Britain had a labour shortage. The country needed workers after the war.

Britain had a shortage of unskilled low paid workers.

1948 Nationality Act gave people living in the Commonwealth British citizenship. They could now settle in Britain.

National Health Service set up in 1948 advertised jobs in the Commonwealth.

London Transport sent representatives to the Caribbean to recruit workers

Families of recent settlers in Britain came to join them.

Having worked in Britain during the war when I returned home to Jamaica the islands seemed small.

London Transport paid for hostel accommodation for the immigrant workers it attracted.

Northern textile mills wanted workers who would work long hours and the night shifts. Immigrants would do this more than British born workers.

Interest free loans were offered by their own governments to help them move to Britain.

With the 1948 Nationality Act making me a citizen. I decided to come to the “Mother Country” to seek my fortune.

I had ambitions and wanted a good job and a secure future for my family.

Mills in Bradford, Oldham, Halifax and Manchester offered good money on the night shift.