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Leeds has musical connections with the ancient African kingdom of Abyssinia.



The country's crown prince, Alemayehu Tewodoros (born 1861) came to live in Headingley in 1879. His ancient kingdom is now part of modern-day Ethiopia, and its music and other African rhythms are central to the development of Rastafarianism and reggae music in the West Indies.

The greatest ambassador of reggae music, Bob Marley, would bring that historic legacy to Leeds in the 1970s and inspired new generations of all backgrounds, when he played iconic concerts at Leeds Polytechnic and The University of Leeds.

To find out more about the links between Alemayehu, Bob Marley and Leeds, scan the QR code >

