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## BRITAIN'S 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL BLACK PEOPLE

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### AML AMEEN, 23 Actor/Writer



THESE DAYS it seems that all the decent black British acting talent has absconded to the US to get the roles they feel they are starved of in the UK. Lucky for us Aml Ameen hasn't followed suit – yet. Whether he played the mixed-up kid Trife in *Kidulthood* or the hot-headed rookie police officer PC Lewis Hardy in *The Bill*, watching the progressive rise of Aml's career in powerful performances on stage, TV and cinema screens has been as inspiring as it has been entertaining.

This year has seen him take on more on screen challenges, including turning his likeability factor on its head as gang leader Duwayne in Channel 4's acclaimed drama *Fallout*. Constantly looking to up his game he is currently developing his own script, a romantic comedy, for the big screen. This celebrated actor, nominated for a BAFTA this year, is also in talks with ITV about writing a police drama unlike any other seen on British TV.

AML: 'So many people have called me a role model in my time in the spotlight, and I always refuted it by saying I would rather be an inspiration as it allows me more room for error without unnecessary scrutiny. I often wonder if it is just the fame that has made people call me this. However, it doesn't matter if I think I am or not, because if a person can use what goodness they see in me as a catalyst for carving out a successful life for themselves then that's a good thing.'

'So far I have been able to keep my career consistent and have been fortunate enough to be involved in film and TV projects which have made an impact.'

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