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Hello and welcome to your weekly Westside World news digest. Each Friday, Westside BID brings you the top stories from in and around Broad Street, Brindleyplace, Five Ways, Centenary Square, Broadway Plaza and surrounding areas...



### VIDEO: People linked to the military at Westside Armed Forces Day event

An official Armed Forces Day event organised by Westside BID saw more than 100 cadets, military and ex-servicemen take part in a special ceremony on Brindleyplace.

Scores of people working in and visiting the area watched as young standard-bearers from the Military Preparation College for Training marched into the square, with formal salutes taken for the Royal Navy, Army, RAF and Royal Marine Commandos.

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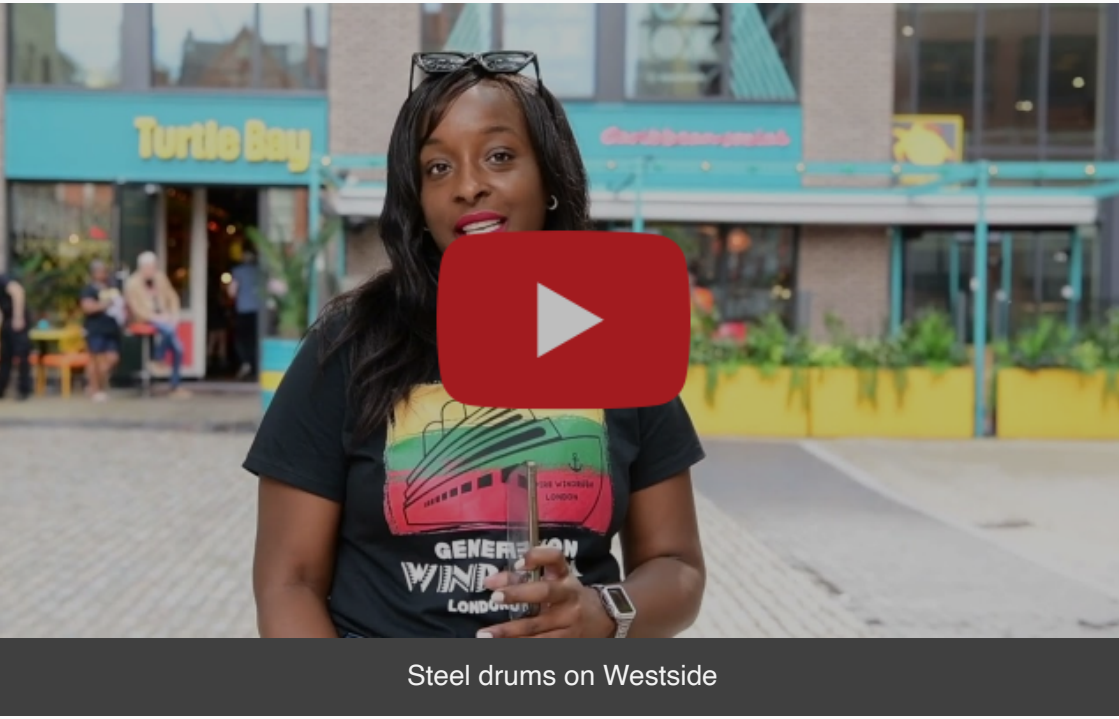


### ...To hear Prof Carl Chinn's speech

Historian Professor Carl Chinn made a speech at the official Armed Forces Day event outlining the history of the UK's military since Anglo Saxon days.

You can read Prof Chinn's moving and inspirational words in full at the link below.

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### Drumming up a Windrush tribute

Dozens of people gathered on Brindleyplace to celebrate National Windrush Day to the wonderful tunes of steel pan drums.

Westside BID organised the event last week which saw people sampling delicious food from Caribbean restaurant Turtle Bay and passers-by danced as they enjoyed the tropical sounds played by the steel drum bands.

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### A different perspective on Westside

Several stunning and unusual impressions of Westside have emerged after the BID issued an online invitation for people to send in their own favourite photos of the area.

Lee Benson responded to the challenge by submitting a couple of pictures which show familiar aspects of the city centre landscape in a different light - and he provided an altogether different look to Ozzy, the city's iconic mechanised bull.

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### What a (full) load of rubbish!

One of Westside BID's missions is to make the area cleaner and greener and that's exactly what happened during a litter pick with local residents this month.

Gerald Manton, chair of Westside BID, led the event on Wednesday 14 June which resulted in the clearance of more than a dozen full bags of rubbish from paths alongside the canal.

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