



Dr Harold Moody



Birth:

Born in Kingston, Jamaica, in 1882.

Early Years:

Dr Harold Moody emigrated to the United Kingdom to study medicine at King's College London. Having been refused work due to the colour of his skin, he started his own medical practice as a physician in **Peckham, Southwark**.

Achievements:

As well as being a successful physician, Dr Harold Moody was a prominent activist.

In 1931, he formed the **League of Coloured Peoples**, which was concerned with racial equality and civil rights in Britain. In 1933, he became involved with the **Coloured Men's Institute**, which formed a social and welfare centre for sailors. Dr Harold Moody is credited with overturning the Coloured Seaman's Act of 1925, a discriminatory measure which required Black or Asian Seamen to register with the local police. In the last few months of his life, he undertook a speaking tour of the North American states.

Death:

He died in 1947, at his home in Queen's Road, Peckham.

"Dr Moody ought to be thought of as Britain's Martin Luther King."

– Steven Bourne, black cultural historian, on Dr Harold Moody