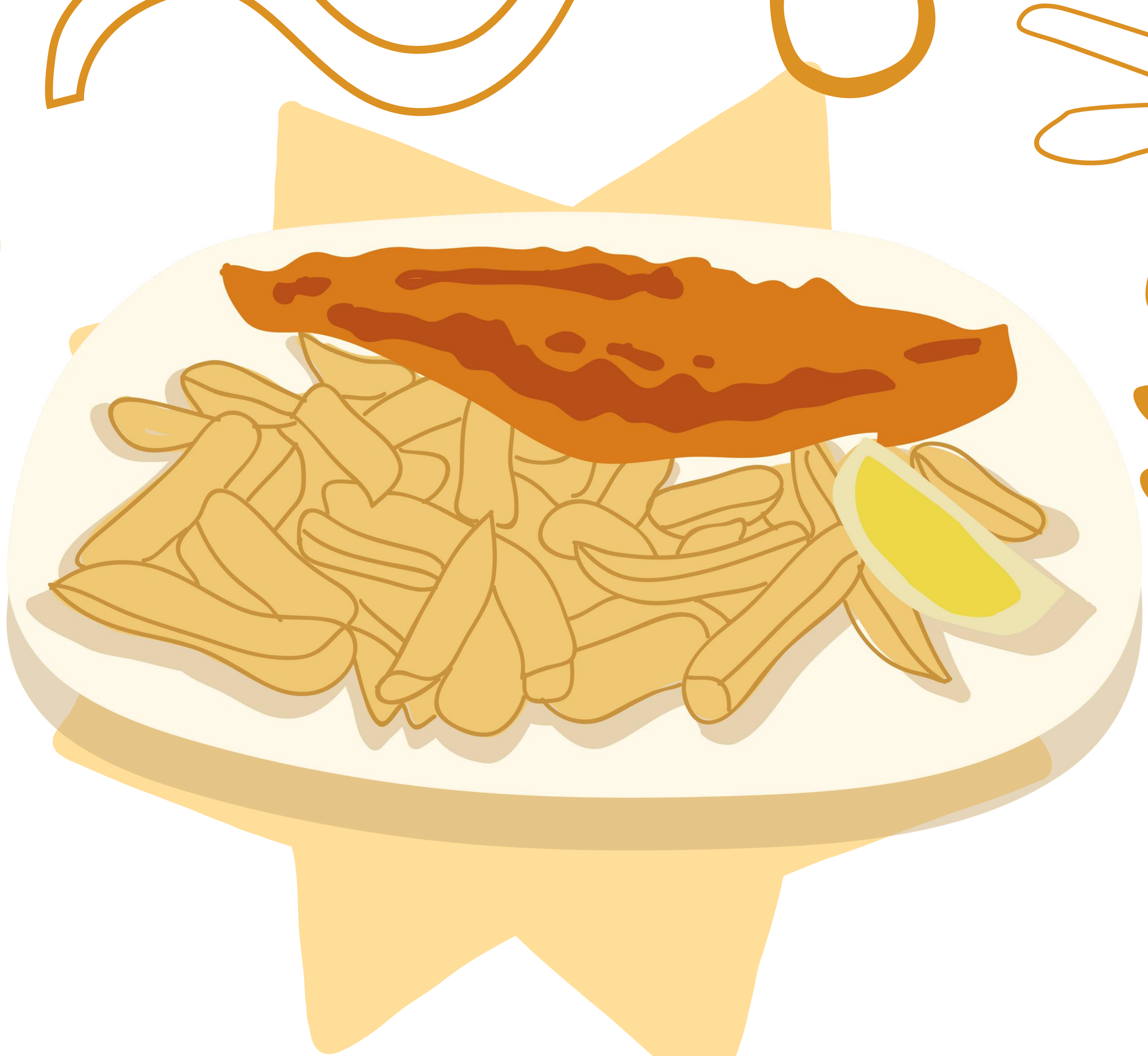
OMAR

(14 October 1968)



Omar Christopher Lye-Fook, MBE known professionally as Omar, is a British soul singer, songwriter and musician. Omar grew up in Canterbury, Kent. He learned his craft classically, playing the trumpet, piano and percussion. He also spent two years at Chetham's School of Music in Manchester and the Guildhall School of Music in London.

His most well-known song was his debut single "There's Nothing Like This". It reached number 14 in the UK Singles Chart on re-release in 1991. AllMusic noted that he is described by some as the father of British neo soul.



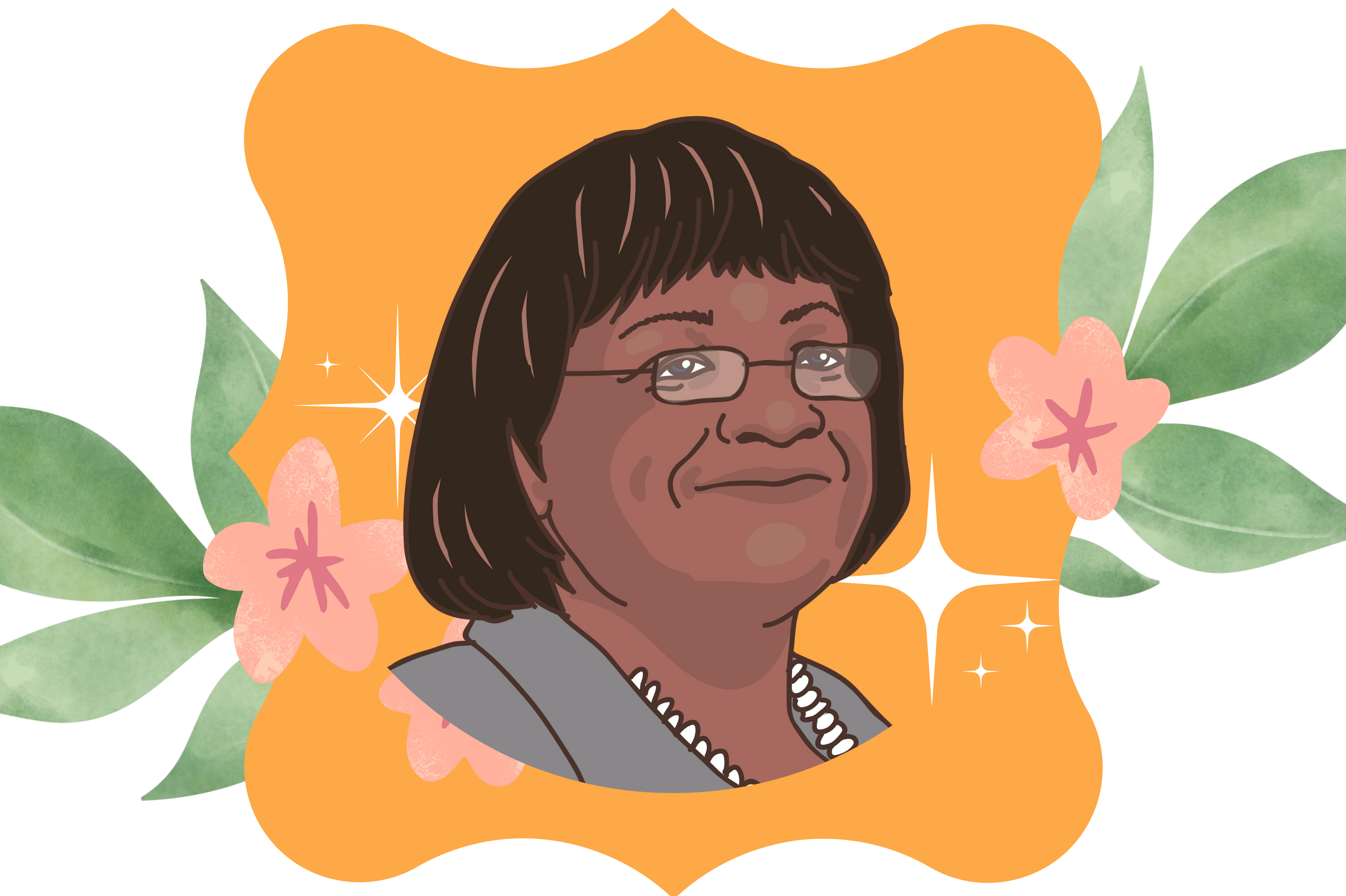
FISH & CHIPS

Fish and chips is a popular hot dish consisting of fried fish in crispy batter, served with chips. The dish originated in England, where these two components had been introduced from separate immigrant cultures; it is not known who created the culinary fusion that became the emblematic British meal. Often considered Britain's national dish, fish and chips is a common take-away food in the United Kingdom and numerous other countries, particularly in English-speaking and Commonwealth nations.

Fish and chip shops first appeared in the UK in the 1860s, and by 1910, there were over 25,000 fish and chip shops across the UK. By the 1930s there were over 35,000 shops, but the trend reversed, and by 2009 there were only approximately 10,000. The British Government safeguarded the supply of fish and chips during the First World War, and again in the Second World War; it was one of the few foods in the UK not subject to rationing during the wars.

DIANE ABBOTT

(27 September 1953)

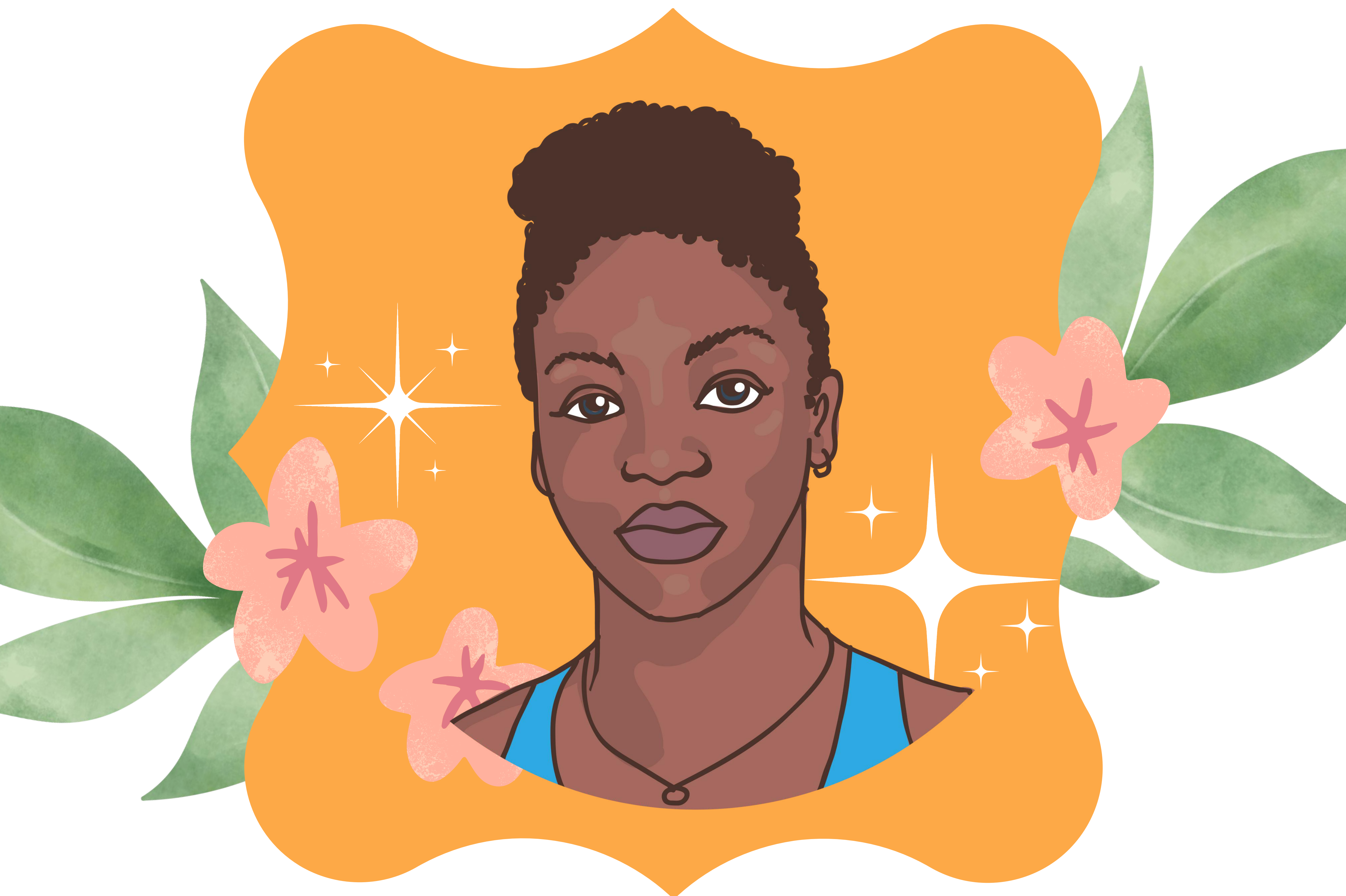


Diane Julie Abbott is a British politician who has been the Member of Parliament (MP) for Hackney North and Stoke Newington since 1987. A socialist member of the Labour Party, she served in Jeremy Corbyn's Shadow Cabinet as Shadow Home Secretary from 2016 to 2020. Abbott is the first black woman elected to Parliament, and the longest-serving black MP in the House of Commons.

Born in Paddington, London W2, to a British Jamaican family, Abbott attended Harrow County Grammar School before going up to read History at Newnham College, Cambridge. After joining the Civil Service, she worked as a reporter for Thames Television and TV-am before becoming a press officer for the Greater London Council. Joining Labour, she was elected as a Councillor on Westminster City Council in 1982 and then as an MP in 1987, being returned in every general election since for 35 years.

DINA ASHER SMITH

(4 December 1995)



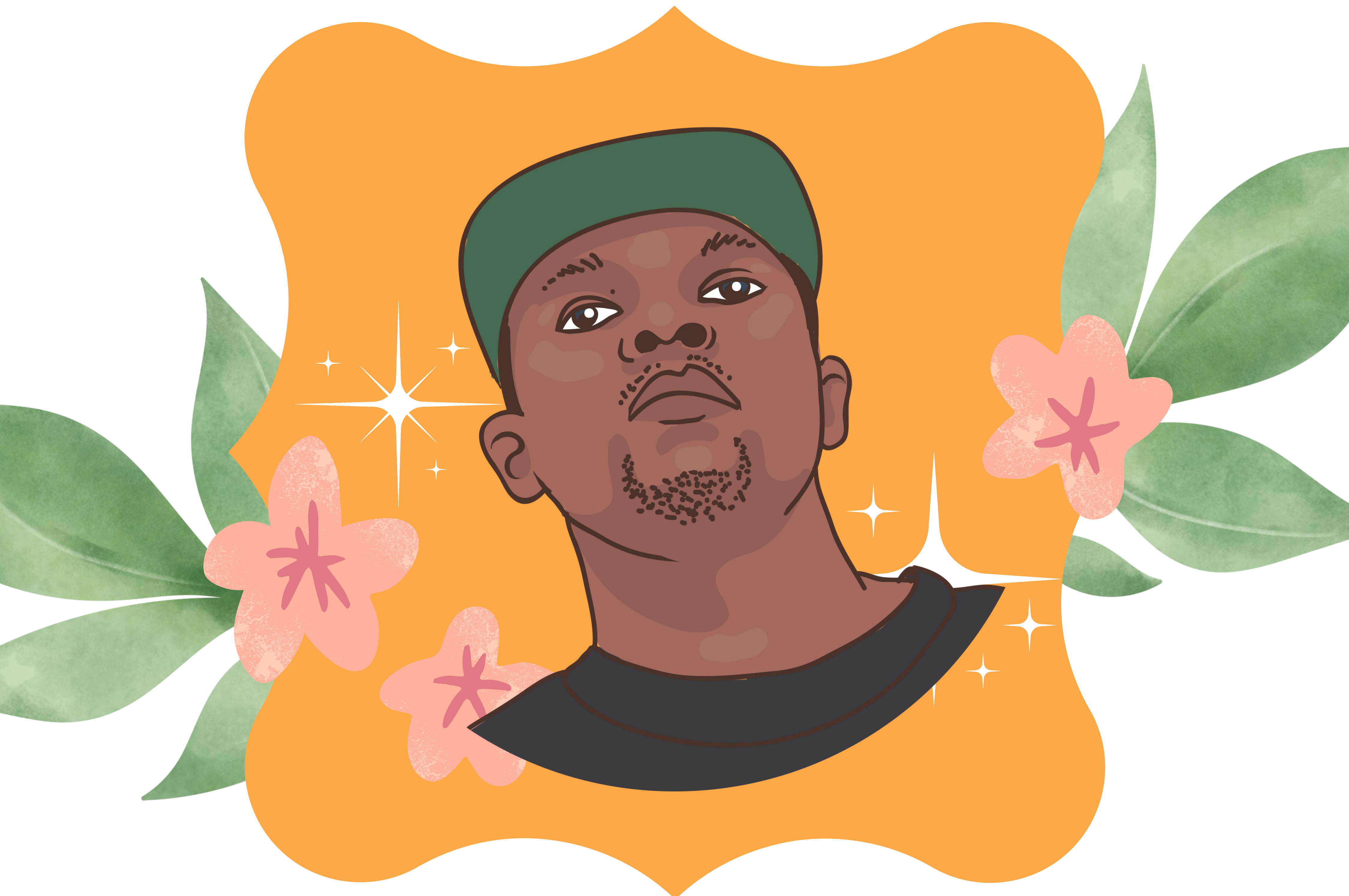
Geraldina Asher-Smith is a British sprinter. She is the fastest British woman in recorded history and has been listed in the Powerlist as one of the UK's most influential people of African/African Caribbean descent. Asher-Smith has won a gold medal in the 200 m, silver in the 100 m, and another silver in the 4×100 m relay at the 2019 World Championships, breaking in the individual races her own British records with results which still stand.

Aged 24, she was the first Briton to win three medals at a World Championships. At the relay event, she earned medals from the 2016 Rio Olympics and 2020 Tokyo Olympics, and also from the 2013 and 2017 World Championships.

Asher-Smith won the 2013 European Junior 200m title, 2014 World Junior 100m title, and in July 2015, she became the first British woman to legally run under 11 seconds for the 100 m. She then broke Kathy Cook's 31-year-old British 200 m record when finishing 5th at the 2015 World Championships, and in this distance, she placed 5th at the 2016 Olympics and 4th at the 2017 World Championships.

