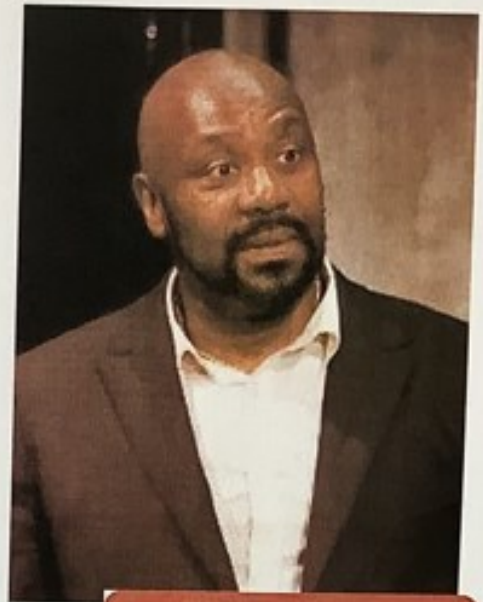


Sir Lenny Henry

- Sir Lenworth George Henry CBE-was born in Dudley on the 29 August 1958.
- He is a British actor, comedian, singer, television presenter and writer.
- He is known for co-founding the charity Comic Relief, and appearing in TV programmes.
- He was formerly married to Dawn French.
- He is currently the Chancellor of Birmingham City University.
- Henry was appointed a Commander of the British Empire (CBE) in 1999. He then received the life time Achievement Award at the British Comedy Awards in 2003.



However, the reason why I chose Lenny Henry is because I think he is a very inspirational man, in his lifetime has achieved so much from quite humble beginnings. He has made history and is still making history by helping people all over the world through his work with Comic Relief.

Comic Relief is an amazing charity that Lenny Henry founded with Richard Curtis in 1985. They did this to help people in Ethiopia, who at the time were suffering from a terrible famine. Lots of people that lived in Ethiopia did not have enough to eat or drink and were dying.



Lenny Henry decided that the way they could help was to make people laugh whilst raising money. The highlight of Comic Relief is Red Nose day, which I enjoy celebrating every year. Then every two years they put together a live TV program where famous comedians perform and people phone in and donate money.

So far over the years Comic Relief has been running it has raised over £1.4 Billion.

Comic Relief funds charity here in the UK as well as elsewhere in the world. Since the Comic Relief began, they have provided:

- 26,030 grants to causes supporting those with health issues, those in poverty, or those escaping violence.
- They have a 'golden pound principle', which means all money donated goes to help poor and disadvantaged people.
- Some of the charities the money goes to include Help Refugees, Dementia Outdoors, and The Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria.



The picture above is of the Famine in Ethiopia where people were forced to leave their homes find a food and water. Whole families had to live in Aid camps, sleep on floor in the dirt and dust and they relied on food and water donated from countries many of them died.

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