**The Fight: Cardiff Resource Page**

**Welcome to *The Fight* Resource Hub for Cardiff Schools**

These resources have been developed and curated by Theatr na nÓg to support the stage production *The Fight* and enrich your classroom practice. Grouped under four themes — Background History, Poetry Corner, Today, and Step into Boxing — they offer flexible, pick-and-mix activities for Year 8 learners aligned to the Curriculum for Wales. Whether you're exploring local history, tackling themes of identity and injustice, or want to support learners on their own boxing journeys these resources aim to help your learners Explore, Respond and Create through meaningful, real-world contexts.

**Background History**

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| [DENIED! Welshman, Cuthbert Taylor and the abolition of Boxing’s ‘Colour Bar!’ | Playing Pasts](https://www.playingpasts.co.uk/articles/boxing/denied-welshman-cuthbert-taylor-and-the-abolition-of-boxings-colour-bar/) | Cuthbert Taylor article (with some good pictures): |
| [Historical Discrimination in Boxing - Hansard](https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2020-10-20/debates/3A92BEA6-2E92-4F9F-8E05-EC99C835B8C1/HistoricalDiscriminationInBoxing) | Hansard - Historical Discrimination in Boxing led by Gerald Jones MP for Merthyr |
| [Roy Francis statue unveiled in Brynmawr](https://www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk/en/news/roy-francis-statue-unveiled-in-brynmawr/)  [Roy Francis Memorial to be unveiled in Brynmawr - Wales Rugby League (WRL)](https://wrl.wales/roy-francis-memorial-to-be-unveiled-in-brynmawr) | More resilience stories in Welsh sport. Information on Roy Francis from Brynmawr (mentioned in Hansard above), the first black man to play rugby for Great Britain and the first-ever black professional head coach in Great Britain: |
| [Black boxers and the colour bar in 20th century Britain - The National Archives blog](https://blog.nationalarchives.gov.uk/black-boxers-and-the-colour-bar/) | Black boxers and the colour bar in 20th Century Britain: |
| <https://blackhistorywales.org.uk/resources/> | Black history Wales - historical people who made a difference (including Welsh & British black people): |
| [Windrush education pack - London](https://new.haringey.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-01/windrush_education_pack.pdf) | Windrush resources & education pack (Haringey council: |
| [**https://hwb.gov.wales/repository/resource/00b832ee-0774-4d0f-be6c-0ee6335b1a08/overview**](https://hwb.gov.wales/repository/resource/00b832ee-0774-4d0f-be6c-0ee6335b1a08/overview) | DARPL (Diversity and Anti-Racist Professional Learning)  Resources on HWB are extensive and excellent for teachers and other adults in the classroom |
| [**Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic History in Wales resource**](https://hwb.gov.wales/repository/resource/b7361dec-2591-472b-89e4-3f07bf2b5865/overview) | Black, Asian and Ethnic minority history in Wales |
| [**Windrush Cymru: learning resources**](https://hwb.gov.wales/repository/resource/4bd919e3-ecb2-4fc8-a716-77fa777c58d8/overview) |  |

**Poetry Corner**

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| **Poetry Corner** | [**Benjamin Zephaniah reads tribute to Muhammad Ali in 2016 - BBC Sport**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/av/boxing/67652504)  [**The Poetry of Muhammad Ali « Mumble Words**](https://mumblewords.net/2019/11/01/the-poetry-of-muhammad-ali/)  [**Muhammad Ali's Poem - The Truth - IslamiCity**](https://www.islamicity.org/4578/special-mohammad-ali-the-truth-1974/) |

**What of Today**

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| **Terminology (Show Racism the Red Card)** | In Resources |
| [Zelfa Barrett: Manchester boxer reflects on his life and sporting journey so far](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/av/boxing/68764404) |  |
| [Sikh Boxing Warriors - BBC iPlayer](https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001yt4d/sikh-boxing-warriors) | An excellent programme which covers many of the discussion points raised in the play |
| [**The reality of being black in today’s Britain | David Olusoga | The Guardian**](https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/oct/30/what-it-means-to-be-black-in-britain-today) |  |
| [**Black British Voices: the findings**](https://www.cam.ac.uk/stories/black-british-voices-report) |  |

**Step into Boxing**

Calzaghe Mini Dragons is a fun, non-contact boxing and fitness programme designed by Joe Calzaghe and his family for children aged 4–14 (and their families), with sessions that blend boxing drills, games, and confidence‑building activities

Delivered across Wales in schools and online, the project is curriculum-aligned and focused on promoting health, discipline, self-esteem, and empathy in young people

<https://calzagheminidragons.co.uk/>