Jcan Woman Honoured With Plaque In London

The first black female programme-maker and broadcaster at the BBC, Una Marson, has been honoured with a blue plaque at her former home in south London.
Ms Marson, born in Jamaica in 1905, was a poet, publisher and activist for racial and sexual equality.

She joined the BBC as a programme assistant in 1939 and worked on the Calling West Indies programme.

The plaque has been put up in Brunswick Square, in Camberwell, where Ms Marson lived for a time.

Her first address in London, was in Queen's Road, in Peckham, where she lived for many years with a family while working as secretary to the League of Coloured Peoples.

Ms Marson, who died in 1965, counted TS Eliot and George Orwell as her colleagues and worked on a series with Orwell before establishing her own poetry strand "Caribbean Voices".

Her biographer Delia Jarrett-Macauley unveiled the plaque.

Councillor Adele Morris, executive member for Citizenship, Equalities and Communities at Southwark Council said: "Una was a feminist who campaigned for equality, and was politically active at a time when this would have been difficult for a woman, and doubly so for a black woman."