

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF SLAVERY AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

PRESENTATION OF THE
MAST OF FRATERNITY
AND REMEMBRANCE

May 8 - 11
2025
NANTES

ROUNDTABLES
AND CONFERENCES

MEETING « TESTIMONIES
OF DESCENDANTS »

GUIDED TOUR IN THE FOOTSTEPS
OF NANTES' SLAVE TRADING PAST



LA COQUE
NOMADE
Fraternité



FREE
AND OPEN
TO ALL

Towards a peaceful remembrance of slavery

We, Pierre Guillon de Princé descendant of slave ship owners and Dieudonné Boutrin descendant of the enslaved, are engaged in a common project.

Our objective is to constitute a European and international community of diverse heirs of enslavement with a view to reaching a shared understanding of the past.

Our collaboration aims to move towards a process of reparation for descendants who are victims of colonial slavery.

Pierre Guillon de Princé and **Dieudonné Boutrin**, volunteers of the association *La Coque Nomade Fraternité*



Understanding the impacts of slavery and restorative justice



The Coque Nomade Fraternité association is opening the debate in France on the consequences of slavery and restorative justice by organizing free meetings in Nantes from May 8 to 11, 2025, open to all. International experts and witnesses will share their research and offer a comparative approach, particularly in France and the United Kingdom. This will provide inspiration from other approaches taken abroad in particular and to understand where the issue of restorative justice stands in France.

Each meeting will be followed by a time for discussion with the public. Come discover fascinating work and ask all your questions!

Coque Nomade Fraternité is an association that has been committed to promoting peaceful coexistence and the memory of slavery for over 20 years. It conducts year-round activities from its headquarters on the Île de Nantes, funded in particular by the commitment of its volunteers. Thank you to the entire team!

Symposium : The impacts of slavery on our societies

📍 At Maison de l'avocat

Thursday
May 8

9:00 am

Welcome by **Louis-George Barret**, president of the Order of Lawyers of Nantes and **Opening of the symposium**

HISTORICAL APPROACH

9:30 am

11:00 am

The abolition of slavery in the british colonies
With **Priscellia Robinson**
international law lawyer



11:30 am

1:00 pm

The abolition of slavery in the French colonies in 1848
With **Bruno Maillard**, historian and professor at the University of Créteil



ECONOMIC APPROACH

2:00 pm

3:30 pm

The economic consequences of slavery in the French and british overseas territories
With **Robert Beckford**, professor of social justice, and **Jean-François Manicom**, senior curator of the London Museum Docklands



PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH

4:00 pm

5:30 pm

The psychological consequences of slavery on the West Indian population
With **Aimé Charles-Nicolas** professor of psychiatry from Martinique and co-author of the book «Slavery: What impact on the psychology of populations?»



5:30 pm

7:00 pm

The psychological consequences of slavery in the former british colonies
With **Dr. Erica Mapule McInnis**
clinical psychologist



Symposium : Restorative justice: where are we in the United Kingdom and France?

📍 At Maison de l'avocat

Friday
May 9

9:00 am
10:30 am

What is restorative justice ?

With **Robert Beckford**



11:00 am
12:30 pm

Restorative Justice in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

With **Jacqueline McKenzie**,
human rights lawyer



2:00 pm
3:30 pm

Restorative justice in the United Kingdom : testimonies from the University of Bristol and London Docklands Museum

With **Robert Beckford**, **Jean-François Manicom** and **Marie-Annick Gournet**,
Professor of Lifelong Learning and Inclusive Pedagogy at the University of Bristol



4:00 pm
5:00 pm

Exclusive lecture

The Trouble with Colonial Amnesia: A Very British Family's Forgotten French Huguenot History of Enslaving and African- Trafficking 1685-1785

With **Desirée Baptiste**, writer,
interdisciplinary researcher



5:30 pm
6:30 pm

Conclusion by Jean-François Manicom





May
8 & 9

Exhibition: Silenced Voices, Young People's Perspective on Slavery

📍 At Maison de l'avocat

This exhibition on the slave trade was developed by eight young women from disadvantaged neighborhoods in the Paris suburb of Garges-lès-Gonesse. It offers the public a glimpse into these young people's perspectives on the slave trade and racism.



Saturday
May 10

At Église
Protestante
Unie de
Loire-Atlantique

9:30 am
12:00 pm

Testimonies of Descendants



They are descendants of people put into slavery, plantation owners, slave ship owners, békés. As in 2024, the meeting will open internationally with the participation of foreign speakers including several British witnesses. These men and women will share their family history and what they do today with regard to this sometimes heavy past and journey together towards a peaceful memory.

John Dower, whose ancestors owned plantations in Grenada - previously a UK-owned island, now independent, **Catarina Demony**, descendant of one of the biggest enslaver family in Angola, **Asher Craig**, community activist, Former Councillor, Cabinet Member & Deputy Mayor of Bristol, **Marie-Annick Gournet**, professeur of Lifelong Learning and Inclusive Pedagogy at the University of Bristol, **Pierre Guillon de Princé**, descendant of slave ship owners (Nantes) **Dieudonné Boutrin**, descendant of enslaved from Martinique and President of La Coque Nomade Fraternité and **representatives of the Protestant and Catholic churches**.



2:00 pm
6:30 pm

Presentation of the Mast of Fraternity and Rememberance

Come and discover this
monument, a symbol of the fight
against discrimination and racism!



The first Mast of Fraternity and
Rememberance will be installed on the Island
of Nantes in the fall of 2025 before an international
deployment. Lord Rees et Asher Craig from Bristol
will present the international alliance of cities that
is carrying out this deployment with
the support of UNESCO represented
by Gabriela Ramos, deputy director
general for social and human sciences.



6:30 pm

Groove & Soul Concert

With **Ebony Roots**

Let's share a friendly closing
evening with a concert filled
with soulful, groovy sounds!



10:30 am

Guided tour in the footsteps of Nantes' slave-trading past

Rendez-vous Place du Commandant Jean l'Herminier

Sunday
May 11



From the Quai de la Fosse to the Memorial to the Abolition of Slavery, discover the history of Nantes and its involvement in the slave trade in a different way.

*A two-part tour with a descendant of a Nantes slave ship owner, **Pierre Guillon de Princé**, and a descendant of enslaved people from Martinique, **Dieudonné Boutrin**.*

Open to all public.



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15 bis Pl. Edouard Normand

Maison de l'avocat
5 Mail du Front populaire

Place du Commandant Jean l'Herminier

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