



■ Big Screen - the Focal Point Gallery, Southend

Picture: Anna Lukala

# Essex black history film closes

TODAY is the last day to catch Elsa James' *Forgotten Black Essex* video works showing on the Big Screen in Southend.

The two video works have been on display on the screen outside the Focal Point gallery in Elmer Square, as part of Black History Month.

*Forgotten Black Essex* is a pilot project of Elsa's. It focuses on the Southend based

artist's personal reflection, concerning the historical accounts of two distinct black women. Both women spent time in Essex, however, both their stories had shifted into the realms of the county's "forgotten black past".

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Southend Council, partnership support from Metal, Take the Space and Autograph ABP and with collaborative support from S I Martin (researcher); Andy Delaney (moving images); Amaal Said (photos) and Gareth Jones (sound recording).

Elsa is continuing to develop the project. See more at [elsajames.com](http://elsajames.com).