RAPMAN

(6 June 1984)



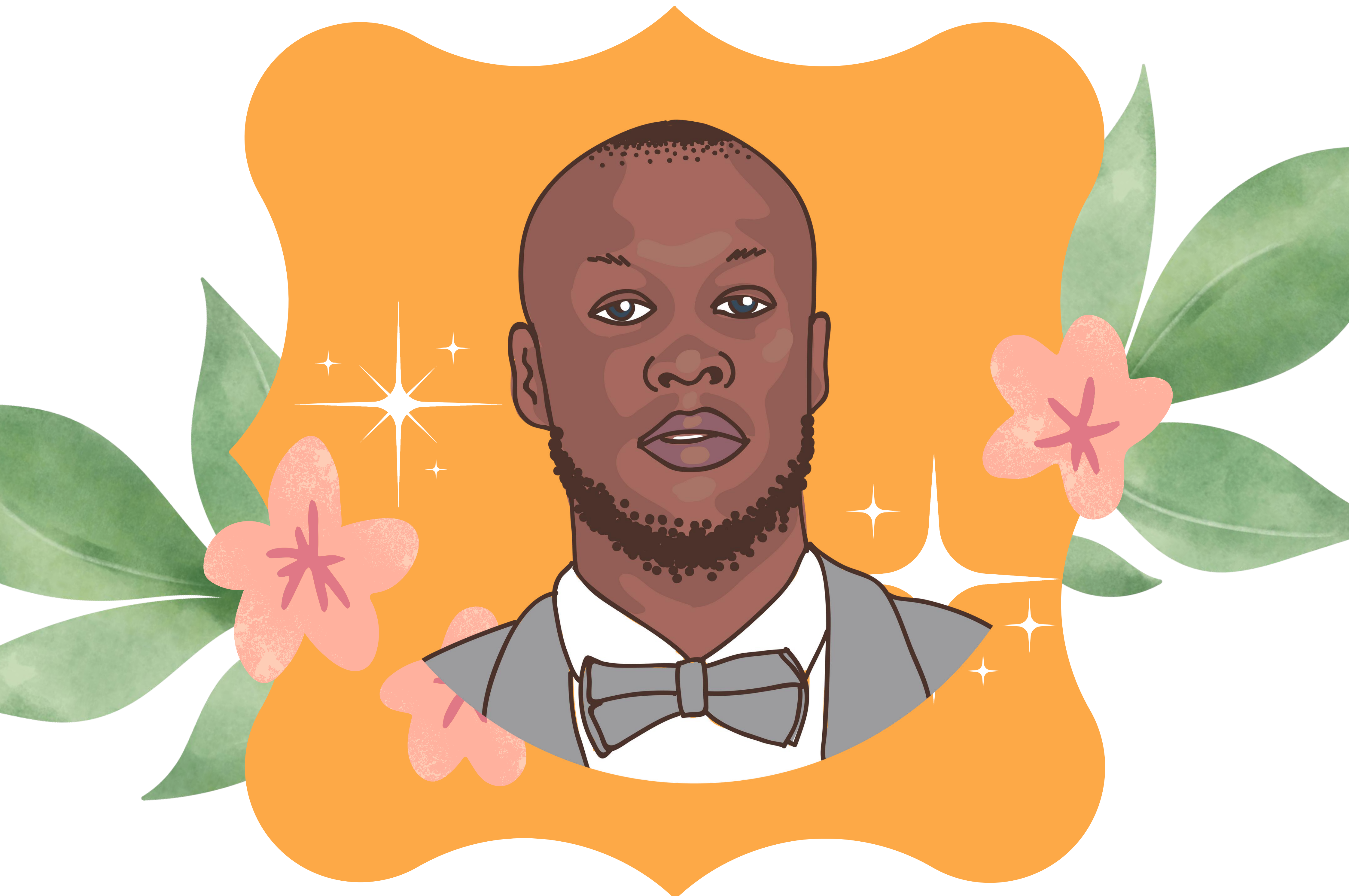
Andrew Onwubolu MBE, better known by his stage name Rapman, is a British rapper, record producer, actor, writer and film director. He grew up in Deptford, London and from age 11 attended Sacred Heart Catholic School, Camberwell.

Rapman is best known for creating the three-part YouTube musical drama series *Shiro's Story*, which has since received a cult following among the music scene in the United Kingdom. The series has amassed over 20 million views combined since Part 1 was uploaded in April 2018. Rapman narrates the majority of the story through rapping.

In November 2018, Rapman signed a deal with the Roc Nation entertainment agency for management, film and TV, with the opportunity to start his own record label. In March 2019, Rapman announced he was developing a previous YouTube series he made in 2014, *Blue Story*, into a full-length movie, in partnership with BBC Films and Paramount Pictures. He was appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the 2022 Birthday Honours for services to drama and music.

STORMZY

(26 July 1993)



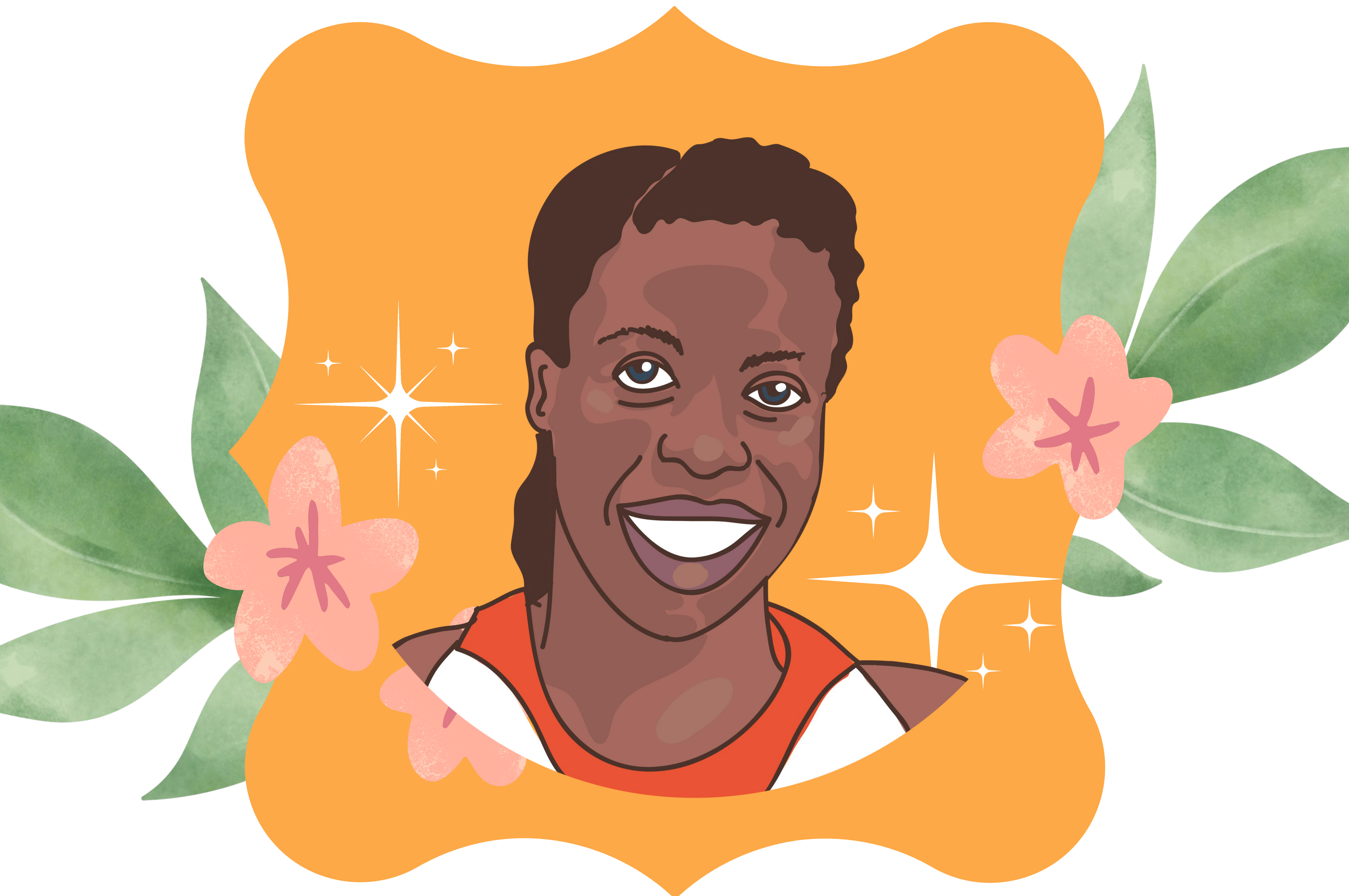
Michael Ebenezer Kwadjo Omari Owuo Jr, known professionally as Stormzy, is a British rapper, singer and songwriter. In 2014, he gained attention on the UK underground music scene through his Wicked Skengman series of freestyles over classic grime beats.

Stormzy's song "Shut Up", which was initially released as a freestyle on YouTube, became popular and peaked at number eight on the UK Singles Chart after he launched a campaign to reach Christmas number one. Stormzy won Best Grime Act at the 2014 and 2015 MOBO Awards and was named as an artist to look out for in the BBC's Sound of 2015 list. His debut album, Gang Signs & Prayer (2017), was the first grime album to reach number one on the UK Albums Chart and won British Album of the Year at the 2018 Brit Awards.

In 2019, Stormzy achieved his first UK number-one single with "Vossi Bop" and his headline appearance at the 2019 Glastonbury Festival was widely praised; he wore a Union Jack stab vest designed by Banksy, in light of the rise in knife crime in London. His second album, Heavy Is the Head, was released on 13 December 2019.

CHRISTINE OHURUOGU

(17 May 1984)



Christine Ijeoma Ohuruogu, MBE is a British former track and field athlete who specialised in the 400 metres, the event for which she is a former Olympic, World and Commonwealth champion. The Olympic champion in 2008, and silver medalist in 2012, she is a double World Champion, having won the 400 m at the 2007 and 2013 World Championships. She has also won six World championship medals in the women's 4 x 400m relay as part of the Great Britain and Northern Ireland team and bronze Olympic medals with the women's 4 x 400m relay at the 2008 Beijing Games and the 2016 Rio Games, her final Olympics. Ohuruogu shares with Merlene Ottey and Usain Bolt the record for medalling in most successive global championships - 9 - between the 2005 World Championships in Athletics and the 2016 Summer Olympics.

Ohuruogu's personal best time of 49.41 seconds, set at the 2013 World Championships, beat the UK record set by Kathy Cook in 1984 by 0.02 seconds, simultaneously making her the first British female to win two World Championship titles, and the first British female to win three global titles. Her relay bronze at the 2016 Summer Olympics made her only the second British track and field athlete, after Steve Backley to win medals at three successive Olympic Games.



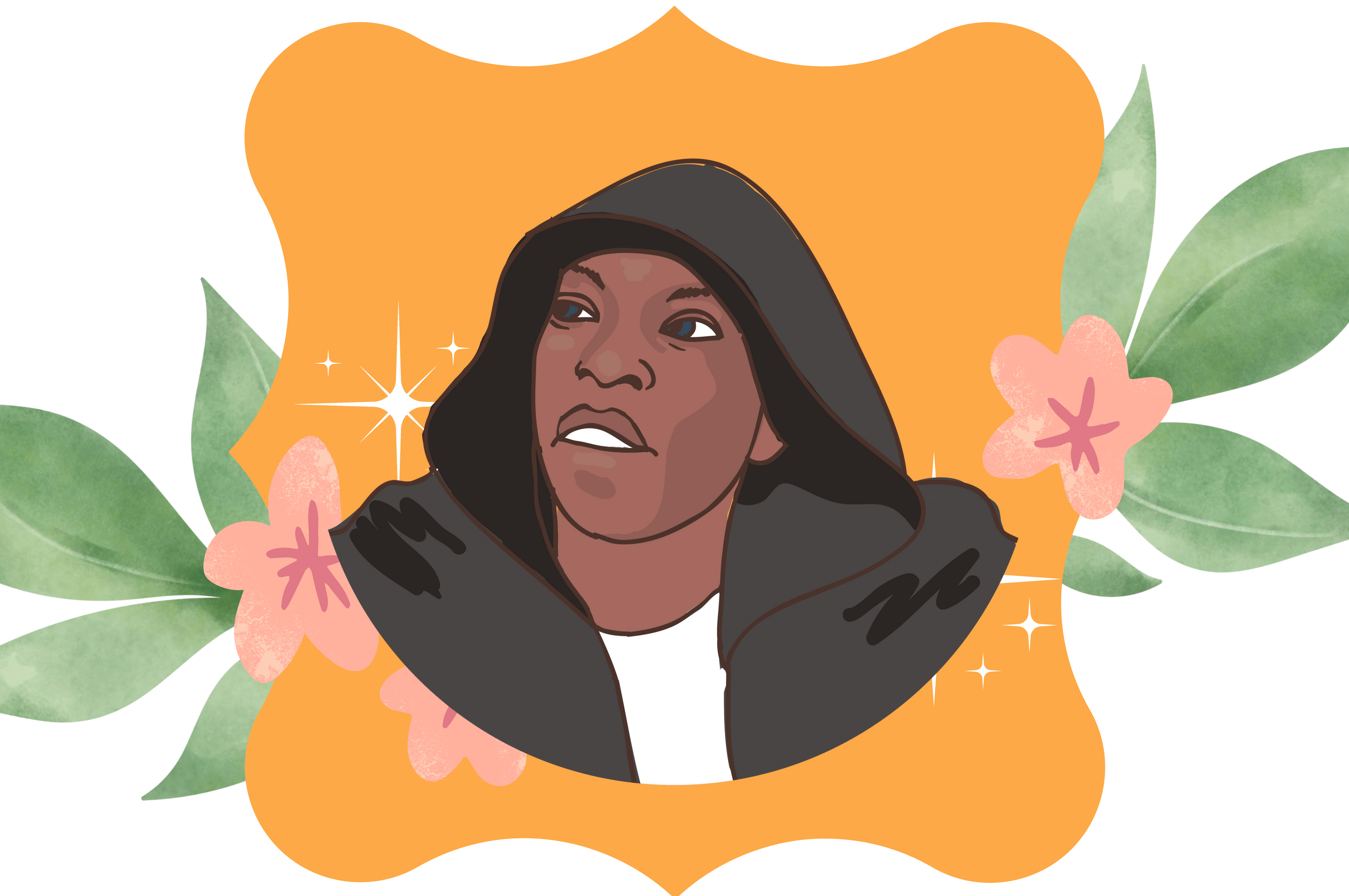
LONDON BUS

Buses have been used as a mode of public transport in London since 1829, when George Shillibeer started operating a horse-drawn omnibus service from Paddington to the City of London. In the decades since their introduction, the red London bus has become a symbol of the city.

As of 2021, London has 675 bus routes served by over 9,000 buses, almost all of which are operated by private companies under contract to (and regulated by) London Buses, part of the publicly-owned Transport for London.

DIZZEE RASCAL

(18 September 1984)

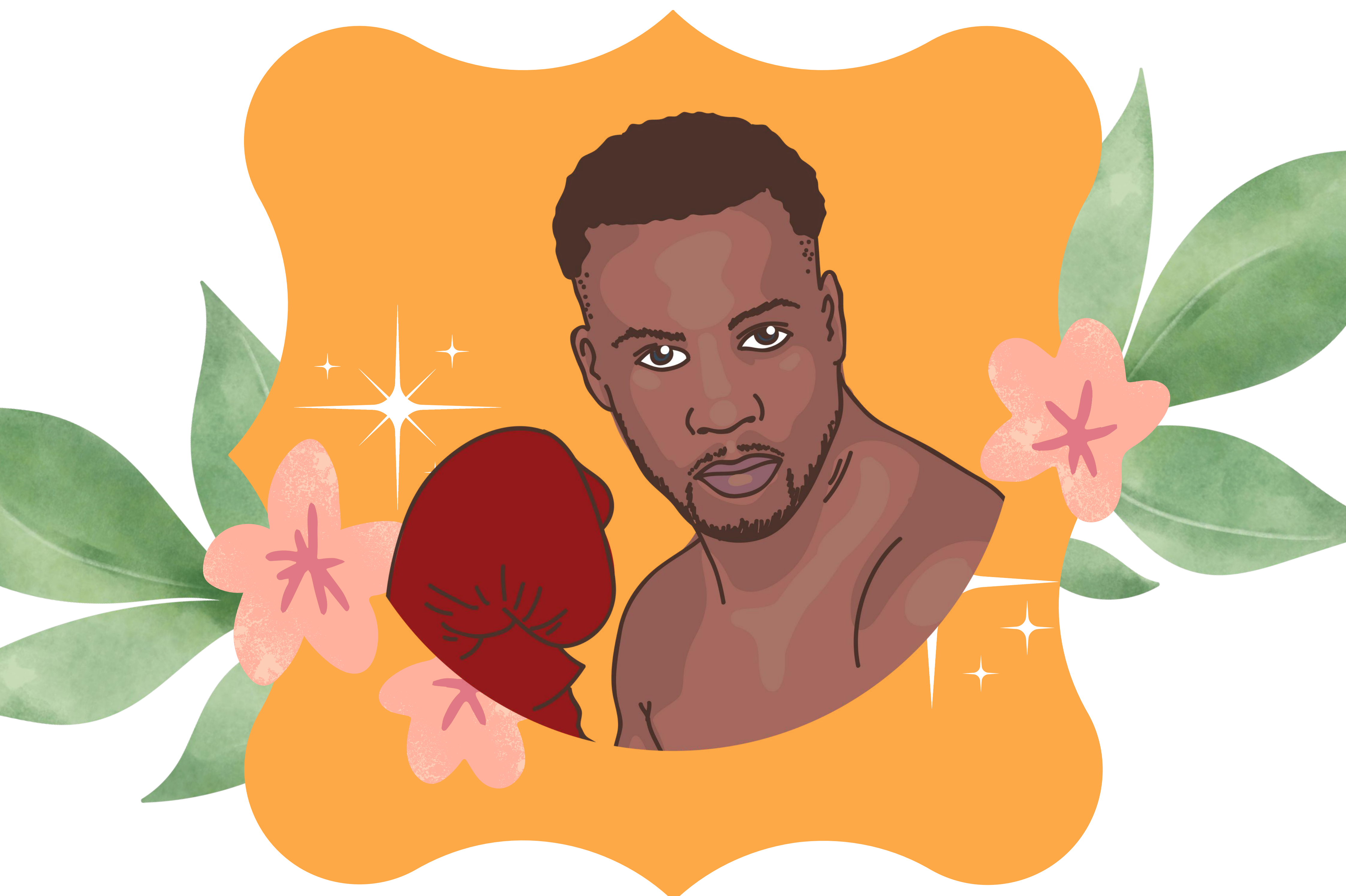


Dylan Kwabena Mills MBE, better known by his stage name Dizzee Rascal, is a British MC and rapper. A pioneer of grime music, his work has also incorporated elements of UK garage, bassline, British hip hop, and R&B.

Dizzee Rascal released his debut album *Boy in da Corner* in 2003. It earned him the 2003 Mercury Prize, and has since been considered a grime classic. Follow-up albums *Showtime*, *Maths + English*, and *Tongue n' Cheek* were critically praised and certified platinum, with *Tongue n' Cheek* going platinum for sales exceeding 300,000 units in the United Kingdom. He has achieved the number-one singles "Dance wiv Me", "Bonkers", "Holiday", "Dirtee Disco" and "Shout".

