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A group of women come together to conquer their fears and ride the waves of life in a heartwarming story of female empowerment as they learn to surf for the first time.

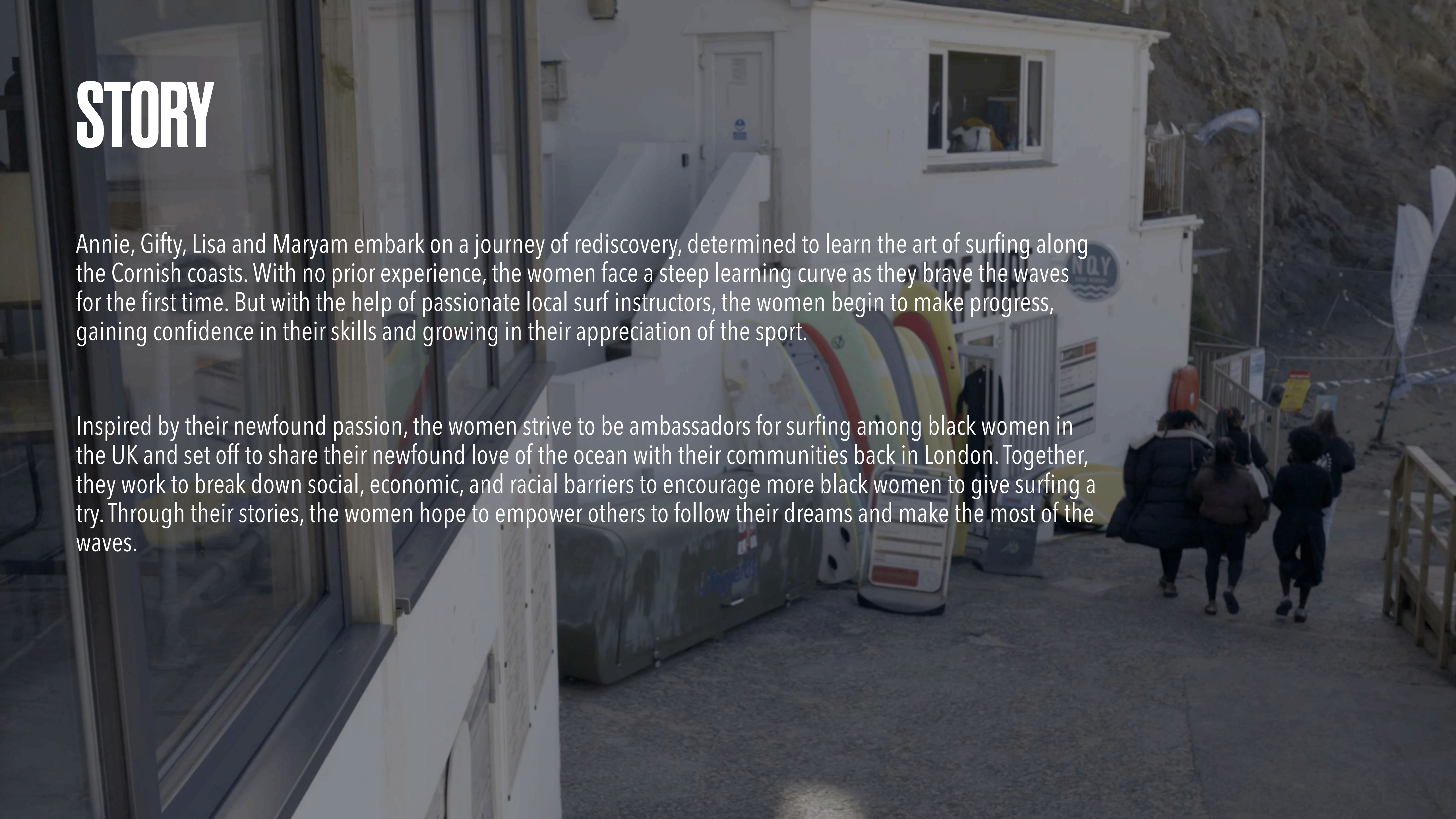
WHEN YOU SURF, YOU ARE A PART OF THE WAVE, AND YOU FEEL AS THOUGH YOU HAVE EMERGED FROM THE OCEAN STRONGER AND MORE PROFICIENTLY THAN BEFORE. YOU EXPERIENCE A WONDERFUL TRANSFORMATION ON THE INSIDE. IT'S SIMILAR TO CLEANSING YOURSELF OF ANY NEGATIVE ENERGIES SO THAT ONLY POSITIVE ONES CAN ENTER.

