

Black-owned Businesses to be Aware of and Support

In our collective journey to do better for ourselves and by ourselves, I have done a little research into black-owned businesses and, following a question thrown out to my followers on Instagram, I have received a number of suggestions.

Below is a list (non-exhaustive, of course) of black-owned businesses that are in or easily ship to the UK.

Jewellery

- Omo Lola Jewellery – www.omololajewellery.com
- Kipato Unbranded (*based in Kenya*) – <https://kipatounbranded.com/shipping-policy>
- Peace Images Jewelry – IG @peaceimagesjewelry

Bakery

- Sponge & Sprinkles – IG @_spongeandsprinkles
- The Good News Baker (Letterbox Brownies) – IG @thegoodnewsbaker
www.etsy.com/shop/thegoodnewsbaker
- Tastopia (specialising in vegan desserts) – IG @tastopia_

Books & Education

- New Beacon Books - <https://www.newbeaconbooks.com/>
- African Books Collective – www.africanbookscollective.com
- Black History Studies - <http://blackhistorystudies.com/>

Hair & Accessories

- The Curl Bar (hairdresser) – www.thecurlbarlondon.com
- Curlisha (hair & accessories) – IG @curlisha_uk
www.etsy.com/uk/shop/CurlishaUK
- The Happy Hair Co (products) - <https://www.thehappyhairco.com/about>
- Natural Gloe (hairdresser) - <https://www.naturalgloe.com/>
- Charlotte Mensah (hairdresser) - <https://charlottesmensah.com/>

Gifts & Games

- One Gotta Go - <https://onegottago.com/>
- Collections (to engage in conversation & meaningful dialogue) - <https://connectionsgame.co/>
- University of Dope (quizzing your knowledge on Hip Hop culture) - <https://www.universityofdope.com/>

- Puzzle Huddle (children's jigsaws with diverse characters) - <https://puzzlehuddle.com/>
- March Muses (POC Christmas figurines) - <https://www.marchmuses.co.uk/>
- Biankha and Friends (empowering & representative black dolls) - <https://www.biankhaandfriends.com/>

Clothing

- Boutique de Nana - <https://www.boutiquedenana.co.uk/>
- Melanin is Life (*based in the US*) - <https://melaninislife.com/>
- Luka Fit (activewear) - <https://lukafit.com/>
- Legendary Rootz - <https://legendaryrootz.com/>
- Adorned by Chi - <https://shop.adornedbychi.com/>

Art

- Jasmine Karis (multimedia artist) - <https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/JasmineKaris>
- Charlotte Eedey – www.charlotteeedey.com
- Wild Suga (products include a self-care colouring book) – www.wildsuga.com
- Muntasir Mohamed (graphic designer) – IG @muntasirmohamed

Nature, Health & Wellbeing

- May Project Gardens - <https://www.mayproject.org/>
- Afro Yogis Unite (*US based yoga with recorded sessions*) – <https://www.afroyogis.com/>
- Yoga by Biola - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9W80ole7cLOF_UYgDk7q6w?pbjreload=101

Weddings & Events

- My Afro Caribbean Wedding (wedding planner) - <https://myafrocaribbeanwedding.com/>

Magazines/Networks

- Black Ballad (*online publication*) - <https://blackballad.co.uk/>
- Black Girl Fest (*online publication*) - <https://www.blackgirlfest.com/>
- Black Gay Blog (*online publication*) - <https://www.blackgayblog.com/>
- The Network Journal (for black professionals – *online publication*) - <https://tnj.com/>
- I Want You to Know (fashion, travel & lifestyle blog) - <http://iwantyoutoknow.co.uk/about-2>