NIGEL BENN

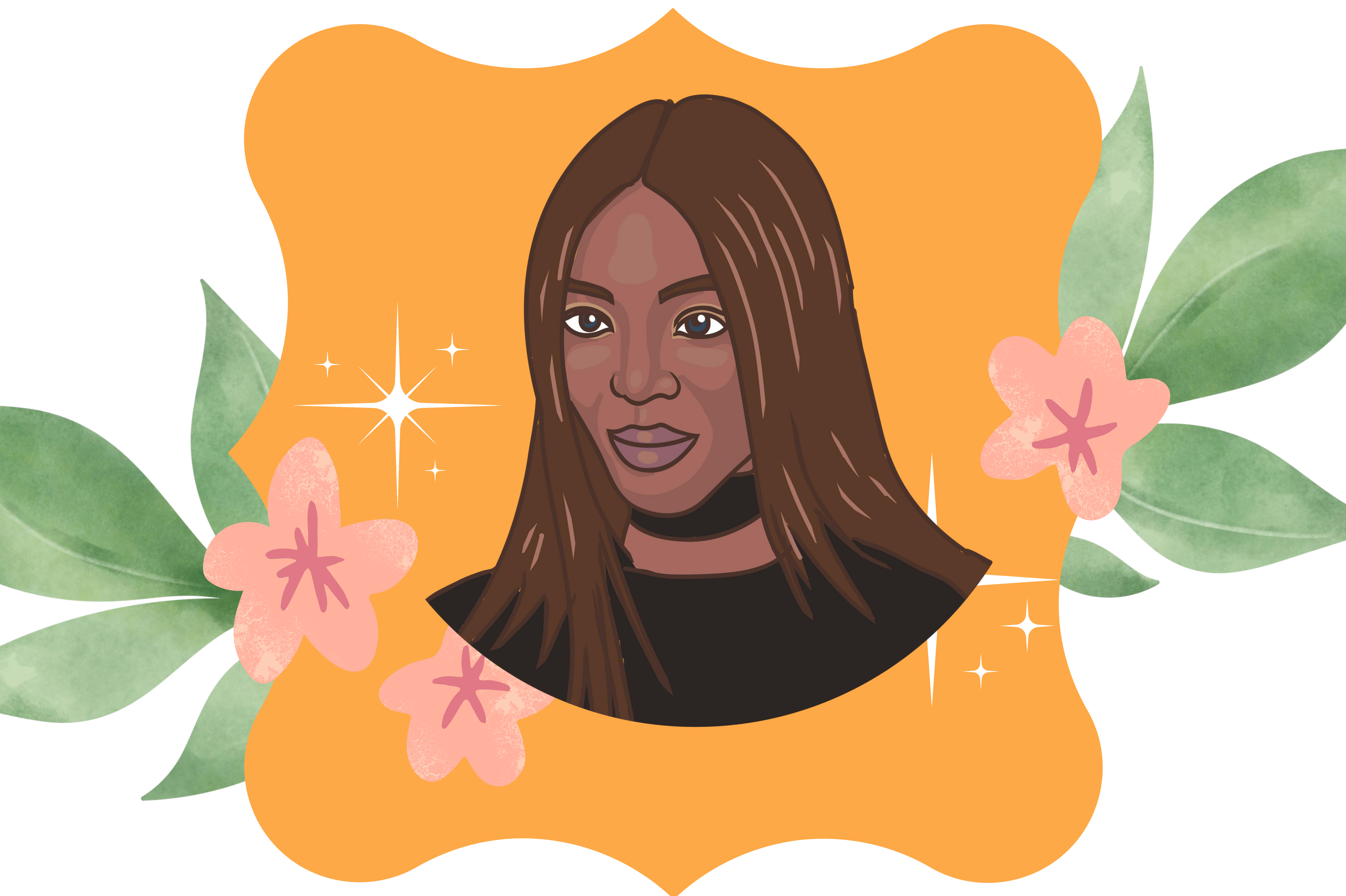
(22 January 1964)



Nigel Gregory Benn is a British former professional boxer who competed from 1987 to 1996. He held world championships in two weight classes, including the WBO middleweight title in 1990 and the WBC super-middleweight title from 1992 to 1996. At regional level he held the Commonwealth middleweight title from 1988 to 1989. Nicknamed "The Dark Destroyer" for his formidable punching power and aggressive fighting style, Benn retired with an 83.3% knockout-to-win ratio.

NAOMI CAMPBELL

(22 May 1970)

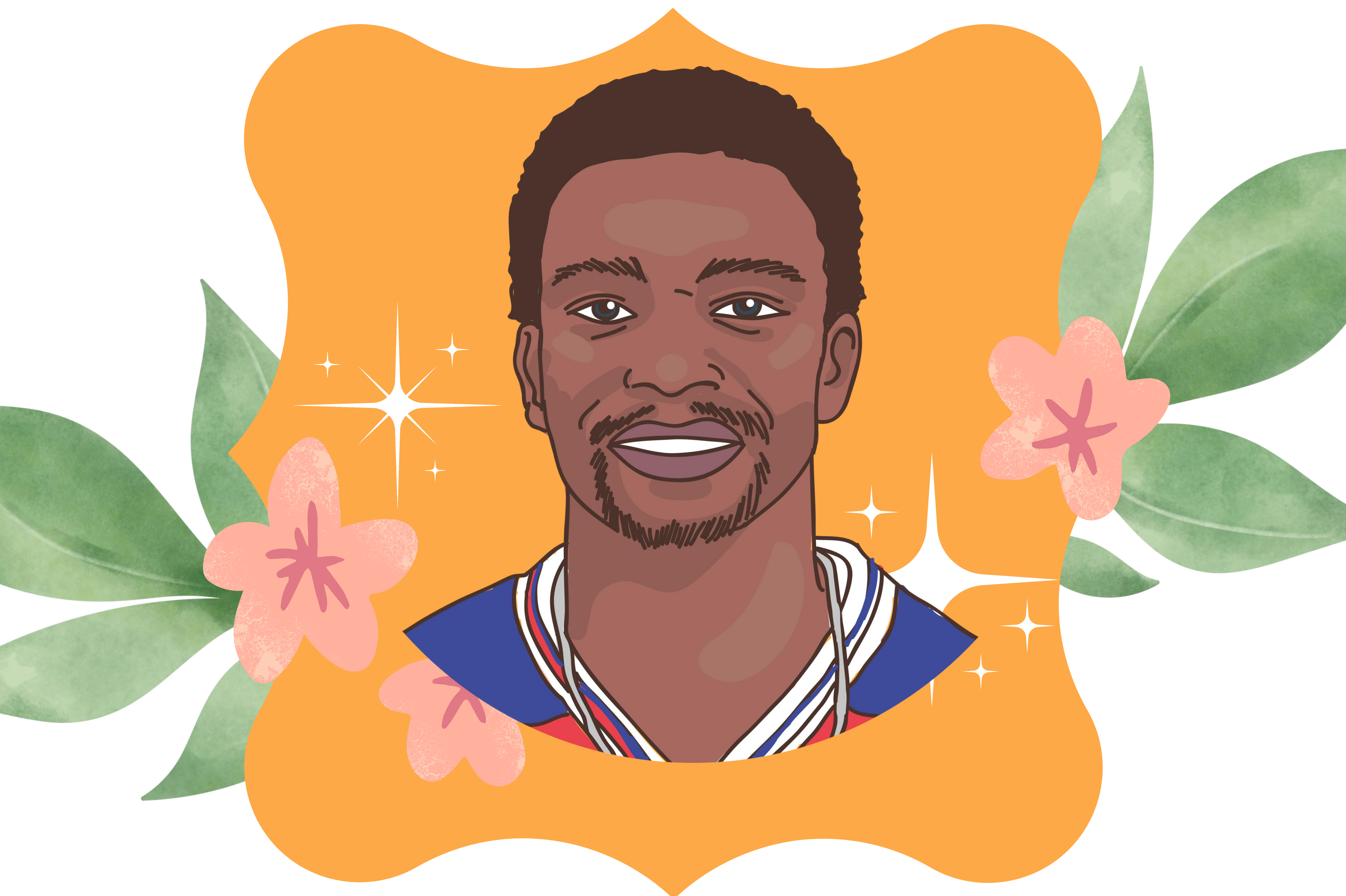


Naomi Elaine Campbell is an English model, actress, singer, and businesswoman. She began her career at the age of 15, and established herself amongst the most recognisable and in-demand models of the past four decades. Campbell was one of six models of her generation declared supermodels by the fashion industry and the international press.

In addition to her modelling career, Campbell has embarked on other ventures, including an R&B studio album and several acting appearances in film and television, such as the modelling-competition reality show *The Face* and its international offshoots. Campbell is also involved in charity work for various causes.

LAURIE CUNNINGHAM

(8 March 1956 – 15 July 1989)



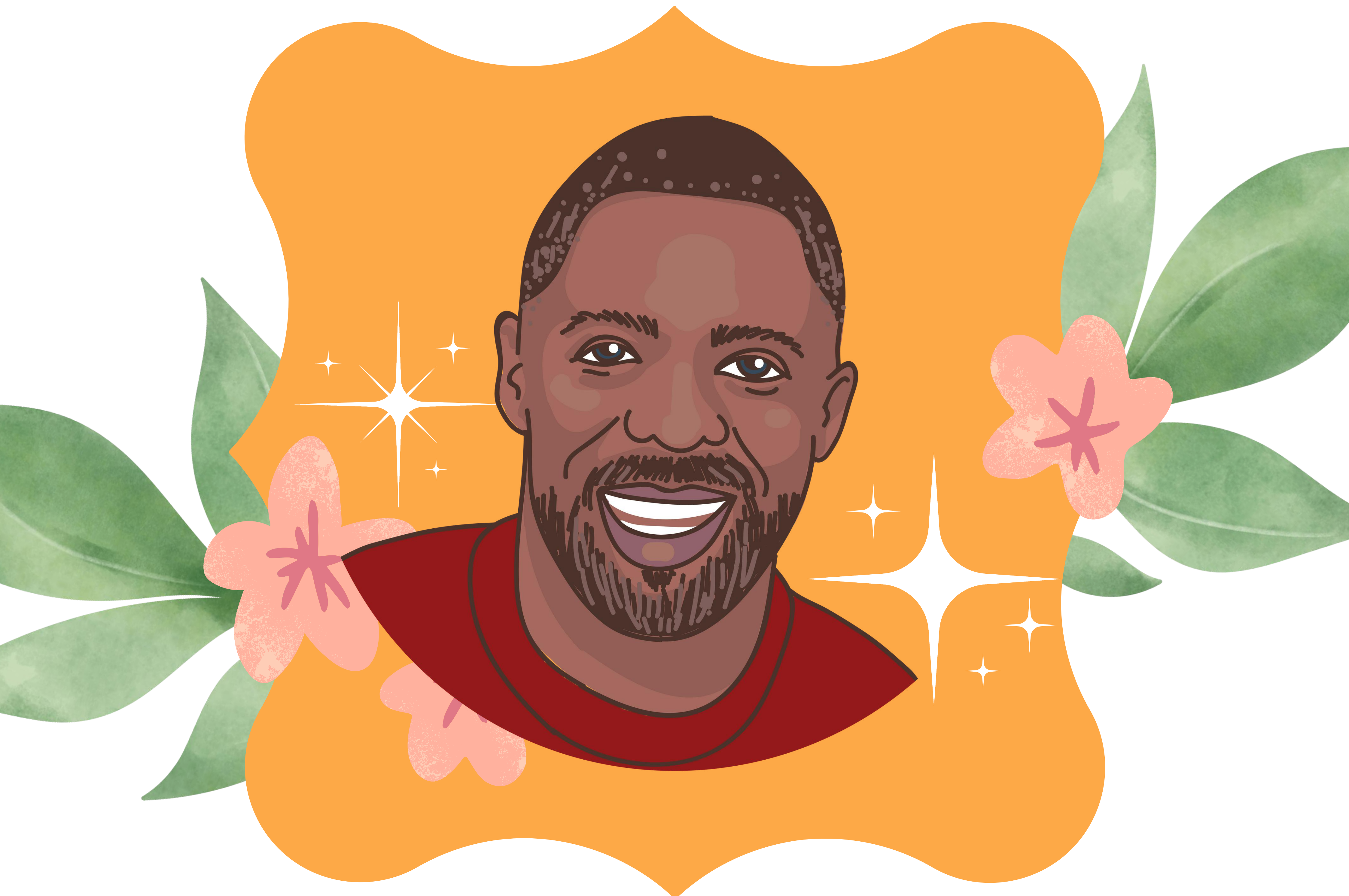
Laurence Paul Cunningham was an English professional footballer. A left winger, he notably played in England, France and Spain, where he became the first ever British player to sign for Real Madrid.

It was following his move to West Bromwich Albion in 1977 that his career really took off. There he played alongside Cyrille Regis and Brendon Batson, becoming only the second trio of black players to be fielded in the top flight of English football.

His form at West Bromwich Albion later earned a move to Real Madrid, where he remained for five years, winning La Liga once and the Copa del Rey twice. After a spell in France with Marseille, he returned to England with Leicester City in 1985, followed by a return to Spain with Rayo Vallecano. Cunningham signed with Wimbledon in 1988, where, as a member of the "Crazy Gang", he won the FA Cup in 1988 for the final trophy of his career.

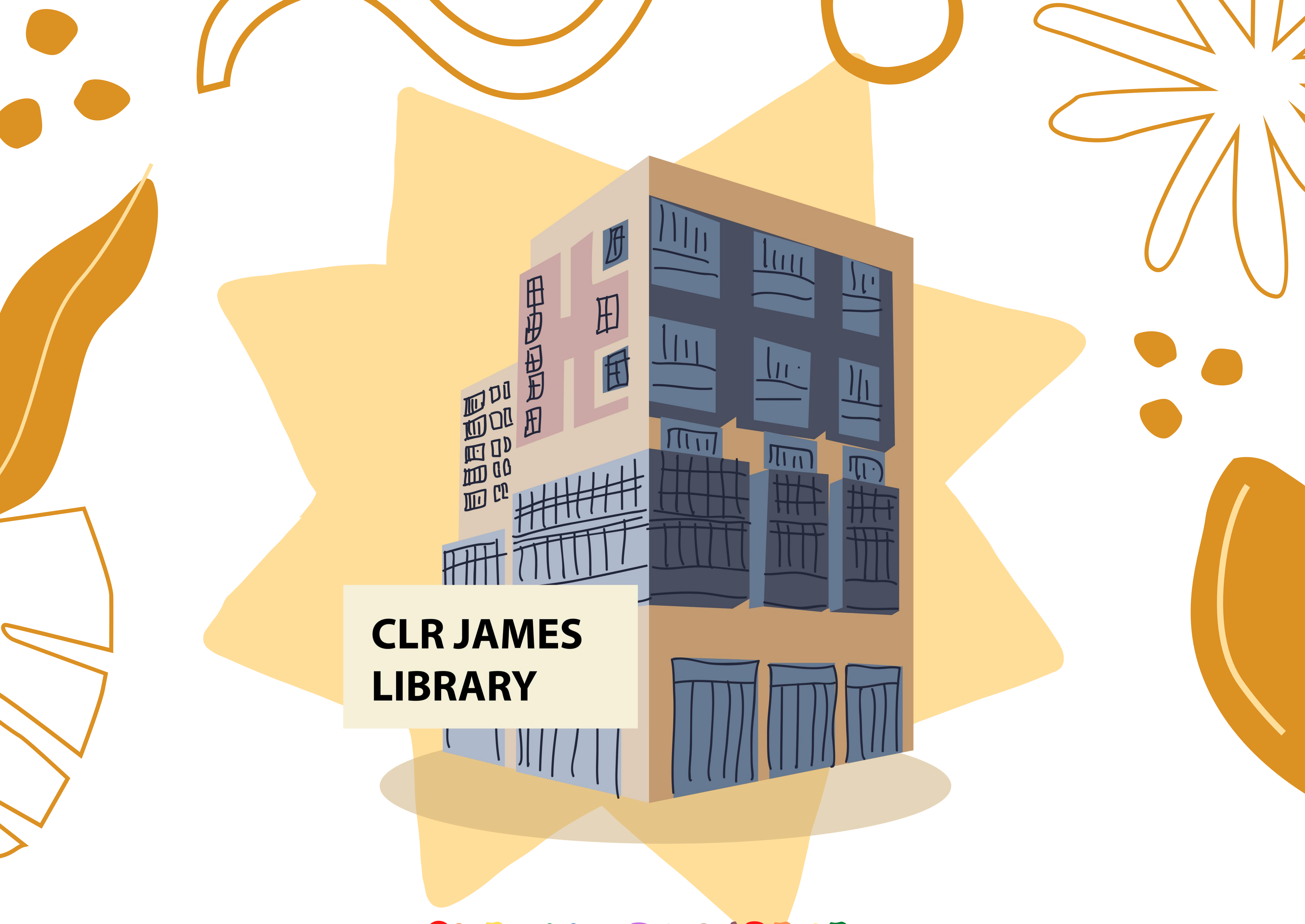
IDRIS ELBA

(6 September 1972)



Idrissa Akuna "Idris" Elba is an English actor, producer, and musician. He is known for roles including Stringer Bell in the HBO series *The Wire*, DCI John Luther in the BBC One series *Luther*, and Nelson Mandela in the biographical film *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom* (2013). He has been nominated four times for a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor – Miniseries or Television Film, winning one, and has been nominated five times for a Primetime Emmy Award.

Aside from acting, Elba performs as a DJ under the moniker DJ Big Driis or Idris and as an R&B musician. In 2016, he was named in the Time 100 list of the Most Influential People in the World. As of May 2019, his films have grossed over \$9.8 billion at the global box office, including over \$3.6 billion in North America, where he is one of the top 20 highest-grossing actors.



CLR JAMES LIBRARY

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Dalston C.L.R. James Library is the first new library to be built in Hackney for over 20 years. Named after Cyril Lionel Robert James who was a Trinidadian historian, journalist and Marxist. His works are influential in various theoretical, social, and historiographical contexts.

His work is a staple of Marxism, and he figures as a pioneering and influential voice in postcolonial literature. A tireless political activist, James is the author of the 1937 work *World Revolution* outlining the history of the Communist International, which stirred debate in Trotskyist circles, and in 1938 he wrote on the Haitian Revolution, *The Black Jacobins*.

MALORIE BLACKMAN

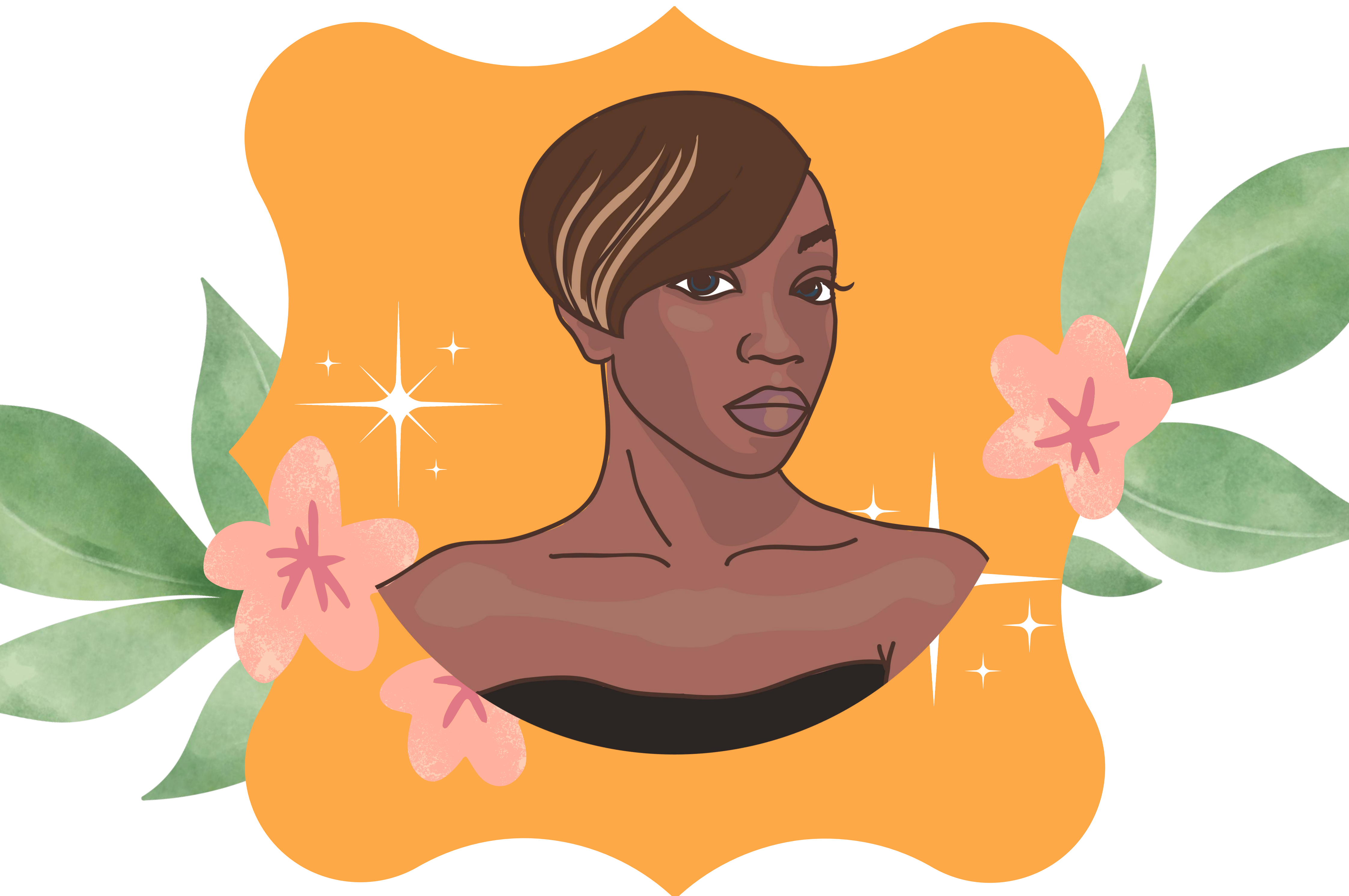
(8 February 1962)



Malorie Blackman is a British writer who held the position of Children's Laureate from 2013 to 2015. She primarily writes literature and television drama for children and young adults. She has used science fiction to explore social and ethical issues. Her critically and popularly acclaimed Noughts and Crosses series uses the setting of a fictional dystopia to explore racism.

