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AFUA HIRSCH AND ANDY MUNDY-CASTLE BRING GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE TO BVI WITH VISIT TO HLSCC

Tuesday, 3 March – Award-winning British writer and broadcaster Afua Hirsch and acclaimed director-producer Andy Mundy-Castle will visit the Virgin Islands to host a free public film screening and conversation at H. Lavity Stoutt Community College (HLSCC) as they begin on-island production for their upcoming docu-series "Power Trip."

The event, held at the Eileene L. Parsons Auditorium on Wednesday, 4 March, 2026, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., will feature a screening of "Shoot The People," directed by Mundy-Castle and produced by his film production company Doc Hearts. The documentary follows photographer and activist Misan Harriman across three continents as he documents protest movements and the fight for justice, spotlighting the resilience of grassroots organisers and the intersectionality of their campaigns. Through interviews, historical framing, and explorations of digital activism, the film examines how powerful imagery can spark awareness and change. Harriman is widely known for landmark images from the 2020 Black Lives Matter protests and for becoming the first Black man to photograph a British Vogue cover.

Following the screening, attendees are invited to engage with Hirsch and Mundy-Castle about the documentary and learn more about the themes informing their upcoming docu-series Power Trip. Power Trip explores post-colonial identity, governance, and the evolving future of territories with ties to Britain, including the BVI. The series looks beyond stereotypes to examine identity, autonomy, inequality, sustainability, and economic pressures through in-depth storytelling and local perspectives.

"We are honoured to be in the Virgin Islands speaking with people whose lived experiences are essential to understanding Britain's global legacy today," said Afua Hirsch.

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"The BVI's story is vital not only to the region but to a broader conversation about self-definition, shared futures, and the power of communities to chart their own course."

"My goal with 'Power Trip' is to bring nuance, immediacy, and cinematic depth to realities that are too often oversimplified," said Andy Mundy-Castle. "The BVI is a key chapter in that story, and we are excited to listen, learn, and collaborate with the community while we are here."

"HLSCC is proud to convene timely conversations that matter and to welcome Afua Hirsch and Andy Mundy-Castle to our campus," said Dr. Richard Georges, President of HLSCC. "Their visit enriches our students' learning and amplifies the Territory's ongoing dialogue about identity, autonomy, and the future we are shaping together."

"This collaboration reflects our mission to support storytelling that is both globally relevant and locally grounded," said a DLT Solutions representative. "We are pleased to partner with HLSCC to host this screening and conversation, and to support Afua and Andy as they begin filming in the Virgin Islands."

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About Afua Hirsch

Afua Hirsch is an award-winning journalist, author, and filmmaker whose work focuses on culture, identity, and social justice. She presents the BBC documentary "Africa Rising," co-presents the global series "Enslaved" with Samuel L. Jackson, and hosts the podcast "Legacy." Hirsch is the founder of Born in Me Productions and the author of "Brit(ish): On Race, Identity and Belonging," "Equal To Everything," and "Decolonising My Body: A Radical Exploration of Rituals and Beauty." A journalist for more than two decades, she is a former Guardian correspondent, an Associate Editor at Vogue, and a Professor of Journalism at the University of Southern California. She previously visited the Territory as a guest of BVI Lit Fest in 2023.

About Andy Mundy-Castle

Andy Mundy-Castle is a director, producer, and founder of Doc Hearts, known for high-end storytelling that authentically represents diverse communities. A former BBC staff creative with more than 15 years of experience, his credits include "Go Green With The Grimwades," multi-award-nominated "Reu & Harper's Wonderworld," "The Black Lesbian Handbook," "Britain's Abandoned Playgrounds," and the MIPCOM hit "What Did I Do Last Night?" His body of work spans "Lenny Henry: The Commonwealth Kid" (BBC One), "White Nanny, Black Child" (BFI/Channel 5), "Jimmy Akingbola: Handle With Care" (Peacock/ITV), "Charlene White: Empire's Child" (ITV), international hit "The Fade" (Netflix), and RTS and BAFTA-nominated "Battyman" (Channel 4).

PHOTO CAPTION:

1. Official headshot of Afua Hirsch. **(Photo credit: Provided)**
2. Official headshot of Andy Mundy-Castle. **(Photo credit: Provided)**
3. Official poster for the documentary film screen and Q&A with Afua Hirsch and Andy Mundy-Castle.