

Project: Joe Taylor



Exploring the life of **Joe Taylor**, a black man who lived in Llandudno in the early 20th Century, involved in the worlds of boxing and football.

Artwork was created in workshops by Ysgol John Bright students, facilitated by Mfikela Jean Samuel, a visual Artist from West Africa now living in Bangor, Gwynedd. These paintings reflected elements of Joe Taylor's life and story. The art was exhibited at Conwy Culture Centre from September 2023 to February 2024 for the public to enjoy. This allowed Joe Taylor's life story to gain a wider audience, and for the children to see their work displayed, which they were very excited about.

"This art project exploring the life of Joe Taylor has been an extra-ordinary opportunity and reminder of how long Llandudno and the surrounding area have been interacting with people from diverse groups (in this case people from African heritage), and receiving them with open arms." - **Mfikela Jean Samuel**



Displayed during **Black History Month 2023 and beyond**, with contributions from **Conwy Museum Service, Conwy Archives, Ysgol John Bright, and artist Mfikela Jean Samuel.**