ESTELLE

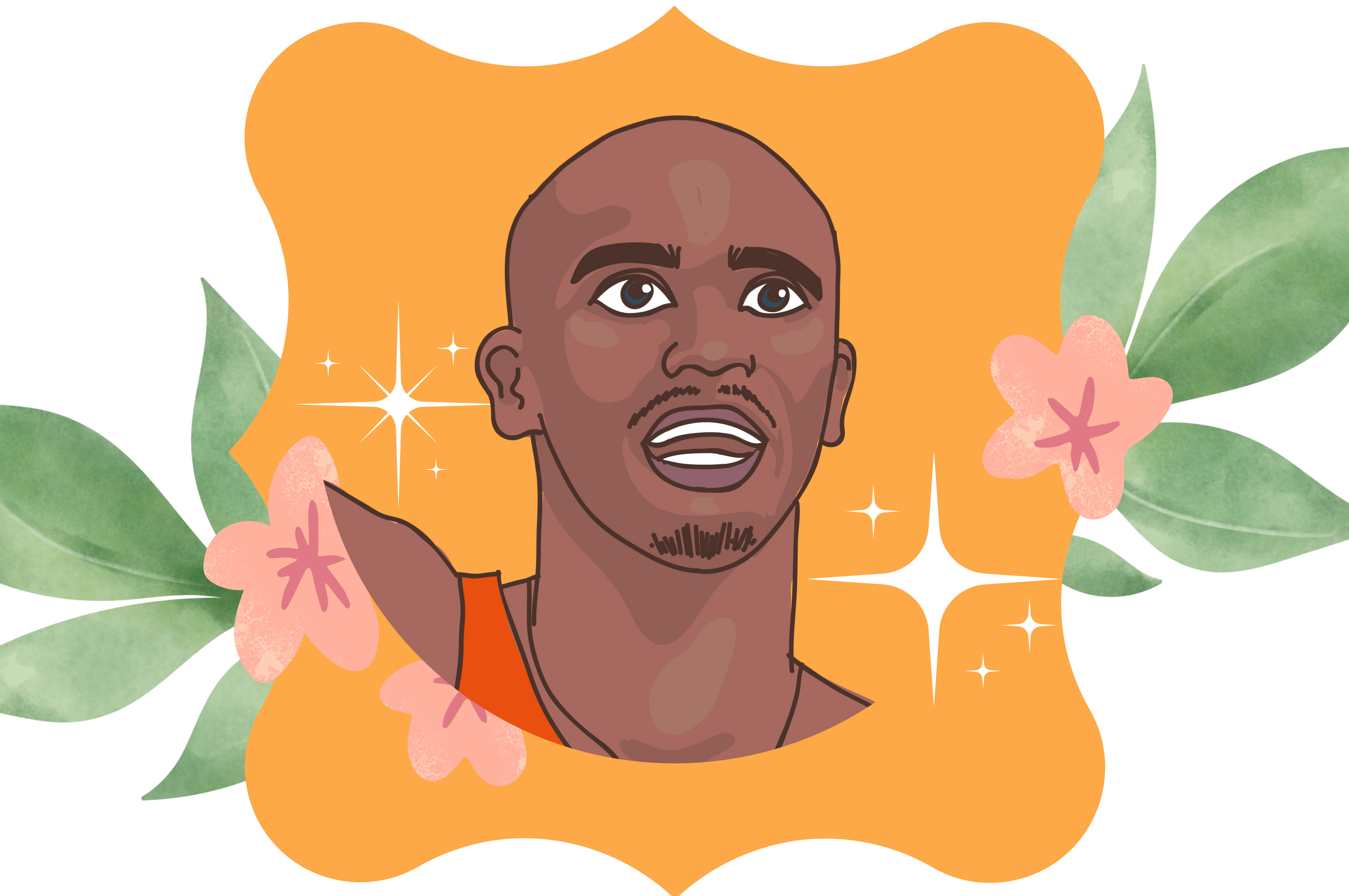
(18 January 1980)



Estelle Fanta Swaray is a British singer, songwriter and actress from West London. She is known for her eclectic mix of various musical genres including R&B, soul, reggae, grime, hip hop, and dance. She has collaborated with artists including John Legend, Robin Thicke, Rick Ross, Chris Brown, will.i.am, Kanye West, and Tyler, The Creator.

MO FARAH

(23 March 1983)

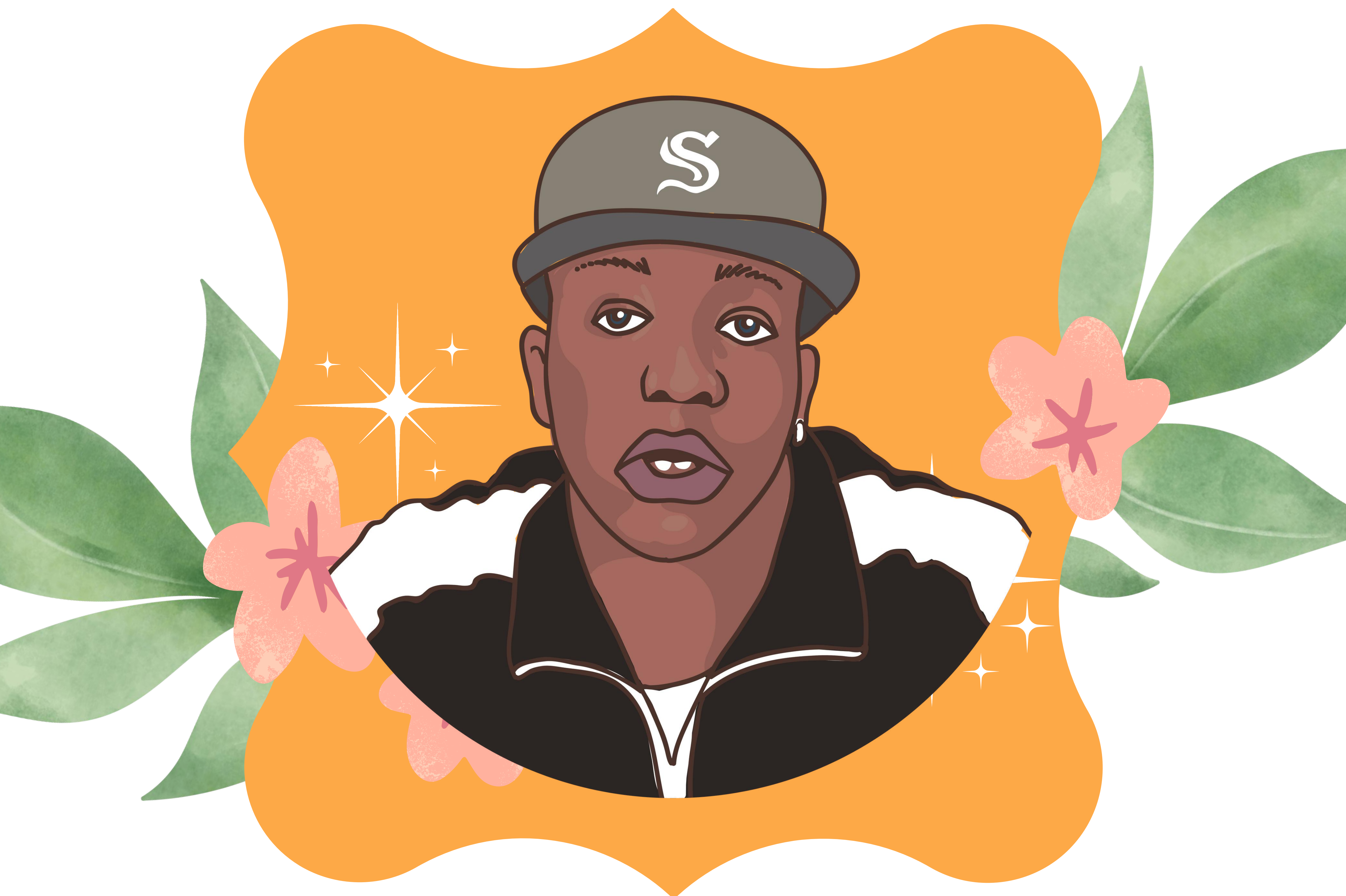


Sir Mohamed Muktar Jama Farah, known as Mo Farah is a Somali-born British long-distance runner and the most successful British track athlete in modern Olympic Games history. His ten global championship gold medals (four Olympic and six World titles) make him also the most successful male track distance runner globally in history, ahead of long-term Ethiopian rival Kenenisa Bekele with nine.

Farah is the 2012 and 2016 Olympic gold medalist in both the 5000 m and 10,000 m. Farah is the second athlete, after Lasse Virén, to win both the 5000 m and 10,000 m titles at successive Olympic Games. He also completed the 'distance double' at the 2013 and 2015 World Championships in Athletics. He was the second man, after Kenenisa Bekele, to win long-distance doubles at successive Olympics and World Championships, and the first in history to defend both distance titles in both major global competitions – a feat described as the 'quadruple-double'. Farah is the most decorated athlete in British athletics history, with ten global titles. He was the first British athlete to win two gold medals at the same world championships. His five gold medals at the European Athletics Championships make him the most successful athlete in individual events in the championships' history.

JAMAL EDWARDS

(24 August 1990 – 20 February 2022)

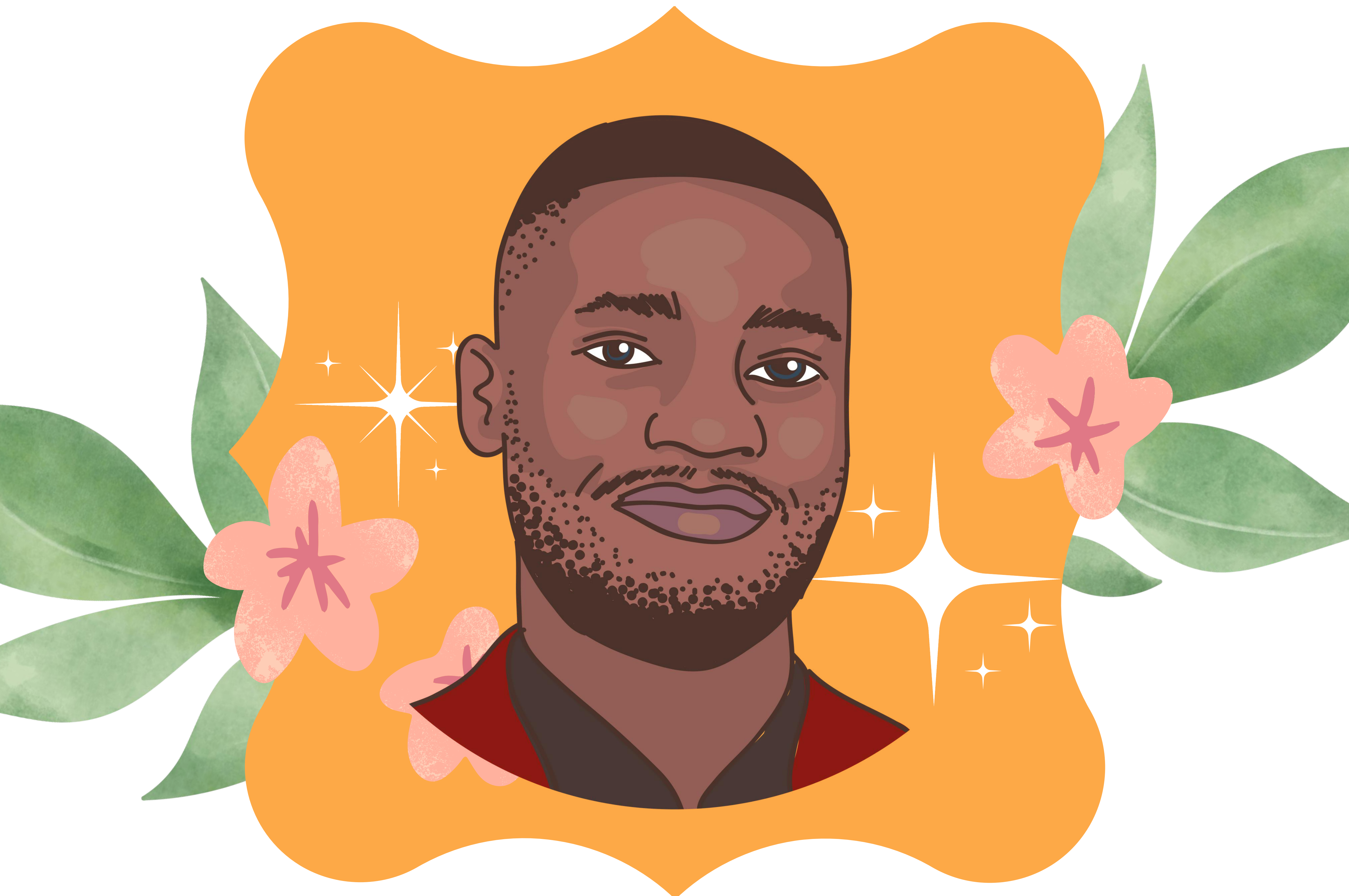


Jamal Edwards MBE was a British music entrepreneur, DJ and founder of the online R&B/Hip-Hop platform SB.TV.

Edwards was an ambassador for the Prince's Trust, a youth charity which helps young people set up their own businesses. In 2021, Edwards set up Jamal Edwards Delve, a project aimed at refurbishing and reopening youth centres.

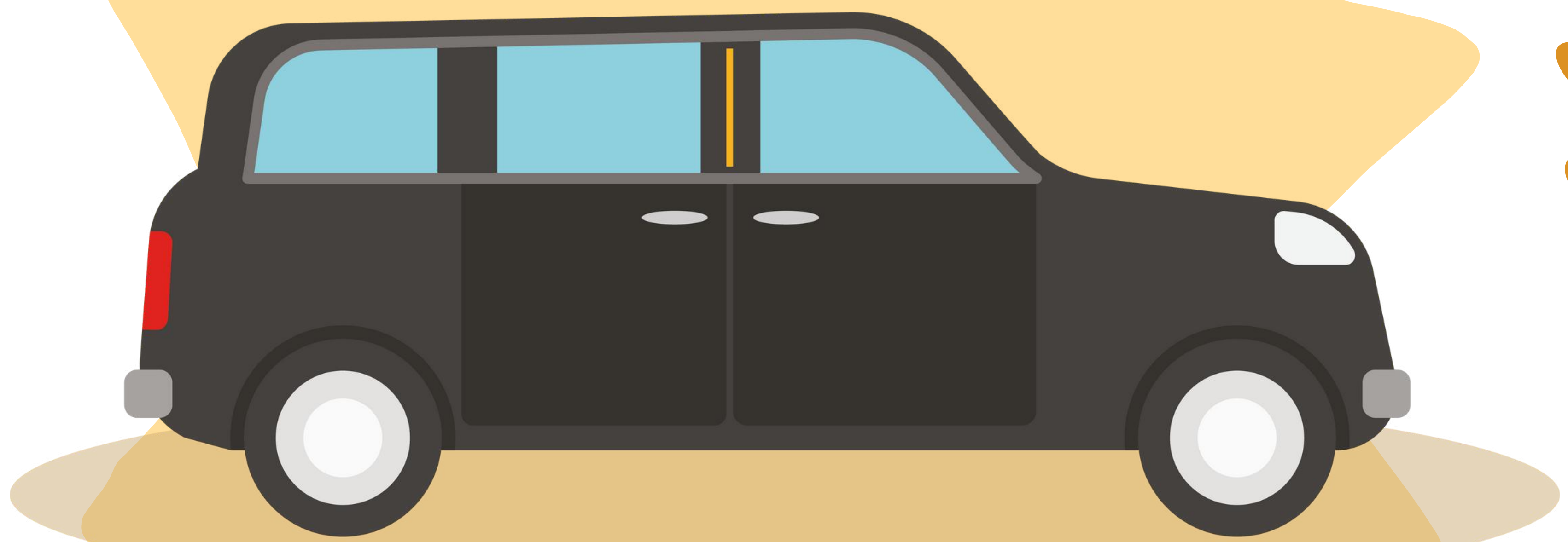
DAVE

(5 June 1998)



David Orobosa Omoregie also known as Santan Dave or just Dave, is a British rapper, musician, singer, songwriter, record producer and actor. Dave has gained acclaim for his socially conscious lyricism and wordplay, and is among the most recognised British rappers.

Dave's debut album *Psychodrama* (2019) was met with widespread critical acclaim and debuted at number one on the UK Albums Chart, having the biggest first week streams for a UK rap album. It went on to win the Mercury Prize, and Album of the Year at the 2020 Brit Awards. He made his acting debut in the third season of the Netflix series *Top Boy*, which was released in September 2019. In July 2021, Dave released his record breaking sophomore album *We're All Alone in This Together* which was a critical success and his second UK number-one album. He released the single "Starlight" on 3 March 2022, which became his longest-running and his first solo UK number-one single.



LONDON TAXI

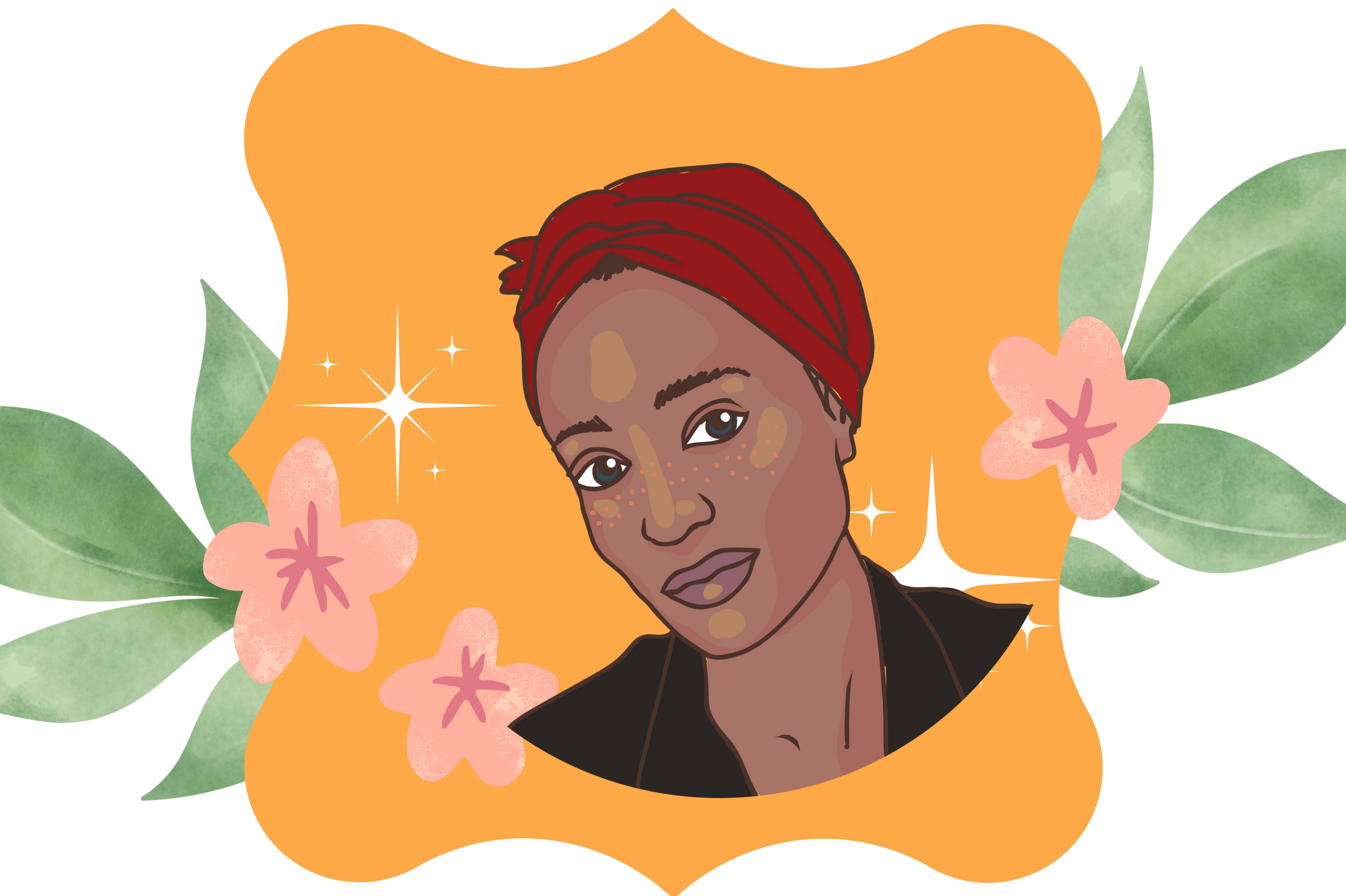
A hackney or hackney carriage (also called a cab, black cab, hack or London taxi) is a carriage or car for hire.

