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Poster advertising the launch of the first National Lottery draw on the 19th November 1994. Image by Jonathan Player This November we're celebrating the National Lottery's 30th Birthday! For three decades now the National Lottery has been a driving force behind countless heritage projects across the UK. With the National...

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In 2018 the British Library ran their Windrush Exhibition, Songs from a Strange Land, which featured multiple recordings from the sound archive. To coincide with this the Learning Team designed a digital education programme entitled 'Walk in their footsteps: Windrush Voices,' which was later developed into an on-site workshop for...

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