SURFING PHILOSOPHY

STORY

Annie, Gifty, Lisa and Maryam embark on a journey of rediscovery, determined to learn the art of surfing along the Cornish coasts. With no prior experience, the women face a steep learning curve as they brave the waves for the first time. But with the help of passionate local surf instructors, the women begin to make progress, gaining confidence in their skills and growing in their appreciation of the sport.

Inspired by their newfound passion, the women strive to be ambassadors for surfing among black women in the UK and set off to share their newfound love of the ocean with their communities back in London. Together, they work to break down social, economic, and racial barriers to encourage more black women to give surfing a try. Through their stories, the women hope to empower others to follow their dreams and make the most of the waves.



A person is walking away from the camera on a sandy beach, heading towards the ocean. The person is wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt and light-colored pants. The ocean has gentle waves washing onto the shore. In the background, there is a cliff with a building on top, and a town or village built on a hillside. The sky is clear and blue.

WHEN YOU ARE WAITING FOR A WAVE, YOU FEEL A STRONG CONNECTION TO YOUR ENVIRONMENT. THE FORCE OF NATURE: THE CRASHING WAVES, THE CLARITY OF THE SEA, THE WAY THE SUN FILTERS THROUGH. ALL OF THIS CREATES THE SETTING FOR A MEDITATION ON THE PRESENT MOMENT.

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Title Wave Women UK
Year of Production 2022
Duration 20 mins
Country of Production United Kingdom
Genre Documentary
Shooting Format Digital UHD
Finish Format UHD and Full HD
Aspect Ratio 16:9
Sound Format Stereo
Language English

AN **UBUNTU GLOBAL PRODUCTION**
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Shot and Directed by
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Sound Recorded by
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Edited by
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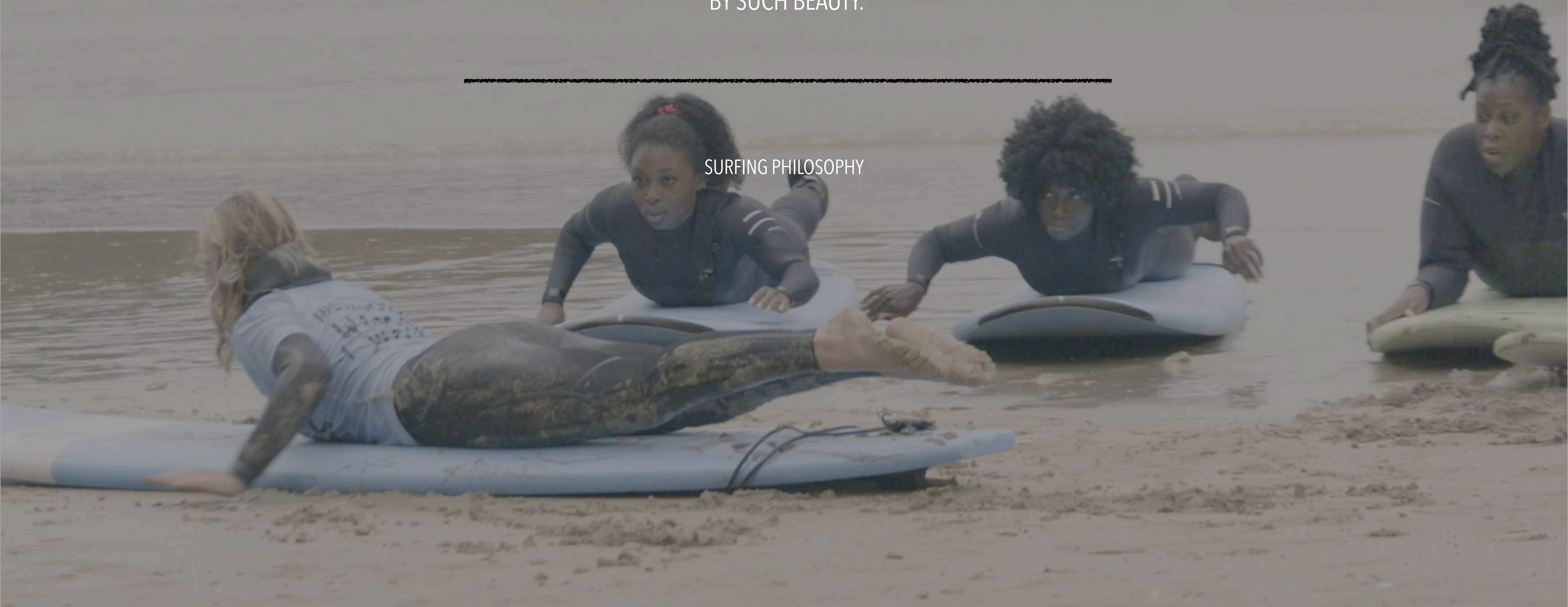
Executive Producer
Alan Sim

