**Administrative history**

The Pan-African Congress was a series of meetings, held throughout the world. The Pan-African Congress was successful in bringing attention to the decolonization in Africa and in the West Indies. The Congress gained the reputation as a peace maker and made significant advance for the Pan-African cause. One of the demands was to end colonial rule and end racial discrimination, against imperialism and it demanded human rights and equality of economic opportunity. The manifesto given by the Pan-African Congress included the political and economic demands of the Congress for a new world context of international cooperation.

The Fifth Pan-African Congress was held in Manchester, United Kingdom, 15–21 October 1945. It followed the foundation of the Pan-African Federation in Manchester in 1944.

This Congress is widely considered to have been the most important. Organised by the influential Trinidadian pan-Africanist George Padmore and Ghanaian independence leader Kwame Nkrumah, it was attended by 90 delegates, 26 from Africa. They included many scholars, intellectuals and political activists who would later go on to become influential leaders in various African independence movements and the American civil rights movement, including the Kenyan independence leader Jomo Kenyatta, American activist and academic W. E. B. Du Bois, Malawian Hastings Banda, Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana, prominent Jamaican barrister Dudley Thompson and Obafemi Awolowo and Jaja Wachuku from Nigeria. It also led partially to the creation of the Pan-African Federation, founded in 1946 by Kwame Nkrumah and Jomo Kenyatta.

Attendees included 33 delegates from the West Indies and 35 from various British organizations, including the West African Students Union. Also attending was 77-year-old W. E. B. Du Bois who had organized the First Pan-African Congress in 1919.

In 1985, 40 years after the Congress in Manchester a plaque was unveiled on Chorlton Town Hall commemorating the Congress.

