

CONNOR ALLEN

HERITAGE

Connor Allen was born in Wales to a Welsh mother and Jamaican father, growing up between two cultures.

His grandmother arrived during the Windrush era and lived in Wales for decades, yet still described herself as "a visitor."

Travelling to Jamaica later helped Connor understand both his Blackness and why the idea of home can feel complicated.

WALES MEANS...

PASSION GRIT AUTHENTICITY

Connor calls Wales home, yet has often questioned whether it truly belonged to him.

Growing up mixed-race sometimes meant feeling caught between worlds:
"too white for my Black friends,
too Black for my white friends."



LITERATURE & ARTS

CONTRIBUTION

Connor became Children's Laureate Wales, using poetry and storytelling to connect with young people across the country.

Walking into schools in a trackie and trainers, Newport accent intact, he challenged expectations of what a Laureate should look like.

Through theatre, literature and schools work - later recognised with an Honorary Doctorate in Literature, he shows young people their voices matter.

STRENGTHS & JOY

Writing is Connor's strength: holding a mirror to people's lives through words.

**“ YOU ARE WHO YOU ARE,
FLAWS AND ALL.**

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A MIRACLE, THERE'S NO ONE
LIKE YOU. ”**