Starring
Annie Tagoe
Gifty Dzenyo
Lisa Ellis
Maryam Oyedeji



A SURFING SESSION IS A WAY TO GET AWAY FROM EVERYDAY LIFE AND DISCOVER SOMETHING WONDERFUL. THAT IS A PERIOD WHEN OUR SOUL IS NOURISHED GREATLY. IT IS SUCH A SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE THAT YOUR THOUGHTS TURN INTO PRAYERS AS YOU EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR BEING SURROUNDED BY SUCH BEAUTY.

SURFING PHILOSOPHY



DIRECTORS STATEMENT

Being approached with the opportunity to direct this documentary was one I could not say no to. The subject matter wasn't only one I had never explored before but we were also opening the door for deeper exploration as to why this was yet to be done in the UK. Directing this project brought about inner joy as I witnessed a group of black women go forth into the journey of the unknown and tackle a challenge which isn't common within our community. And every challenge requires inner strength and power, and you see this in the documentary as they share their stories. We are reminded that anything is possible when you put your heart and soul into something you love.

I am proud to present to you, Wave Women UK.

Lolly is a London-based self-shooting director & DoP. She has ample experience in working with brands, influencers and other creatives to produce authentic, relatable and engaging content. 2022 saw her working with the likes of the Brits, Puma, Nike, Converse and Wray N Nephew, featuring talents such as Nella Rose, DTG and Nikita Parris to name a few.

Her DoP narrative work includes Motherland (Secured Best New Talent Documentary at BFI Future Film Fest in 2020) and gained official selections at three BAFTA-Qualifying film festivals: Underwire, London Short Film Festival (LSFF) & BFI Future Film.

Her next film where she collaborated with director Tobi Onabolu for Dear Black Child garnered success at a total of five film festivals in 2022 including both the New York *and* Cannes Indies Shorts film festivals and Aesthetica Film Festival.

She also expands herself creatively by working on various camera teams as a camera assistant (2nd AC) for commercial & film productions. Most recently she worked on ÓWÀMBÉ (developed and created as part of the Netflix Documentary Talent Fund) and The Ballad of Olive Morris which has just been shortlisted for Best British Short Film at this year's BAFTAs.

Lolly continually aims to challenge the status quo by being a black female navigating within the film production industry. Being a strong advocate for women of colour who work in the industry, she built a platform to empower the community called #WomenCreateToo.