In the United Kingdom, the name hackney carriage today refers to a taxicab licensed by the Public Carriage Office, local authority (non-metropolitan district councils, unitary authorities) or the Department of the Environment depending on region of the country.

Though there has never been law requiring London's taxis to be black, they were, since the end of the Second World War, sold in a standard colour of black. This, in the 1970s gave rise within the minicab trade to the nickname 'black cab' and it has become common currency. However, before Second World War, London's cabs were seen in a variety of colours. They are produced in a variety of colours, sometimes in advertising brand liveries (see below). Fifty golden cabs were produced for the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations in 2002.

ZADIE SMITH

(25 October 1975)

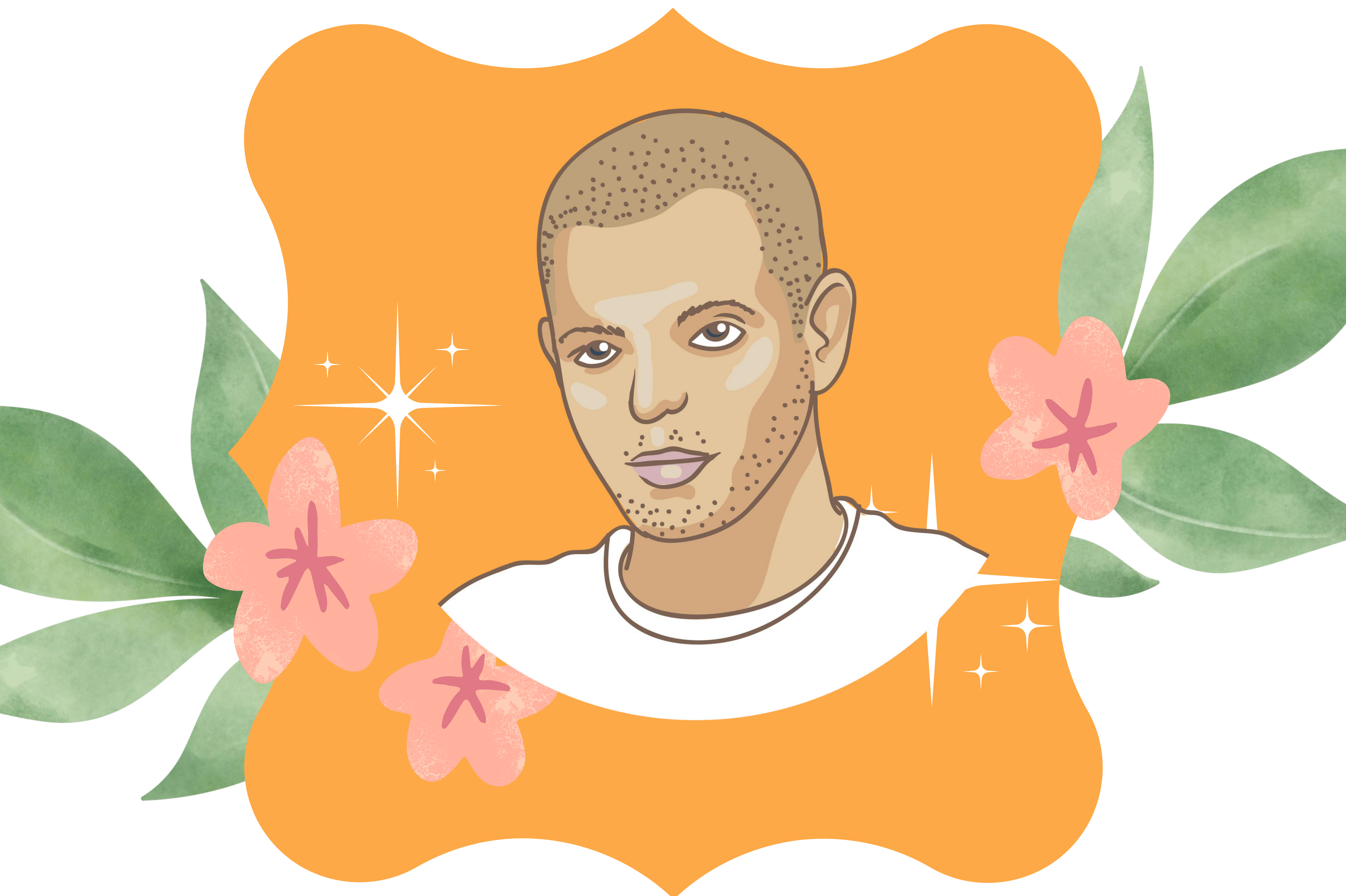


Zadie Smith is the author of the novels *White Teeth*, *The Autograph Man*, *On Beauty*, *NW*, and *Swing Time*, as well as two collections of essays, *Changing My Mind* and *Feel Free*. Zadie was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Literature in 2002, and was listed as one of Granta's 20 Best Young British Novelists in 2003 and again in 2013.

White Teeth won multiple literary awards including the James Tait Black Memorial Prize, the Whitbread First Novel Award and the Guardian First Book Award. *On Beauty* was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize and won the Orange Prize for Fiction, and *NW* was shortlisted for the Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction. Zadie Smith is currently a tenured professor of fiction at New York University and a Member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

MIKE SKINNER

(27 November 1979)



Michael Geoffrey Skinner is an English rapper, singer-songwriter, musician, and record producer. Best known for the music project The Streets, Skinner has also released music as a solo artist, as part of The D.O.T with frequent collaborator Rob Harvey, and under the pseudonym The Darker the Shadow the Brighter the Light.

DALEY THOMPSON

(30 July 1958)

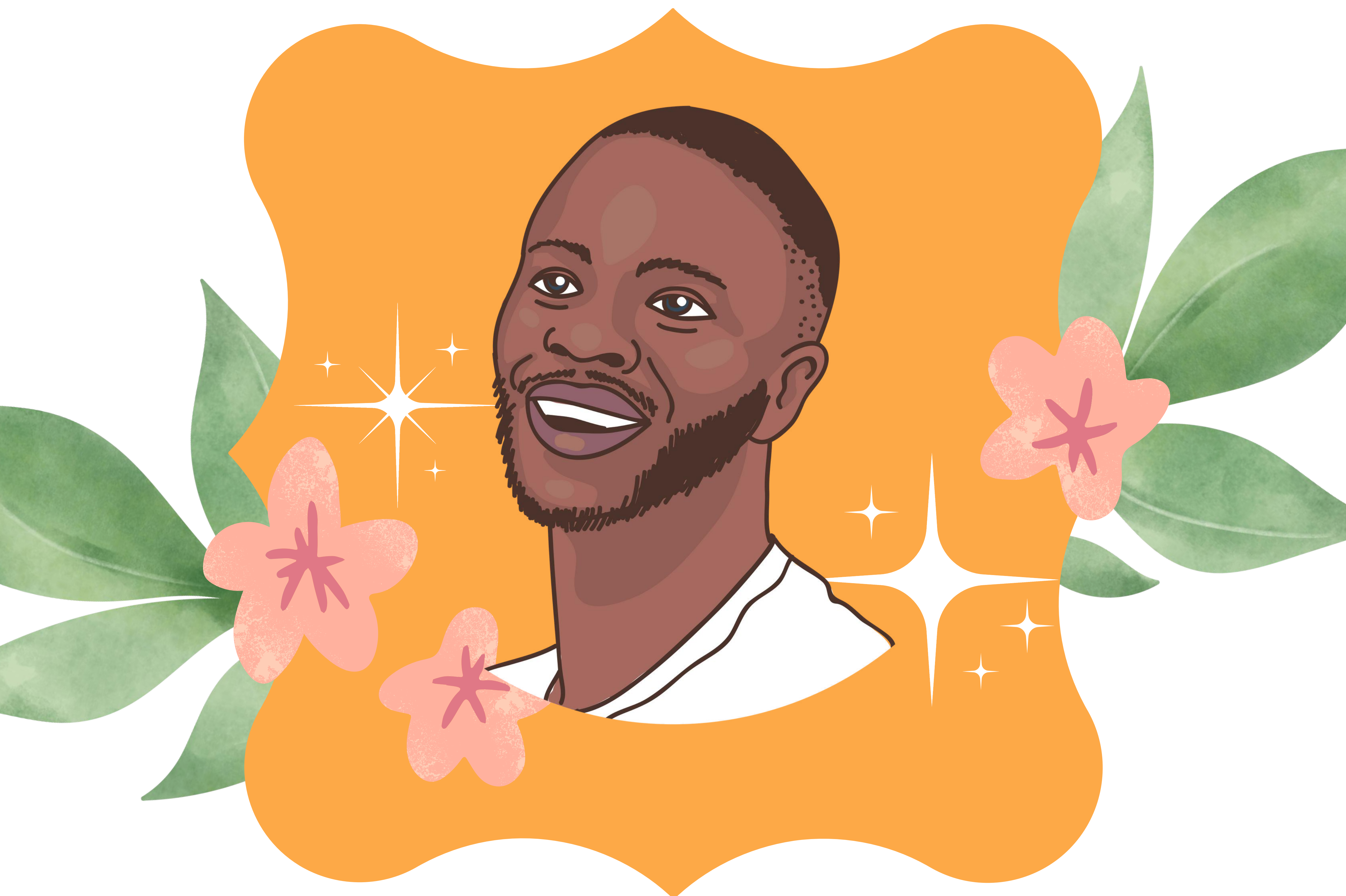


Francis Morgan Ayodélé Thompson better known as Daley Thompson, is a British former decathlete. He won the decathlon gold medal at the Olympic Games in 1980 and 1984, and broke the world record for the event four times. He was unbeaten in competition for nine years.

With four world records, two Olympic gold medals, three Commonwealth titles, and wins in the World and European Championships, Thompson is considered by many to be one of the greatest decathletes of all time. Robert Chalmers described him as "the greatest all-round athlete this country [United Kingdom] has ever produced."

RAHEEM STERLING

(8 December 1994)



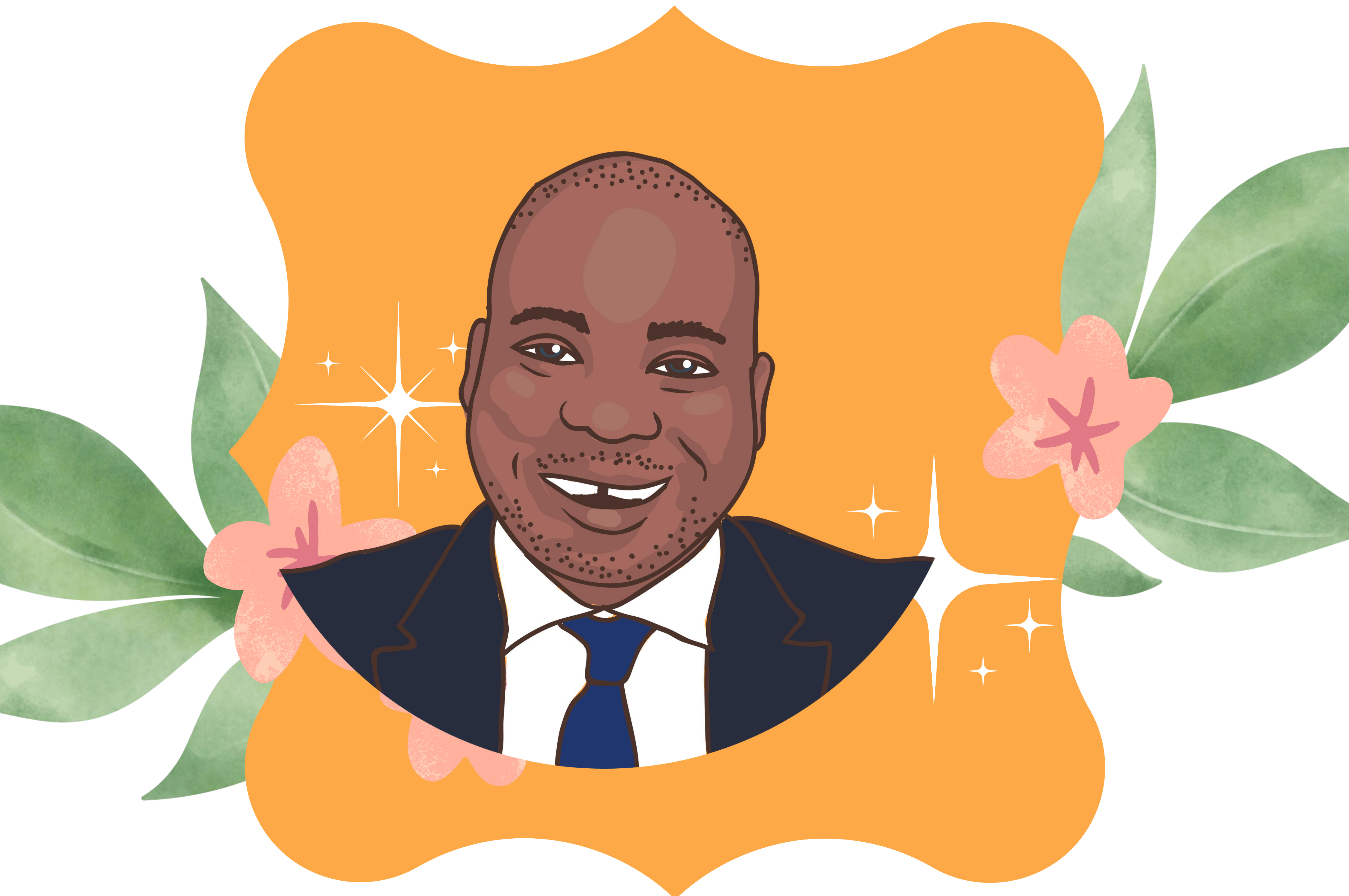
Raheem Shaquille Sterling is an English professional footballer who plays as a winger and attacking midfielder for Premier League club Manchester City and the England national team.

Born in Jamaica to Jamaican parents, Sterling moved to London at the age of five. He began his career at Queens Park Rangers before signing for Liverpool in 2010. He was awarded the Golden Boy award in 2014. In July 2015, following a lengthy dispute over a new contract, he was signed by Manchester City in a transfer potentially worth £49 million, the highest transfer fee ever paid for an English player at the time. He went on to help Manchester City win back-to-back Premier League titles in the 2017–18 and 2018–19 seasons. In the 2018–19 season, he was named to the PFA Premier League Team of the Year and won the PFA Young Player of the Year and FWA Footballer of the Year.

Sterling made his senior debut for England in November 2012 after previously being capped by England youth teams at under-16, under-17, under-19 and under-21 levels. He was chosen in England's squads for the FIFA World Cup in 2014 and 2018, and the UEFA European Championship in 2016 and 2020.

ALEXANDER AMOSU

(21 June 1975)



Alexander Amosu is a British/Nigerian luxury designer and entrepreneur. He was named by Guinness World Records as having created the world's most expensive suit. His £240,000 Diamond Encrusted BlackBerry Curve 8900 is ranked the world's most expensive BlackBerry. He is also credited with producing the world's most expensive champagne. He has created exclusive luxury phone designs for Motorola, BlackBerry Limited, Apple and Samsung.



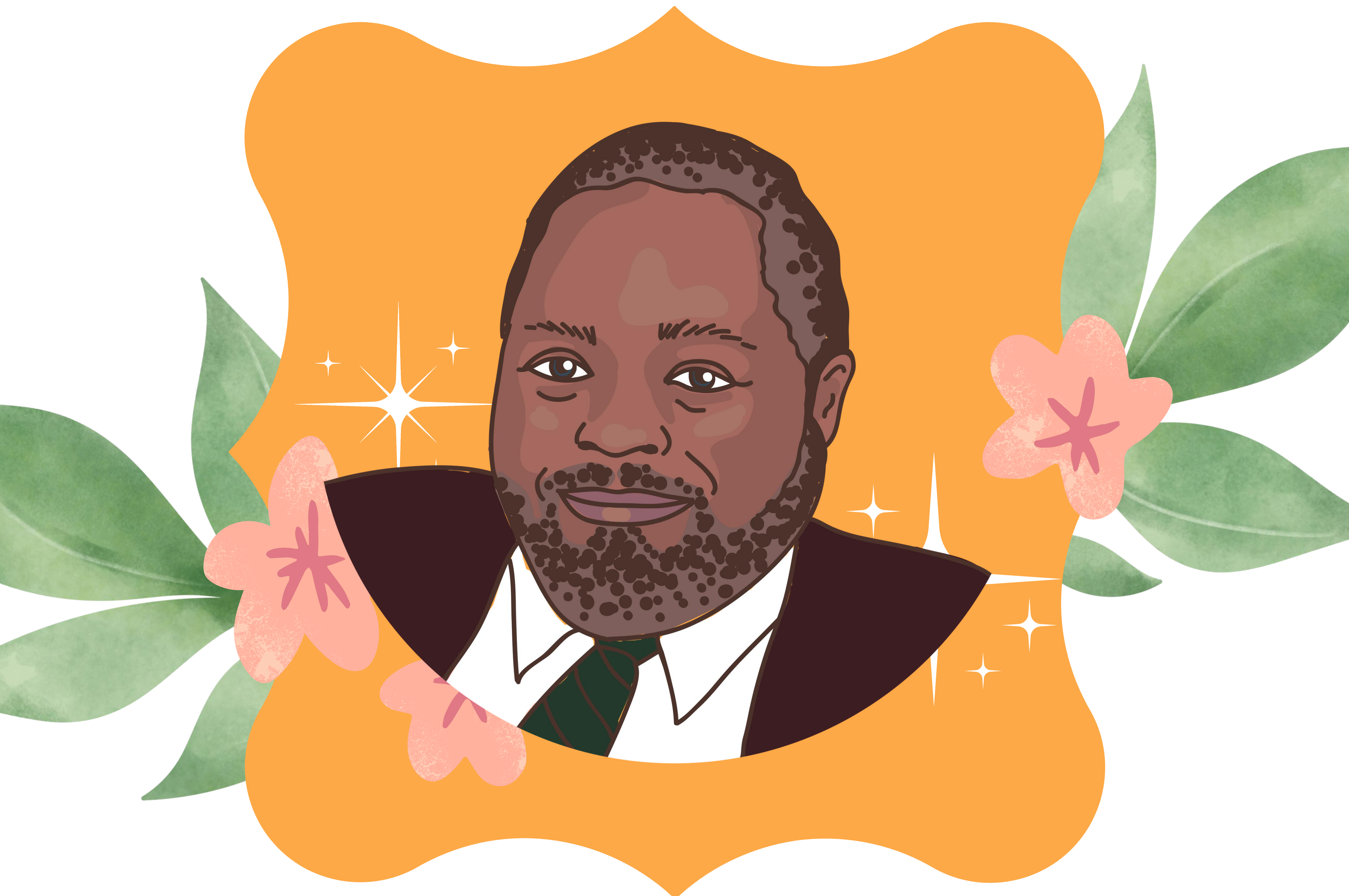
HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

The Palace of Westminster serves as the meeting place for both the House of Commons and the House of Lords, the two houses of the Parliament of the United Kingdom. Informally known as the Houses of Parliament, the Palace lies on the north bank of the River Thames in the City of Westminster, in central London, England.

