

## Akala

- **Kingslee James McLean Daley** (born 1 December 1983), better known by the stage name **Akala**, is a British rapper, journalist, author, activist and poet from Kentish Town, London. In 2006, he was voted the Best Hip Hop Act at the MOBO Awards<sup>1</sup> and has been included on the annual Powerlist of the 100 most influential Black British people in the UK
- He also published a book in 2018, *Natives: Race and Class in the Ruins of Empire* which is part biography and part debate on race and class – A Sunday Times Bestseller.



## Shaun King

- **Jeffery Shaun King** (born September 17, 1979) is an American writer, civil rights activist and co-founder of Real Justice PAC. King uses social media to promote social justice causes, including the Black Lives Matter movement. In his book, *Make Change*, describes the moments that have shaped his life leading him to be one of the most prominent social justice leaders of our time.
- He shares stories from his efforts leading the Raise the Age campaign and his work fighting police brutality, while providing a roadmap for how to stay sane, safe, and motivated even in the worst of political climates.



# Riz Ahmed

- A British actor and rapper.<sup>1</sup> He is the recipient of various accolades, including an Academy Award, Primetime Emmy, National Board of Review, London Film Critics' Circle, and two British Independent Film Awards
- He was initially known for his work in independent films before his breakout role in the film *Nightcrawler* (2014). *Jason Bourne*, *Star Wars Anthology* film *Rogue One*, *Venom* (2018) and others
- *The Sound of Metal* (2020) earned him widespread acclaim, his second Golden Globe nomination <sup>f</sup>) and his first Academy Award nomination, making him the first Muslim to be nominated for Best Actor.



## Reni Eddo-Lodge

- Reni Eddo-Lodge is the award-winning British journalist and author who wrote *Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race*, published in 2017. Her writing focuses on feminism and structural racism
- Check out her podcast About Race where Reni interviews a host inspiring peoples from within the arts and media on black history and the scope of racism in Britain today. Within the podcast she examines the nation's history of racism, she also looks at how it has shaped the cultural and socioeconomic landscape of the 21st century, debating subjects broad as the politics of whiteness to representation in popular culture.



## Munroe Bergdorf

- The trans model and activist was let go as a brand ambassador for Loreal after speaking out about racism and white supremacy in an emotive Facebook post in 2017. “Brands need to be aware of their own track record,” she said in response to the brand posting a black square on black-out Tuesday. “It’s unacceptable to claim to stand with us, if the receipts show a history of silencing black voices.”
- “Speaking out can’t only be ‘worth it’ when you’re white. Black voices matter.”



## Gina Miller

- **Gina Nadira Miller** (*née Singh*) is a Guyanese-British business owner and activist who initiated the 2016 *R (Miller) v Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union* court case against the British government over its authority to implement Brexit without approval from Parliament.
- In September 2019 she successfully challenged the government's prorogation of Parliament.
- She founded the True and Fair Campaign in 2012, calling for an end to financial misconduct in the investment and pension industries.
- In October 2017, Miller was named by Powerlist as the "UK's most influential black person"



## David Olusoga

- David Adetayo Olusoga OBE is a British Nigerian historian, writer and broadcaster, who is currently a professor of public history at the University of Manchester. His recent TV series include *Black and British: A Forgotten History* and the BAFTA award-winning *Britain's Forgotten Slave Owners*.
- At five years old, Olusoga migrated to the UK with his mother and grew up in Gateshead, Tyne and Wear. He was one of a very few non-white people living on that council estate. By the time he was 14, the National Front had attacked his house on more than one occasion, requiring police protection for him and his family. They were eventually forced to leave as a result of the racism. He later attended the University of Liverpool to study the history of slavery.



## Amanda Seales

- Comedian, actress and TV personality Amanda Seales has been vocal in her call for change following George Floyd's death. She recently announced she would not be renewing her contract for daytime talk show *The Real* as she couldn't speak freely: "It doesn't feel good to my soul to be at a place where I cannot speak to my people the way they need to be spoken to," Seales said during an Instagram Live. "I'm not in a space where I can, as a full black woman, have my voice and my co-workers also have their voices and where the people at the top are not respecting the necessity for black voices to be at the top too."
- Amanda, took a stand, lost out in money but gained support and following as someone who would not be silenced, ensuring she was always able to speak up.

