

## Information Briefings

### **NEREF Information Briefing No. 1: 'Race', Immigration and the General Election**

[2 pages]

This Briefing seeks to support **Race Equality Matters** a UK-wide campaign launched to confront the issue of racial prejudice in the language, rhetoric and policy statements made by political parties and the media in the run-up to the then General Election 2015.

### **NEREF Information Briefing No. 2: Ethnic minorities and experience of diabetes education** [4 pages]

The Briefing discusses the Health and Race Equality Forum's (HAREF) contribution to the 2014 consultation on diabetes education in Newcastle. It details their engagement with 60 minority ethnic people (five of them men) in Newcastle who took part in discussions about diabetes education.

### **NEREF Information Briefing No. 3: The economic impacts of immigration** [4 pages]

This Briefing makes the case for the economic value of migrants, it notes this is not often, if at all, revealed by government. It concludes by noting migrant voters are generally more positive with regard to British politics and more trusting of politicians and parties than others.

### **NEREF Information Briefing No. 4: The Modern Slavery Act** [4 pages]

The Briefing discusses the Modern Slavery Act (2015), which had not long come into effect. It provides details of the history of anti-slavery and then goes into explaining where and how modern slavery exists in the UK. It closes by noting what is in the Act and what slavery issues have not been adequately addressed.

### **NEREF Information Briefing No. 5: Who damages our economy? Migrants or the banks?**

[5 pages]

This Briefing quite simply deals with the facts, so with the £1,162 billion given to the banking sector following the financial crisis by taxpayers. Then, in contrast how many billions immigrants have contributed to our economy, how little they take with regard to housing and welfare benefits. It was written as following a NEREF conference Carole Parkins (Walking With – Walkergate) asked if there were any details on these issues.

**NEREF Information Briefing No 6: How far have we come? Lessons from the 1965 Race Relations Act [3 pages]**

The Briefing was written by Omar Khan (Director Runnymede Trust) [<https://www.runnymedetrust.org/>]. It discusses both the content and details following the first UK Race Relations Act in 1965. This includes landlords' legal protection when using 'No Blacks, No Dogs, No Irish' signs.

**NEREF Information Briefing No 7: 50 years of Race Relations legislation [3 pages]**

This Briefing was written by Rebecca Hilsenrath (CEO at Equality and Human Rights Commission – EHRC). It considers if things have improved since the Race Relations Act (1965). Noting a recent EHRC 'Is Britain Fairer?' report which highlights some positives but a number of negative racist UK issues.

**NEREF Information Briefing No 8: Prosecuting Hate Crime [3 pages]**

The Briefing is a summary of key points emerging from a workshop led by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) at a NEREF conference. It details the CPS role with regard to prosecuting hate crime, noting legal definitions, their Witness Care Unit and providing 'helpful hints' on hate crime.

**NEREF Information Briefing No 9: The Lammy Review: Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic representation in the criminal justice system [3 pages]**

This Briefing briefly highlights the Lammy Review providing background information and seeking to encourage colleagues to submit evidence to the review. A link to it is provided.

**NEREF Information Briefing No 10: Information required for proposed UK Bill of Rights [3 pages]**

The Briefing highlights and reproduces a letter NEREF received from the then Equality and Diversity Forum [now Equally Ours]. The letter was concerned with a potential Government summer consultation on the Human Rights Act/Bill of Rights. The letter asked for any relevant research to help the Equality and Diversity Forum to respond to the consultation and demonstrate the many ways in which human rights and the Human Rights Act (1988) protect people and improve their lives.

**NEREF Information Briefing No. 11: Parliamentary Enquiry into Hate Crime**

[4 pages]

This Briefing provides information on the House of Commons Home Affairs Subcommittee inquiry into hate crime. It briefly discusses the scope of the Inquiry, the timetable, and ways of becoming involved in submitting information to the Inquiry.

**NEREF Information Briefing No. 12: Challenging Race Hate Crime: Conference**

Feedback [6 pages]

The Briefing provides an outline of the NEREF *Challenging Race Hate Crime* Conference then gives details of delegate feedback to the conference. This feedback was discussed at the NEREF Steering Group with some measures taken into account and changes made to future conferences/events.

**NEREF Information Briefing No 13: *Sajid Javid, Racism and The State*** [7 pages]

This Briefing notes the introduction of a new Home Secretary (Sajid Javid) following the Windrush scandal and the 'hostile environment'. However, it argues this will not end racist immigration policy. It then discusses institutionalised racism with regard to the laws, policies, actions and discourses of the state.

**NEREF Information Briefing No. 14: *The embedding of state hostility*** [4 pages]

The Briefing is the introduction to an IPPR report '*The embedding of state hostility*', written by Frances Webber and others. It essentially discusses the background to this, the policies that created a 'hostile state', how these link to the 'necessities of life'.