It launched in March 2020, and fast-forward a few months later was supported by Superdrug, after she won the 2020 'Faces of the Future' competition.



CREATORS STATEMENT

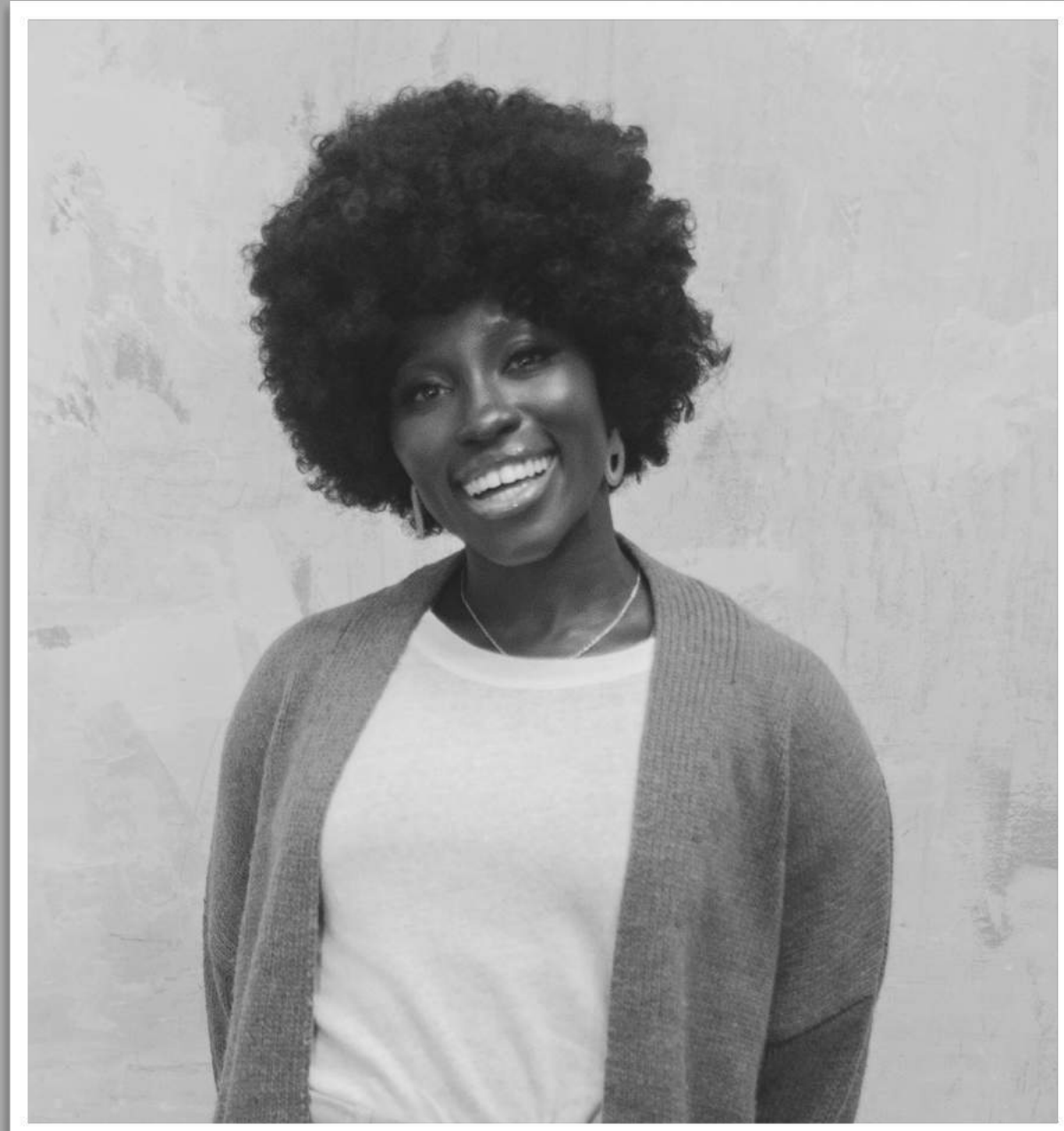
Social media made it possible for me to see a black woman surfing; in the past, you wouldn't have seen such a picture on mainstream media because it was widely believed that black people didn't get along with the water. Surfing was a sport promoted by slim and athletic Caucasians, who fit into the western ideal beauty standards. Since then, it has undoubtedly been in the back of my mind. I started to wonder why girls like me, who adore the ocean and water, don't do this. In the summer of 2019, I made the decision to drive 6 hours South West of the UK to Cornwall, where 37 out of the 52 surf schools in England are located, to learn more about the surf scene there.