In 1995 several celebratory/commemorative conferences were held in Manchester over the weekend of the
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<td>GB3228.34/1/1</td>
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<td>Letter to Kath Locke titled &quot;My Dear Sister Kanto&quot; from George, Rochdale, Lancashire</td>
<td>Letter touching on the subject of fascism, capitalism, and the miners</td>
<td>9 Feb 1972</td>
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<td>GB3228.34/1/2</td>
<td>item</td>
<td>Press photograph of the 1945 Pan-African Congress delegates and [Manchester City Mayor?]</td>
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<td>1945</td>
<td>1 item</td>
<td>Open access. Copyright remains with Manchester City News (or company that now owns that archive)</td>
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<td>GB3228.34/1/3</td>
<td>item</td>
<td>Printed copy of an open letter to the Prime Minister from The Pan-African Federation</td>
<td>Letter includes a demand for the immediate right of self-determination for all colonial peoples and immediate suggestions relating to 8 specific issues: Kenya Land Ordinance and Sierra Leone Municipal Ordinance; flogging of African troops; educational reforms in West India and West Africa; Royal Commission Report on the West Indies; Ordinances and criminal codes; discrimination as a punishable offence in Britain; equal pay for equal work in Colonial Civil Service; South Africa and the Protectorates and end to the colour bar in the Colonies. The letter is signed by Peter M. Millar on behalf of the Executive Committee.</td>
<td>Sep 1945</td>
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| GB3228.34/1/4 | item  | Document compiling messages of support to the Pan-African Congress from other organisations and individuals | Those sending messages include:  
The Socialist Vanguard Group  
The Lancashire Independent Labour Party  
Commonwealth  
The Joint Provincial Council, Gold Coast Colony  
Magaratuam  
Professor Jabavu  
D. W. Bopape  
T. E. Sealy  
At the foot of the document it also includes a record of the resolutions adopted on Indo-China                                                                                                                                            | 1945               | 1 item | Open                        |
| GB3228.34/1/5 | item  | Report by the Pan-African Federation Regional Council - Southern Section | Reports on the Nigerian government employees strike.  
The report includes information on the resolutions passed in support of the strikers and who they were communicated to, Jamaican acts of solidarity with the strikers, actions of the People's National Party in support, protests to the Nigerian government from the Garvey movements, support from the Trinidad workers, Barbados joint protest, support and actions of American organisations, and a financial statement of the relief fund. | 1945               | 1 item | Open                        |
<p>| GB3228.34/1/6 | item  | What is the Pan-African Federation?                                 | Photocopy of a one page document outlining what the Pan-African Federation is and the four conditions of membership                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1945               | 1 item | Open                        |
| GB3228.34/1/7 | item  | Pan-African Congress Press Release No. 5                           | This press release includes a list of the official delegates who have arrived [by c.13 Oct 1945] and registered arranged by country and organisation with delegate names, and a re-vised programme for the Congress                                                                                                                                                   | c.13 Oct 1945      | 1 item | Open                        |</p>
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<td>Pan-African Congress Press Release No. 7</td>
<td>This press release includes a report on the dance held on 13 Oct at Edinburgh Hall, a dinner at the Orient Restaurant on the 14 Oct and the opening of the Congress on 15 Oct 1945 at Chorlton Town Hall. The press release describes the hall, addresses by Dr Millard and Mr Mania and the mornings business at the Congress. Included is a list of additional delegates who have joined the Congress.</td>
<td>c.15 Oct 1945</td>
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| GB3228.34/1/9  | item  | Pan-African Congress Press Release No. 8 | This press release includes a report on the Tuesday morning session (15 Oct 1945) on North and West Africa, including contributions by: Mr Francis Nkrumah, member of the International African Service Bureau  
Mr Niko, Chairman of the West African Cocoa Delegation and representative of the Aborigines Protection Society  
Mr Annan, represented of the Gold Coast Railway Employees  
Chief Coker, representative of the Trade Union Congress of Nigeria  
Mr Wallace Johnson, West African Youth League  
Mr Downs Thomas, Committee of Citizens, Gambia  
Mr F. O. Blaize, West African Students Union  
Mr Mangus Williams, National Council for Nigeria and the Cameroons etc.  | c.15 Oct 1945     | 2 item | Open                        |
<p>| GB3228.34/1/10 | item  | Pan-African Congress Press Release No. 9 | This press release reports on the Union of South Africa's session on the afternoon of Tue 15 Oct 1945. The session outlined the situation in South Africa and a listing the 8 demands made around voting rights, education, privacy, freedom of speech, movement, association etc., equality of rights for all, land question, revision of civil and criminal code | c.15 Oct 1945     | 1 item | Open                        |</p>
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<td>Pan-African Congress Press Release No. 11</td>
<td>This press release reports on the session on the West Indies held [Fri 19 Oct 1945]. The session was opened by Mr George Padmore and included contributions from: Mr Ken Hill, Jamaican Trade Union Council Mr C. Lughington, West Indian National Party and the Federal Workers Trade Union both of Trinidad Mr Harper, British Guiana Mr D. F. F. Hojas, Trinidad Socialist Party and Trade Union Council Mr Yearwood, Barbados Progressive League and Workers Union</td>
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<td>Pan-African Congress Agenda</td>
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<td>Oct 1945</td>
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<td>GB3228.34/1/14</td>
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<td>Pan-African Congress Press Release No. 4</td>