Its name, which derives from the neighbouring Westminster Abbey, may refer to several historic structures but most often: the Old Palace, a medieval building-complex largely destroyed by fire in 1834, or its replacement, the New Palace that stands today. The palace is owned by the Crown. Committees appointed by both houses manage the building and report to the Speaker of the House of Commons and to the Lord Speaker.

BERNIE GRANT

(17 February 1944 – 8 April 2000)



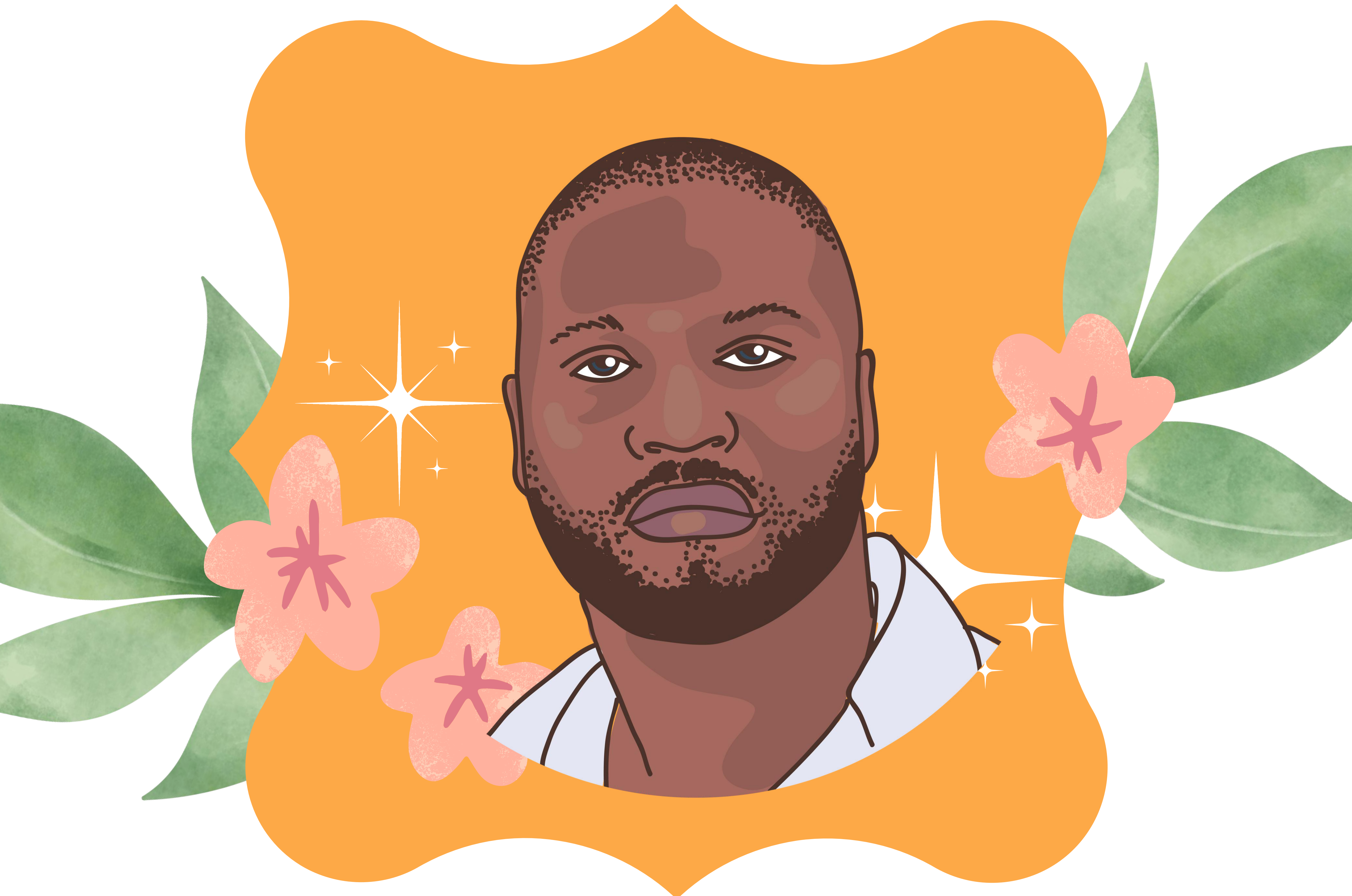
Bernard Alexander Montgomery Grant was a British Labour Party politician who was the Member of Parliament for Tottenham, London, from 1987 to his death in 2000.

Bernie Grant was elected as MP for Tottenham at the 1987 general election, one of the UK's first Black British MPs, all of them members of the Labour Party Black Sections movement, being elected at the same time as Diane Abbott and Paul Boateng, as well as Britain's first British Asian MP since the 1920s, Keith Vaz. Grant later stood for the deputy leadership of the Labour Party, but was unsuccessful.

In 1989, he established and chaired the Parliamentary Black Caucus, modelled after the Congressional Black Caucus of the United States. The organisation was committed to advancing the opportunities of Britain's ethnic minority communities. In 1993 Grant co-founded and chaired the African Reparations Movement (ARM UK) to campaign for the movement for reparations for slavery and racism. ARM UK was formed following the 1993 Abuja Proclamation declared at the First Pan-African Conference on Reparations, in Abuja, Nigeria, convened by the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) and the Nigerian government.

LETHAL BIZZLE

(14 September 1984)



Maxwell Owusu Ansah known by his stage name Lethal Bizzle, is a British rapper from Walthamstow, London, of Ghanaian origin. He emerged in 2002 as a grime MC as part of More Fire Crew, with their grime single "Oi!" charting in the top 10 of the UK Singles Chart. His debut solo single "Pow! (Forward)" attracted attention for its aggressive content, charting at number 11 despite being banned from airplay and clubs.

Although known notably for his single releases, Lethal Bizzle released his debut studio album, *Against All Oddz*, in 2005, followed by *Back to Bizznizz* in 2007.

Throughout his career Lethal Bizzle has experimented with blending mainstream chart genres such as dance music with grime, leading to numerous top 40 singles.

Outside of music, Bizzle is a social media personality through platforms Twitter and Snapchat, which have been used to promote his music independently.

LITTLE SIMZ

(23 February 1994)

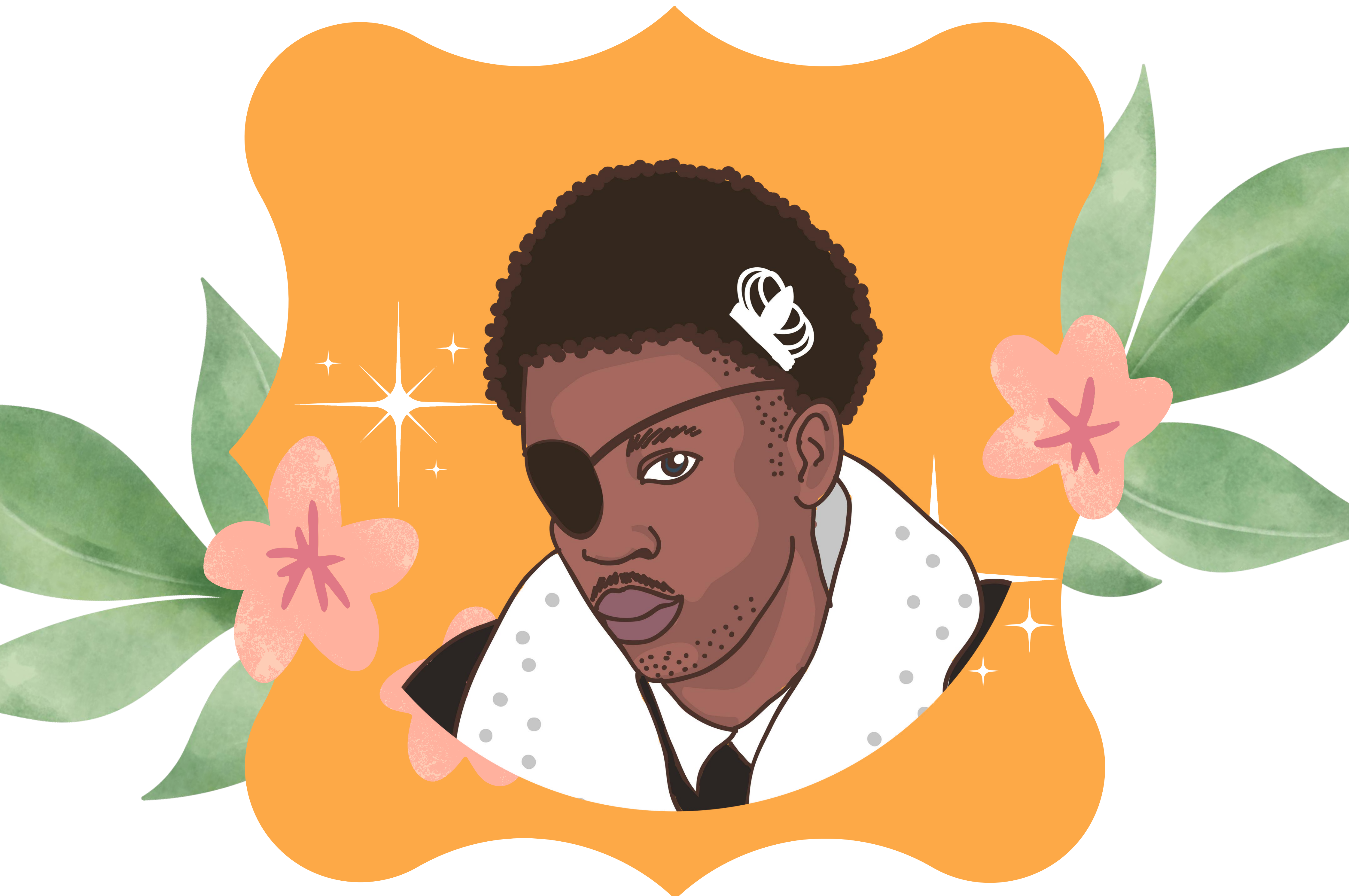


Simbiatu "Simbi" Abisola Abiola Ajikawo better known by her stage name Little Simz, is a British rapper, singer, songwriter and actress. She rose to prominence with the independent release of her first three albums, namely *A Curious Tale of Trials + Persons* (2015), *Stillness in Wonderland* (2016) and *Grey Area* (2019), the latter of which was shortlisted for the Mercury Prize and won the awards for Best Album at both the Ivor Novello Awards and the NME Awards.

Her fourth album, *Sometimes I Might Be Introvert* (2021) received widespread critical acclaim, with several publications deeming it the best album of 2021. It also earned her the 2022 Brit Award for Best New Artist.

SLICK RICK

(January 14, 1965)



Richard Martin Lloyd Walters better known as Slick Rick, is an English-American rapper and record producer. He rose to prominence with Doug E. Fresh & the Get Fresh Crew in the mid-1980s. Their songs "The Show" and "La Di Da Di" are considered early hip hop classics. "La Di Da Di" is one of the most sampled songs in history.

In 1986, Slick Rick became the third artist signed to Def Jam Records. He has released four albums: *The Great Adventures of Slick Rick* (1988), *The Ruler's Back* (1991), *Behind Bars* (1994) and *The Art of Storytelling* (1999). His music has been sampled and interpolated over 1,000 times, in dozens of songs by artists.

Slick Rick has been a VH-1 Hip Hop Honors honoree, and About.com ranked him No. 12 on their list of the Top 50 MCs of Our Time, while The Source ranked him No. 15 on their list of the Top 50 Lyricists of All Time.

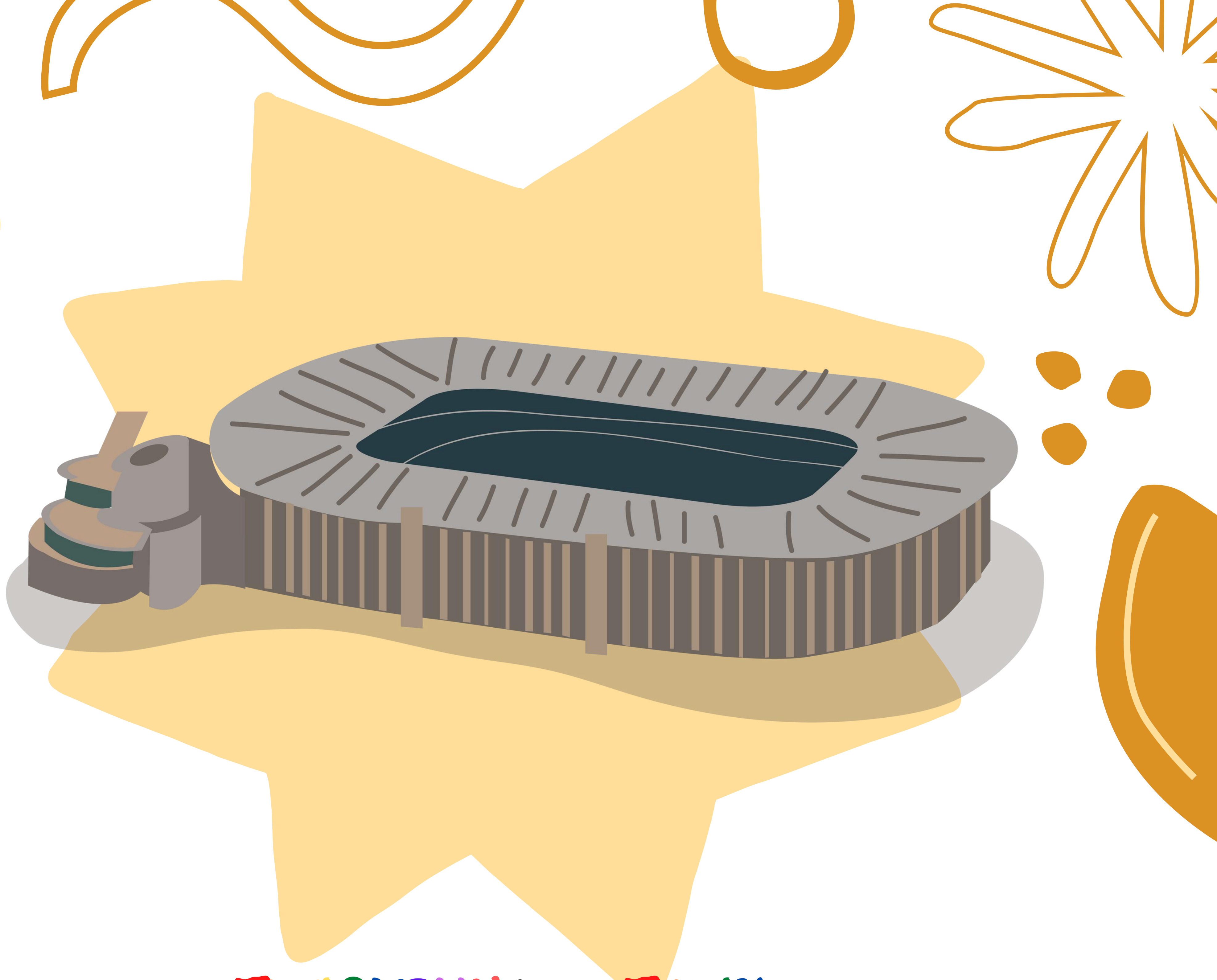
DEV PATEL

(23 April 1990)



Dev Patel is a British actor. He is the recipient of various accolades including a BAFTA Award, a Screen Actors Guild Award, a Critics' Choice Award, in addition to receiving nominations for an Academy Award, another BAFTA Award, two Golden Globe Awards and three SAG awards.

Patel made his screen debut as Anwar Kharral in the first two series of the British television teen drama *Skins* (2007–2008), landing the role with no prior professional acting experience. His breakthrough came in 2008 with the leading role of Jamal Malik in Danny Boyle's drama *Slumdog Millionaire*, for which Patel was nominated for the BAFTA Award for Best Actor in a Leading Role, becoming one of the youngest nominees in Best Actor category. He won the Critics' Choice Movie Award for Best Young Performer and the Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture. Patel went on to star in several films and television shows.



TWICKENHAM STADIUM

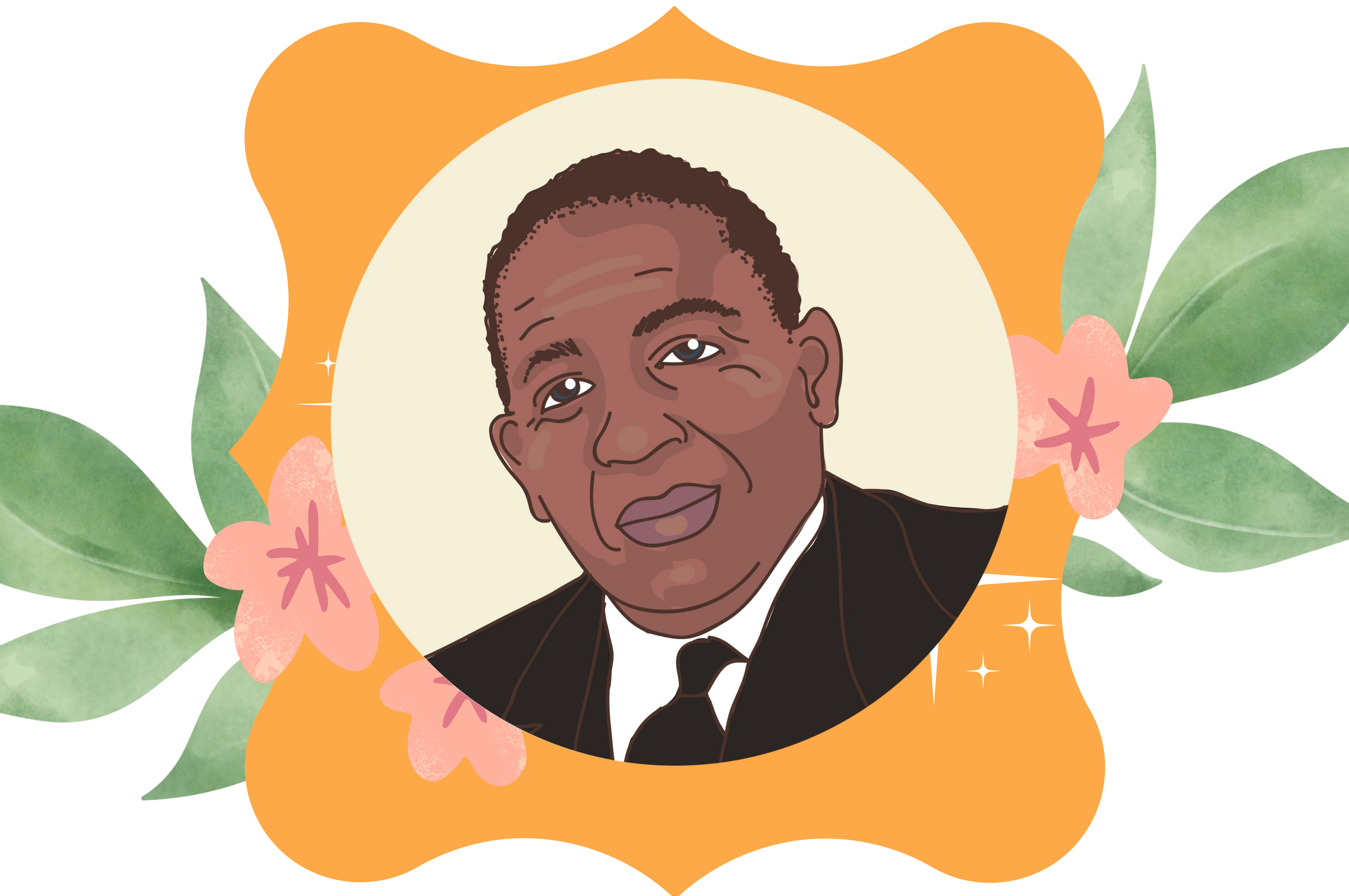
Twickenham Stadium in Twickenham, south-west London, England, is a rugby union stadium owned by the Rugby Football Union (RFU), English rugby union governing body, which has its headquarters there. The England national rugby union team plays home matches at the stadium.

