



windrush day takes places on 22 june, remembering the day when around 500 migrants from the caribbean arrived at tilbury docks in Essex in 1948.

Britain was just starting to recover from world war two back then. thousands of buildings had been bomben, lots of houses had been destroyed and it all needed to be rebuilt.

in the caribbean lost of young men and women had served in the british armed forces because at the time many caribbean countries were still under british rule and not yet independent.

When the passengers landed they didn't always get the friendly welcome they had hoped for.

Many of them experienced racism and discrimination.

It is more than 70 years since the Empire windrush sailed to Britain from the caribbean. An estimated 500,000 people now live in this generation. 21 august 2018 the then-home secretary sajid javid announced that - after a review of 11,800 cases - 18 members of the windrush generation who could have been wrongfully removed or detained would get a formal apology from the government. The prime minister at the time Theresa May apologised to caribbean leaders and reassured them that no one from the windrush

generation will have to leave the uk. The government also announced a day celebrating the contribution of the windrush.