<td>This press release promotes the Congress outlining the background to the Congress and how the 1945 Congress came about and the Congress agenda</td>
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<td>GB3228.34/1/15</td>
<td>item</td>
<td>All Colonial Peoples' Conference draft memorandum</td>
<td>This memorandum looks at the situation post World War 2 and the necessity of liberation from imperialism. The memorandum is split into the following sections: Victory: What next? Freedom is indivisible What is the colonial problem? How is colonial freedom to be achieved? Our demands</td>
<td>1945</td>
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<td>GB3228.34/2/1</td>
<td>item</td>
<td>Conference Programme for: Africa in the World 50th Anniversary Civic Celebration of the Pan-African Congress and its Aftermath</td>
<td>This conference was held at Manchester Town Hall, 13-15 Oct 1995.</td>
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| GB3228.34/2/2 | item  | Afrika and the Afrikans in the 21st Century International Conference Programme | This conference was held 13-15 Oct 1995. The programme gives details of speakers, titles of talks given and speaker biographies.  
Sat 14 Oct 1995:  
Nkamuhayo Rwacumika: Why the Conference/Why the 21st Century?  
Femi Biko: The Basis of Pan Afrikanism  
Professor Edward Scobie: Pan Afrikanism from 1945 to 1995 and Beyond  
Professor Kazriel Ben Yehuda: Pan Afrikanism from Jesus to Us  
Hon. Colonel Kahinda Otafire: Minister of State Security Directions from the 7th Pan Afrikan Congress  
Professor James Small: Pan-Afrikanism with and Afrikan Personality  
Professor Leonard Jeffries (Brother Kwakujwa): A 42 Points Agenda for the Afrikan in the 21st Century  
Evening Debate: Where and Who are the Afrikans in the World  
Sunday 15 Oct 1995:  
Dr. Patricia A. Newton (Nana Sekhmet): Defending Against Death | Oct 1995 | 1 item | Open |
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<td>Leaflet advertising the: Africa in the World 50th Anniversary Civic Celebration of the Pan-African Congress and its Aftermath</td>
<td>Leaflet includes an overview of the conference including fees for attendance</td>
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<td>Leaflet advertising the: Afrika and the Afrikans in the 21st Century International Conference Programme</td>
<td>This conference was held at Ducie High School, Lloyd Street North, Moss Side. The leaflet includes an overview of the conference including fees for attendance</td>
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<td>Flyer advertising the: Africa in the World 50th Anniversary Civic Celebration of the Pan-African Congress and its Aftermath</td>
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<td>Fax from Paul Davidson, Fundraising Manager, High Place Syndicate inviting companies to become a part of the Africa in the World 50th Anniversary Civic Celebration of the Pan-African Congress and its Aftermath</td>
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<td>Letter from Bill (William) Gulam, University College Salford to colleagues on the PAC Education Sub Group</td>
<td>The letter includes the minutes of the Pac Education Sub Group Meeting held at University College Salford on 31 Mar 1995</td>
<td>3 Apr 1995</td>
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<td>Provisional programme for africa95</td>
<td>africa95 was a nationwide season of events 'The arts of Africa' to be hosted in galleries, museums, theatres, community centres, universities and on television and radio, Aug-Dec 1995. Included in the programme is a list of the participating institutions, and a provisional timetable. africa95 programme details the intended events in visual arts, music, performing arts, literature, cinema, public debate, outreach and education programme as well as international workshops and residencies.</td>
<td>c.Aug 1994</td>
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<td>[Photocopy of a] letter to David McCarmick, All Saints from Robin Grinter, School of Education, Manchester Metropolitan University regarding payment to Marika Sherwood for a session delivered by her to students on oral history</td>
<td>7 Jun 1995</td>
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<td>item</td>
<td>Letter to Robin Grinter, Manchester Metropolitan University from Myna Tristram, Keeper of Collections at the National Museum of Labour History (now People's History Museum) regarding Robin contributing towards an exhibition on the Pan-African Congress</td>
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<td>Letter to visiting artists and school performers from Robin Grinter, Manchester Metropolitan University giving practical details for those contributing to the annual Festival</td>
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<td>Handwritten planning notes of activities and exhibitions</td>
<td>These notes are written on Africa in the World 50th Anniversary Civic Celebration of the Pan-African Congress and its Aftermath headed paper which may indicate that the notes relate to this event.</td>
<td>n.d. c.1994</td>
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<td>GB3228.34/2/14</td>
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<td>Lecture Notes for Professor George Shepperson's lecture</td>
<td>Includes a typed 'advert' for the lecture including a biography of Professor George Shepperson and handwritten short synopsis of the lecture and bibliography.</td>
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<td>Letter to the [PAC Education Group?] Steering Group Sub Committee</td>
<td>The letter from Bill (William) Gulam, University College Salford outlines the agenda for the next meeting. The agenda is surrounded by various notes.</td>
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<td>Conference Agenda for Pan-African Directions Conference</td>
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<td>GB3228.34/2/18</td>
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<td>Africa in the World 50th Anniversary Civic Celebration</td>
<td>A typed sheet acknowledging the sponsors of the Africa in the World 50th Anniversary Civic Celebration of the Pan-African Congress and its Aftermath. A blank sheet for speakers at the Africa in the World 50th Anniversary Civic Celebration of the Pan-African Congress and its Aftermath to fill in with their preferred title, name, institution/organisation and talk topic. This form was to be given to the chair of the relevant session.</td>
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<td>Black and white photograph of 23 unidentified men, and two children</td>
<td>Enlarged photocopy of the photograph is also included</td>
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