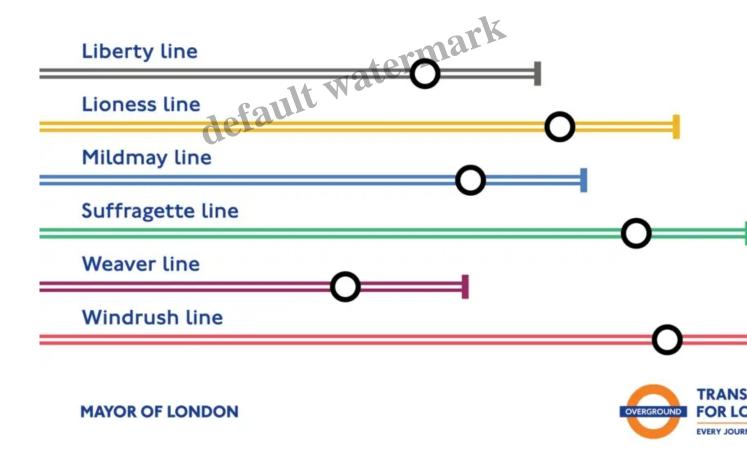


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The six London Overground lines have been officially named in a ceremony at Dalston Junction station.

The Liberty, Lioness, Mildmay, Suffragette, Weaver and Windrush lines will make it easier for people to navigate the 113 Overground stations, Transport for London (TfL) says.

At an estimated cost of £6.3m, external, signs, maps and announcements have been changed to replace what TfL called "a complicated network of orange", which could be "confusing for customers less familiar with the network".

Launching the names, London Mayor Sadiq Khan said: "We've got to recognise that there are many, many stories that need to be told and should be told."

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Previously, the six lines had no official names and were marked with one colour, leading to the Overground being known by some people as "the Ginger line".

There was a mixed reaction when the new names were announced in February,, external with many critical of the cost of the project.

Singer Mica Paris, whose parents came over from Jamaica on the British troopship Windrush in 1948, said on Thursday: "This is a really powerful day for me being a born and raised Londoner.

"I never thought I would ever see a train line named Windrush. This is amazing because of the future: grandkids, future generations, are going to be on this train and say: 'This is my heritage.'"

Entrepreneur and chef Levi Roots said: "The renaming of the Windrush line is special to me being a child of the Windrush generation, and I'm inspired by this most amazing honour to be part of the unveiling."

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