It is the world's largest rugby union stadium, the second largest in the United Kingdom, behind Wembley Stadium, and the fourth largest in Europe. The Middlesex Sevens, Premiership Rugby fixtures, Anglo-Welsh Cup matches, the Varsity Match between Oxford and Cambridge universities and European Rugby Champions Cup games have been played at Twickenham Stadium. It has also been used as the venue for rugby league Challenge Cup finals, conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses and American football, as part of the NFL London Games in 2016 and 2017.

Twickenham Stadium has hosted concerts by Rihanna, Iron Maiden, Bryan Adams, Bon Jovi, Genesis, U2, Beyoncé, The Rolling Stones, The Police, Eagles, R.E.M., Eminem, Lady Gaga, and Metallica.

LEARIE CONSTANTINE

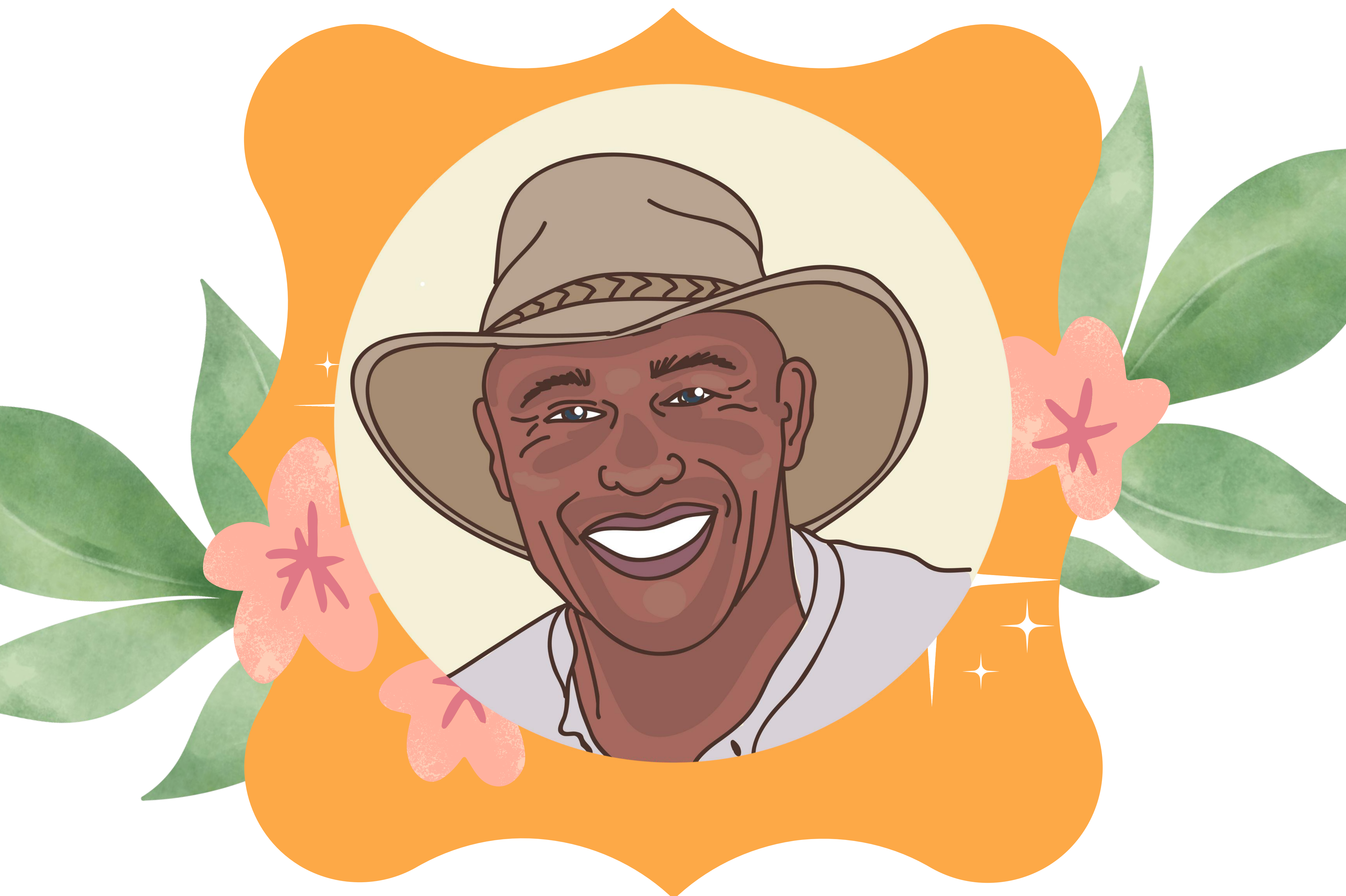
(21 September 1901 – 1 July 1971)



Learie Nicholas Constantine, Baron Constantine was a West Indian cricketer, lawyer and politician who served as Trinidad and Tobago's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom and became the UK's first black peer. He played 18 Test matches before the Second World War and took the West Indies' first wicket in Test cricket. An advocate against racial discrimination, in later life he was influential in the passing of the 1965 Race Relations Act in Britain. He was knighted in 1962 and made a life peer in 1969.

GUS CASELY-HAYFORD

(1964)



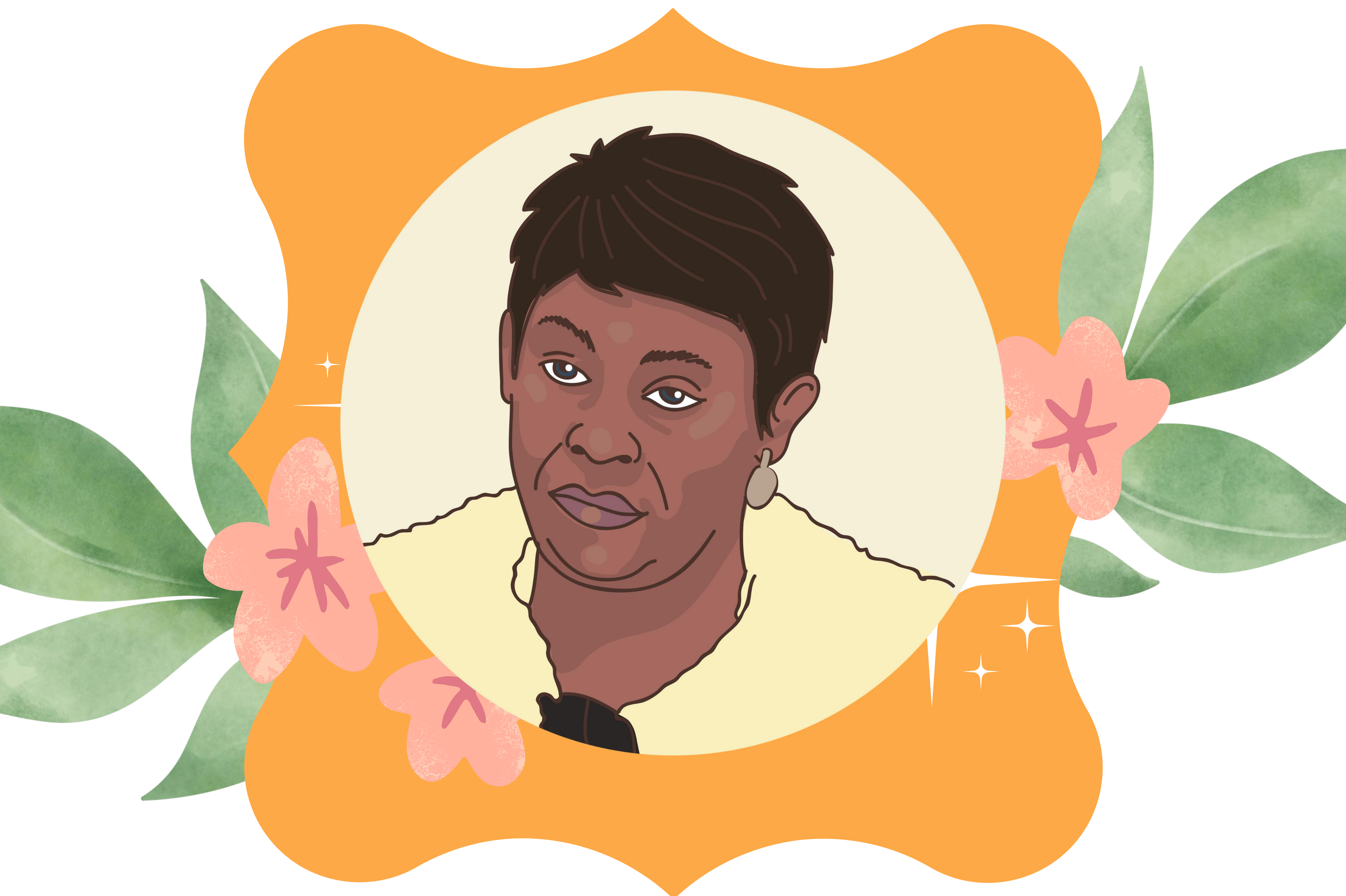
Augustus Casely-Hayford is a British curator, cultural historian, broadcaster and lecturer with ancestral Ghanaian roots in the Casely-Hayford family, a cadet branch of the Cape Coast royal dynasty. He is presently the Director of V&A East and formerly, the Director of the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art in Washington, DC. He was commissioned to present a second TV series of Tate Walks for Sky Arts in 2017.

Casely-Hayford was awarded the Leader of the Year for Arts and Media by the Black British Business Awards 2017. He delivered a TED talk in August 2017. He has been awarded a Cultural Fellowship at King's College, London, and a Fellowship at the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS).

He is also the author of a book on Timbuktu, published in 2018 by Ladybird/Penguin. In 2022, he hosted a reboot of the long-running archeological television show Time Team.

DOREEN LAWRENCE

(1952)

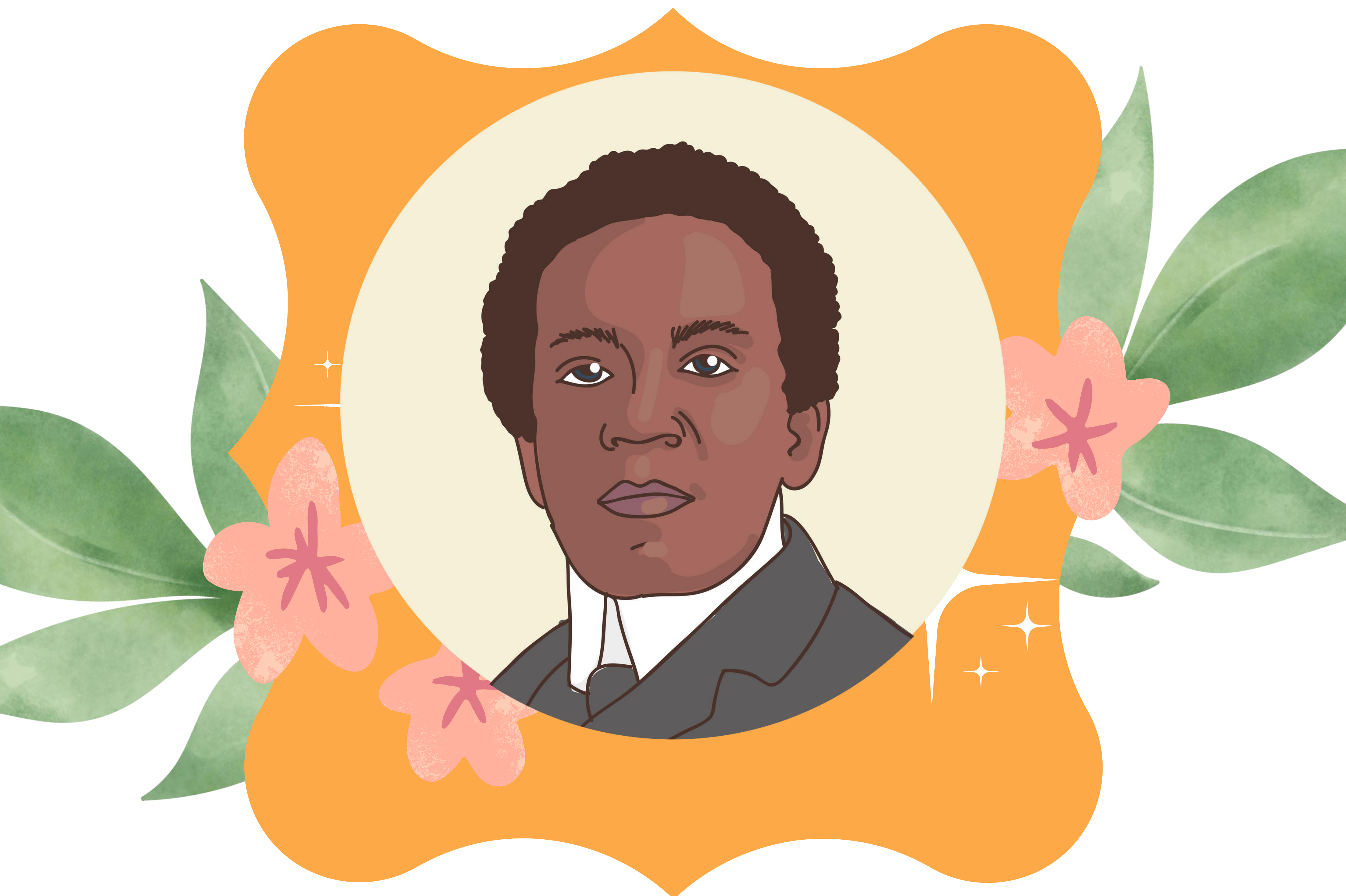


Doreen Delceita Lawrence, Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon is a British Jamaican campaigner and the mother of Stephen Lawrence, a black British teenager who was murdered in a racist attack in South East London in 1993. She promoted reforms of the police service and founded the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust.

On the first national Stephen Lawrence Day on 22 April 2019, she described how she had worked for 26 years hoping for "an inclusive society for everyone to live their best life, regardless of gender, race, sexuality, religion, disability or background".

SAMUEL COLERIDGE TAYLOR

(15 August 1875 – 1 September 1912)



Samuel Coleridge-Taylor was an English composer and conductor.

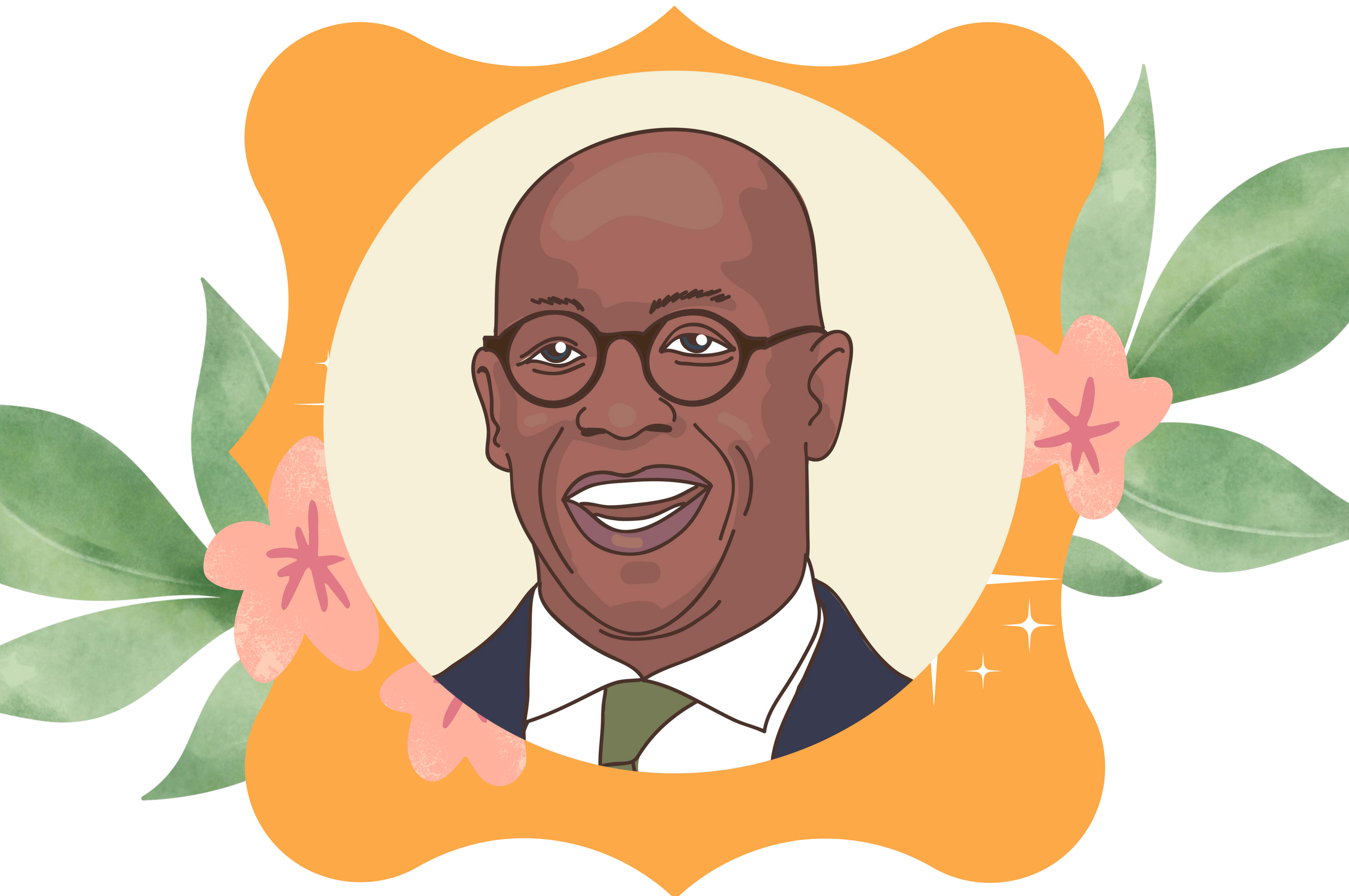
Of mixed race birth, Coleridge-Taylor achieved such success that he was referred to by white New York musicians as the "African Mahler" when he had three tours of the United States in the early 1900s.

He was particularly known for his three cantatas on the epic poem *Song of Hiawatha* by American Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Coleridge-Taylor premiered the first section in 1898, when he was 22.

He married an Englishwoman, Jessie Walmisley, and both their children had musical careers. Their son Hiawatha adapted his father's music for a variety of performances. Their daughter Avril Coleridge-Taylor became a composer-conductor.

