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## GFW Alumni Launches Online Store Celebrating Black Culture

Tihara Smith's collection of accessories and art prints also highlight the Windrush generation

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INSPIRED: Tihara Smith

FOLLOWING ON from her successful Windrush-inspired collection, presented at Graduate Fashion Week 2018, womenswear designer Tihara Smith has now launched a collection of handmade accessories and original art prints, which are now available to buy at [www.tiharasmith.com](http://www.tiharasmith.com).

Her collection, which generated interest from figures including David Lammy, Lenny Henry and Corinne Bailey Rae, featured a collection of stories about the Windrush Generation. Smith is passionate about creating original and handmade accessories, each one lovingly hand embroidered and sewn together by herself in London, ensuring that each piece is a complete original.



Drawing on her own identity and heritage as a third generation Windrush descendant, the 22-year-old uses this as a starting point to explore the story and history of black immigrants to the UK. Exploring the story of her own grandparents, who immigrated to the UK from Saint Lucia and Jamaica, her designs encapsulate the journey of black immigrants to the UK and their contribution to British culture.

Using fashion and design, Smith aims to delve deeper into black British history and culture, continually educating herself on the subject and educating others through her work. Online shoppers can now own one-of-a-kind handmade pouches by Tihara Smith, one of which carries the slogan "you Called, We Came" – in solidarity with the Windrush Generation.



The new designs continue to bring to life the richness of colour of the Caribbean, using raffia and depicting through the embroidery some of the fruit and agriculture. Also available to buy on [tiharasmith.com](http://tiharasmith.com) are Tihara's illustrations from her Graduation Fashion Week collection.

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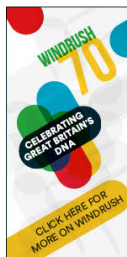
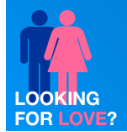
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