When you surf, your mind and body are incredibly intertwined, and there is nowhere else to be but in the moment. Because every day you spend surfing is the happiest day of your life, the joy of surfing is best experienced when waiting in the water for a wave. Time appears to stand still, and you feel incredibly free.

Bola Adeosun is a British documentary filmmaker with a background in Television Production. Previously, she partnered with SandStone Global Productions as their Production Assistant working on factual documentaries such as *Warrior Women with Lupita Nyong'o*, *The Nile: Egypt's Great River With Bettany Hughes*, *Egypt's Great Treasures with Bettany Hughes* and *A Greek Odyssey with Bettany Hughes*. She then went on to work on various projects within the International Development sector, creating digital content for various global campaigns and events.

In 2022, she founded Ubuntu Global Productions, with a passion to tell untold stories from around the world that encourage social change.





Annie Tagoe
GB Athlete & Model

Annie Tagoe, is a model, GB athlete and yoga teacher. She grew up playing a range of sports like football, netball, basketball, trampolining etc so sports are literally in her blood. She is also currently signed to IMG models.



Gifty Dzenyo
Photographer

Gifty is a photographer based in London. Growing up she has been in dancing school, part of a diving club, horse racing and was even a part of her secondary school's netball and basketball teams.



Lisa Ellis
Model & Poet

Lisa is a student at King's College London, studying Biomedical Science. She is also a model, signed with BAME Agency, and a poet.



Maryam Oyedeji
Accountant

Maryam is an Accountant graduate and aspiring Yoga instructor. In 2016 she gained a scholarship to play College basketball in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) at Palm Beach Atlantic University, Florida.



Nick Grant
sound recorder

Nick has experience working on various dramas and commercials with both independent production companies and broadcasters such as channel 4, BBC and Warner Brothers.



Alan Sim
exec producer

Alan is a multi award winning director (BAFTA, Gold Lion, Promax, and Royal Television society award) applying his trade globally delivering creative, commercial, and branded production work with clients such as Nike, Adidas, Reebok, and MTV. for over 20 years.

An aerial photograph of a coastal town built on a hillside overlooking a beach. The town features a mix of residential and commercial buildings, including a prominent white building with a blue sign that says 'WALLABOOT'. The beach is wide and sandy, with several people walking along the shore. In the water, a group of surfers is gathered, some with their surfboards on their heads. The ocean is a muted greenish-grey color, and the sky is overcast.

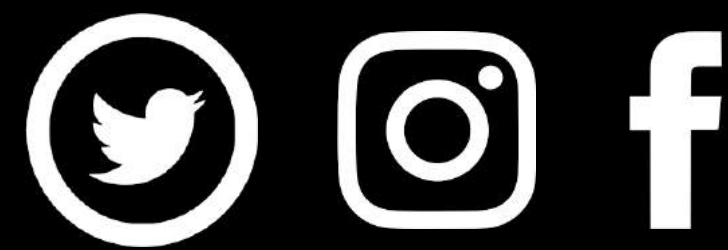
HUMILITY AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF FAILURE. RECOGNIZE THAT LIFE DOESN'T ALWAYS GO YOUR WAY. YOU MUST
ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WAVES ARE ON THE WAY AND THAT NUMEROUS WIPEOUTS WILL OCCUR.

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