IAN WRIGHT

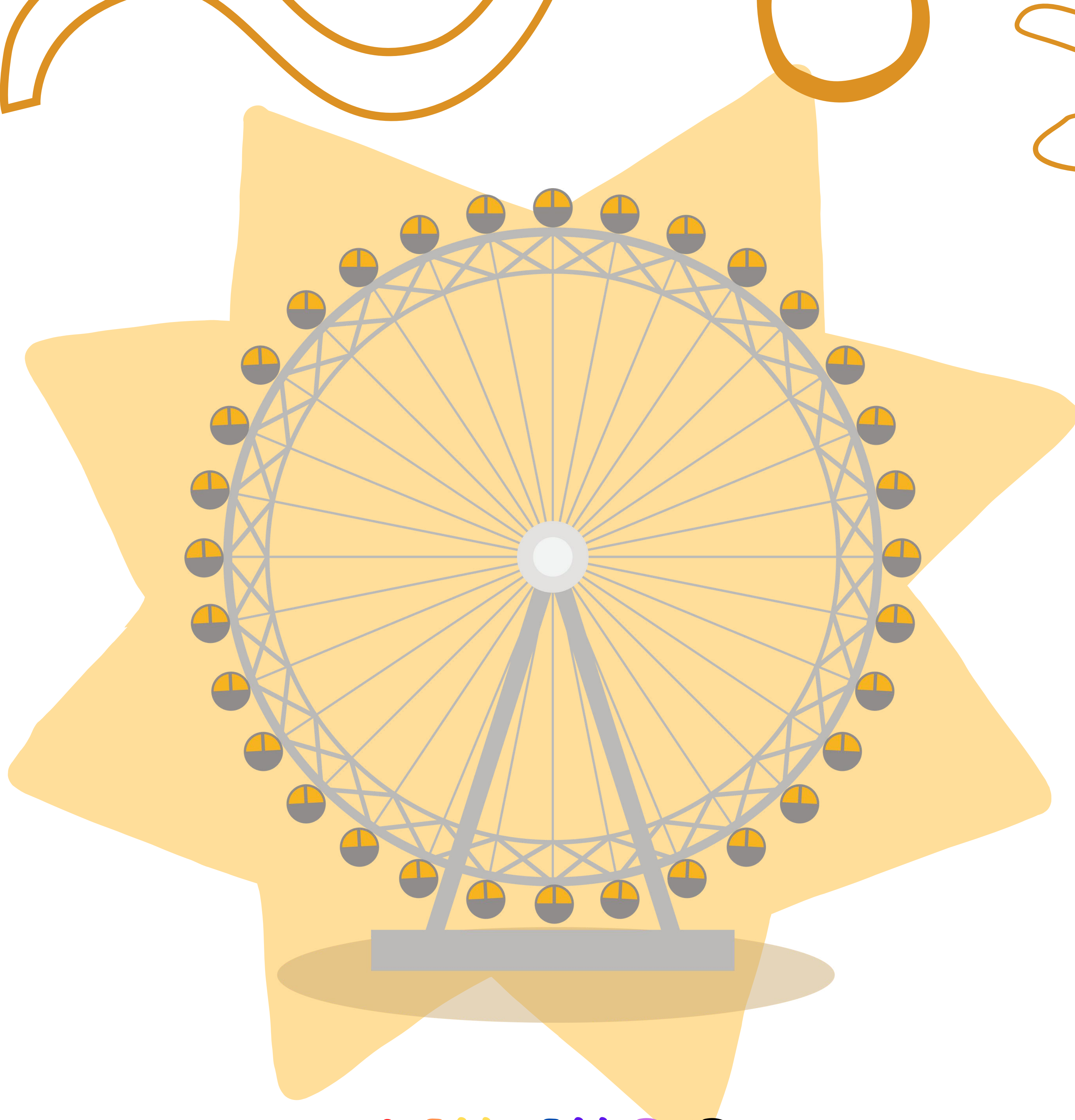
(3 November 1963)



Ian Edward Wright is an English former professional footballer, and television and radio personality. He is currently a pundit for BBC Sport and ITV Sport. Wright enjoyed success with London clubs Crystal Palace and Arsenal as a forward, spending six years with the former and seven years with the latter. With Arsenal he lifted the Premier League title, both the major domestic cup competitions, and the European Cup Winners Cup. Known for his speed, agility, finishing and aggression, he played 581 league games, scoring 287 goals for seven clubs in Scotland and England, while also earning 33 caps for the England national team, and scoring nine international goals.

Wright also played in the Premier League for West Ham United, the Scottish Premier League for Celtic and the Football League for Burnley and Nottingham Forest. As of 2021, he is Arsenal's second-highest scorer of all time and Crystal Palace's third-highest.

After retiring, he has been active in the media, usually in football-related TV and radio shows. Two of his sons, Bradley and Shaun, were both professional footballers, both having since retired.



LONDON EYE

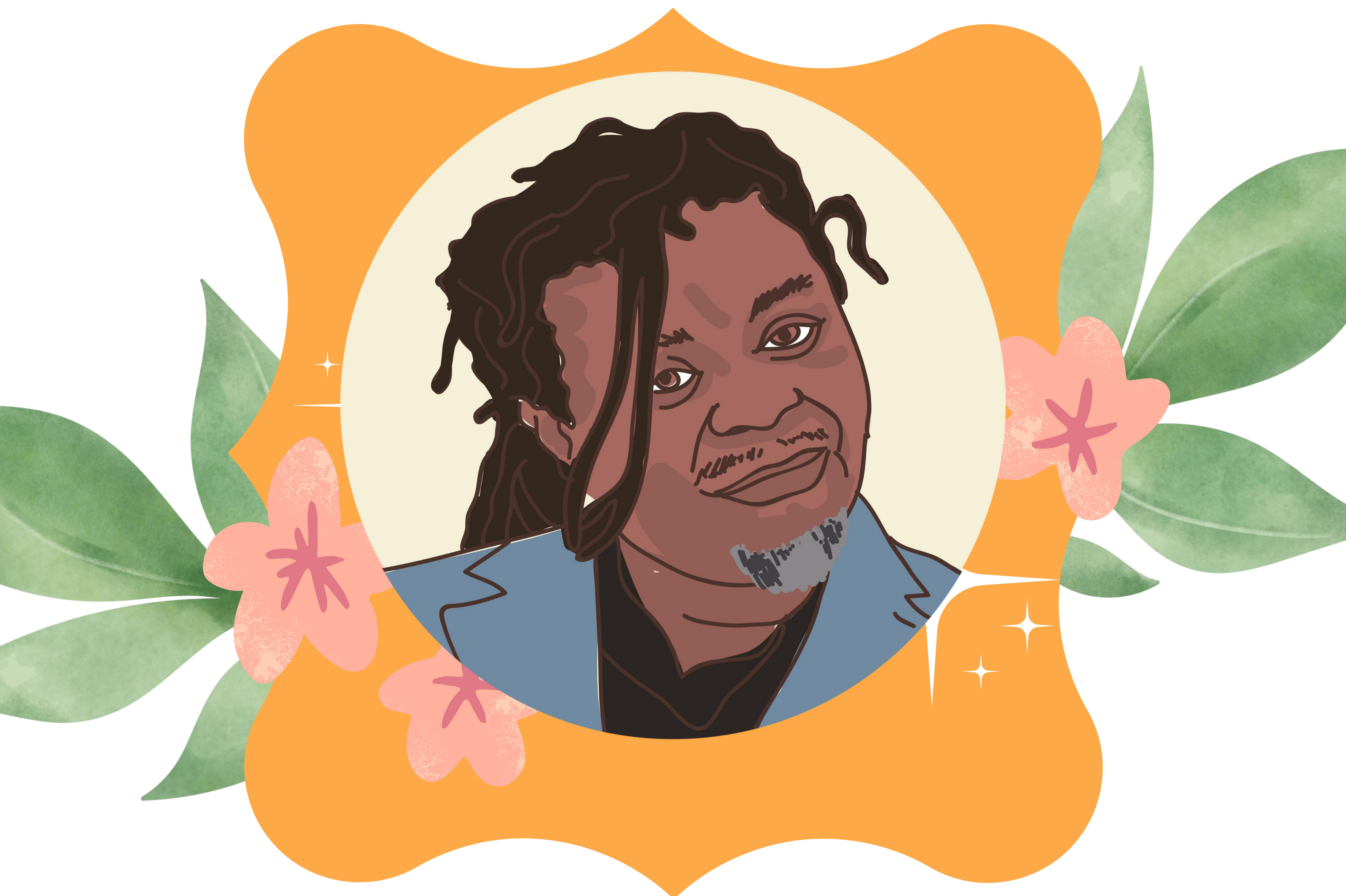
The London Eye is a cantilevered observation wheel on the South Bank of the River Thames in London. It is Europe's tallest cantilevered observation wheel, and is the most popular paid tourist attraction in the United Kingdom with over 3 million visitors annually. It has made many appearances in popular culture.

The structure is 135 metres tall and the wheel has a diameter of 120 metres. When it opened to the public in 2000 it was the world's tallest Ferris wheel.

The London Eye used to offer the highest public viewing point in London until it was superseded by the 245-metre-high observation deck on the 72nd floor of The Shard, which opened to the public on 1 February 2013.

YINKA SHONIBARE

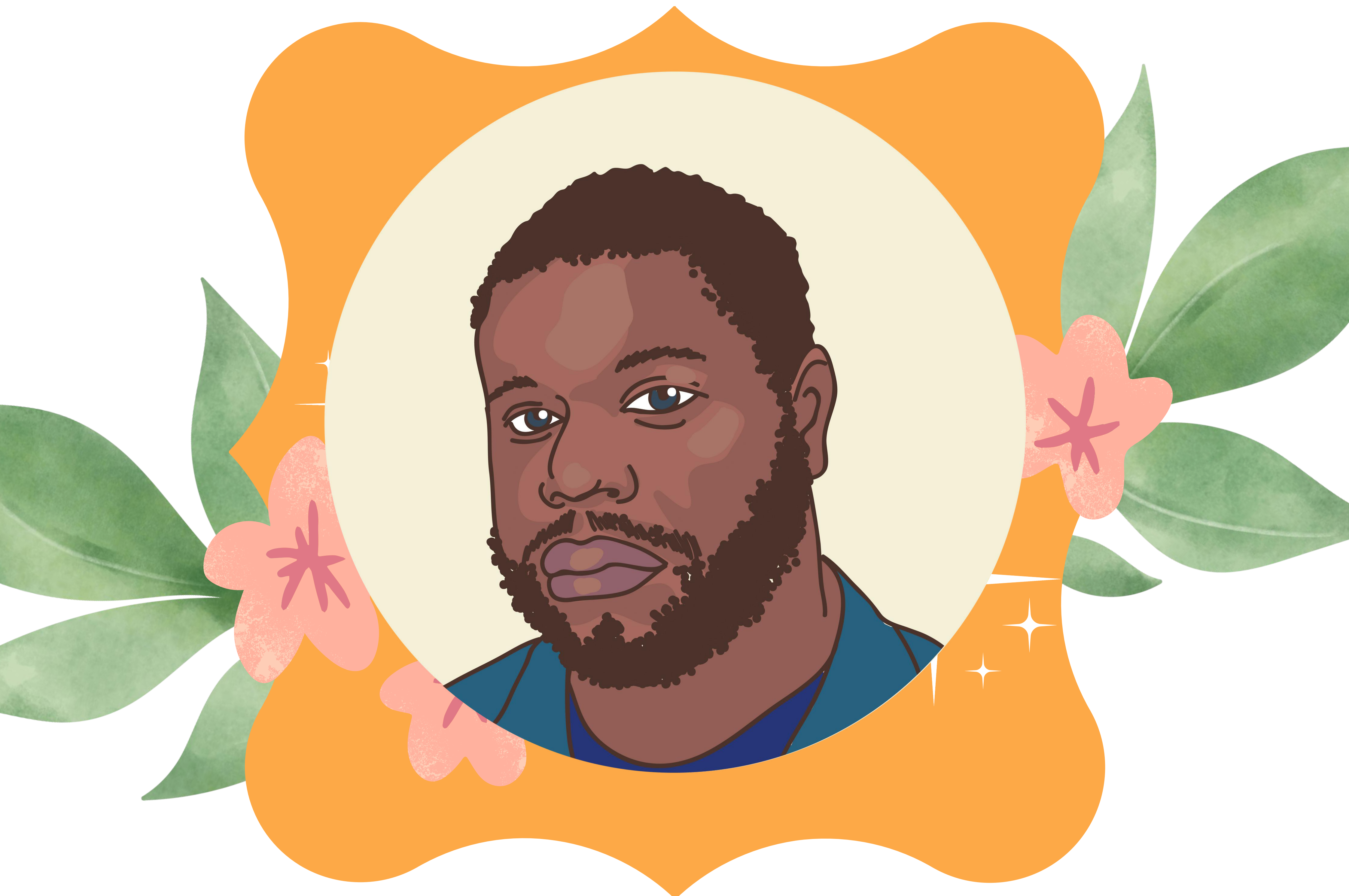
(9 August 1962)



Yinka Shonibare is a British-Nigerian artist living in the United Kingdom. His work explores cultural identity, colonialism and post-colonialism within the contemporary context of globalisation. A hallmark of his art is the brightly coloured Ankara fabric he uses. Because he has a physical disability that paralyses one side of his body, Shonibare uses assistants to make works under his direction.

STEVE MCQUEEN

(9 October 1969)



Sir Steve Rodney McQueen is a British film director, visual artist, screenwriter, film producer, television writer, television producer, and television director. He is known for his award-winning film *12 Years a Slave* (2013), an adaptation of Solomon Northup's 1853 slave narrative memoir. He also directed and co-wrote *Hunger* (2008), a historical drama about the 1981 Irish hunger strike, *Shame* (2011), a drama about an executive struggling with addiction, and *Widows* (2018), an adaptation of the British television series of the same name set in contemporary Chicago. In 2020, he released *Small Axe*, a collection of five films "set within London's West Indian community from the late 1960s to the early '80s".

For his artwork, McQueen has received the Turner Prize, the highest award given to a British visual artist. In 2006, he produced *Queen and Country*, which commemorates the deaths of British soldiers in Iraq by presenting their portraits as a sheet of stamps.

ANDREA LEVY

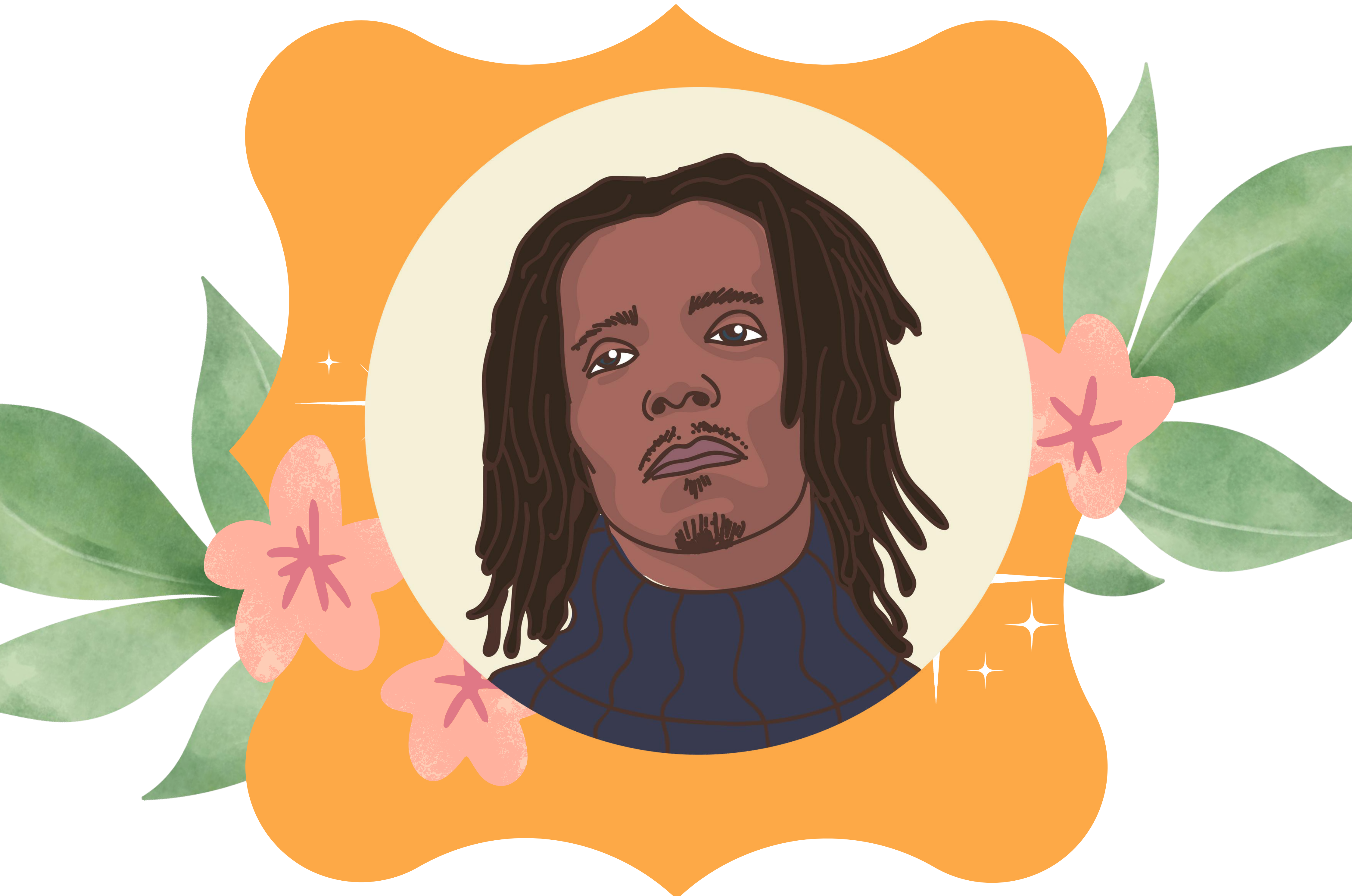
(7 March 1956 – 14 February 2019)



Andrea Levy was an English author best known for the novels *Small Island* (2004) and *The Long Song* (2010). She was born in London to Jamaican parents, and her work explores topics related to British Jamaicans and how they negotiate racial, cultural and national identities.

AKALA

(1 December 1983)



Kingslee James McLean Daley better known by his stage name Akala, is a British rapper, journalist, author, activist and poet from Kentish Town, London. In 2006, he was voted the Best Hip Hop Act at the MOBO Awards and has been included on the annual Powerlist of the 100 most influential Black British people in the UK, most recently making the 2021 edition.

SOPHIE OKONEDO

(11 August 1968)



Sophie Okonedo CBE is a British actress and narrator. The recipient of a Tony Award, she has been nominated for an Academy Award, three BAFTA Television Awards, a Golden Globe Award, and a Primetime Emmy Award. She began her film career in the British coming-of-age drama *Young Soul Rebels* (1991) before appearing in *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls* (1995), and Stephen Frears's *Dirty Pretty Things* (2002).

Okonedo's breakthrough performance came in 2004, when she co-starred in the film *Hotel Rwanda* as Tatiana Rusesabagina, the wife of Rwandan hotel manager and humanitarian Paul Rusesabagina, portrayed by American actor Don Cheadle. For this role, she became the second Black female Briton to receive a nomination for the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress at the 77th Academy Awards in 2005. On stage, Okonedo starred as Cressida in the 1999 Royal National Theatre production of *Troilus and Cressida*. She made her Broadway debut in the 2014 revival of *A Raisin in the Sun* and received a Drama Desk Award nomination for Outstanding Featured Actress in a Play and won the Tony Award for Best Featured Actress in a Play for her portrayal of Ruth Younger.



SUTTON LIFE CENTRE

Sutton Life Centre is a community and education centre in South London, which houses a blend of facilities under one roof, including an educational experience, a library, café, climbing wall, eco garden, sports pitch, and youth club. There are a number of spaces which are available to hire including meeting rooms, events spaces and an IT suite equipped with 12 Apple Mac computers.

The library is designed to be more like a High Street bookshop than a traditional library. It also offers longer opening hours and a self-service facility for borrowing books.

The centre's educational facilities support PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) studies for pupils in Key Stages 2 and 3. They provide an immersive virtual world through the use of surround sound, lighting effects and interactive features. Pupils are taught about topics such as citizenship, personal safety and the environment. They will experience a range of real life scenarios which help young people to deal with them in the outside world.

QUESTIONS

Who is your favourite icon?

What did your favourite icon achieve to put London on the global map?

Which icon has had the most impact?

Where in London was your favourite icon from?

When was your favourite icon born and when did they achieve their success?

Why do you think your favourite icon's achievements/ work is important or useful to the world today?