**NEREF Information Briefing No. 15: *Is Britain Fairer project*** [4 pages]

This Briefing describes the culmination of a three-year Equality and Human Rights Commission project that reviewed the state of equality and human rights in England, Scotland and Wales. Six areas of everyday life were investigated: education; health; justice and security; living standards; participation; and work. Links are provided to both the final report data and the report itself with key findings also highlighted.

**NEREF Information Briefing No. 16: *Welcome Here*** [7 pages]

The Briefing was written about the Newcastle CVS 2018 '*Welcome Here*' report and discusses the key actions and resources identified by the report. It notes and identifies that since publication a number of clear racist issues have arisen due to the 'hostile environment'. Overall it provides a number of ethnic and anti-racist links to statistics, reports and resources.

## **NEREF Information Briefing No. 17: *Feedback on Post MacPherson***

*Conference* [3 pages]

This Briefing identifies feedback from Group and Plenary discussions at the post-McPherson conference organised by NEREF in November 2018. Some of the issues have already been taken up by the Steering Group. It also provides a link to the Parliamentary inquiry after Macpherson, which NEREF submitted evidence to.



## **NEREF Information Briefing No 18: *Tackling Racial Harassment: Universities Challenged***

[4 pages]

The Briefing provides a link to the Equality and Human Rights Commission final report of an inquiry into racial harassment in UK publicly funded universities. It briefly details the findings and highlights the three main theme recommendations (Protections, transparency and scrutiny; Effective redress; and A change in university culture).

## **NEREF Information Briefing No 19: *The Windrush Betrayal*** [3 pages]

This Briefing reproduces a letter NEREF received from Sarah Worth (Home Office) with regard to the '*Windrush Lessons Learned Review*'. It provides links to the full independent report and the Home Secretary's statement to Parliament. As well as, contact details for Sarah Worth if anybody wished to discuss the report, or the Home Office response to it, or has any other questions.

## **NEREF Information Briefing No 20: *CERD Submission of Evidence*** [7 pages]

The Briefing discusses a submission to the UN Human Rights Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD). By the North East Race, Crime and Justice Regional Research Network (NERRCJRN) on behalf of NEREF. The submission relates mainly to the Westminster government and to England, and its Northeast region in particular. With links, publications and details given of Northeast region racism.

## **NEREF Information Briefing No 21: *Runnymede Trust, Facts Don't Lie***

*(sources)* [6 pages]

This Briefing provides a link to a Runnymede Trust report '*Facts don't lie*'. It identifies that the report is an important resource for those engaged in anti-racist work across all sectors. Then rather than reproducing sections of the report it reproduces some relevant references from the report that enable NEREF members to access original information sources.

## Research Briefings



### **NEREF Research Briefing No. 1:** *The Chinese population in the North East Region*

[2 pages]

The Briefing highlights a new report by the NERRCJRN on the social and economic issues facing the Chinese population within the region. It provides details of some of the main findings of the report.

### **NEREF Research Briefing No. 2:** *Local Ethnic Inequalities: Ethnic Differences in Employment, Education, Health and Housing in Districts of England and Wales, 2001–2011* [4 pages]

This Briefing identifies a joint University of Manchester and The Runnymede Trust report on inequalities between ethnic groups across England and Wales, and changes over the period 2001-2011. A summary of the reports key findings, methods and conclusions are provided.

### **NEREF Research Briefing No. 3:** *How has Britain's integration debate developed since 2000?* [5 pages]

The Briefing again provides a brief summary of the integration framework since 2000. It discusses government policy since 1997, highlights issues such as *Stephen Lawrence*, *refugee strategy* and the *7/7* and the *Commission on Integration*.

### **NEREF Research Briefing No. 4:** *The North East: A warm and friendly welcome?* [5 pages]

This Briefing provides a summary of research undertaken in 2012/2013 on newly arrived Polish workers in the North East region. Detailing Polish workers comments and highlighting their working lives, their current integration and the xenophobia and ignorance aimed at them.

### **NEREF Research Briefing No. 5:** *Ethnic inequalities in admission to highly selective universities* [4 pages]

The Briefing highlights that British ethnic minorities are generally more likely than their white British peers to go to university. However, some ethnic minority groups remain strikingly under-represented among students attending the UK's most selective universities. It also highlights some key relevant sources of information of reasons why 'admission discrimination' persists.

**NEREF Research Briefing No. 6: *The budget's impact on Black and Minority ethnic people*** [4 pages]

This Briefing provides an analysis of the 2015 Budget following a briefing by Omar Khan (Runnymede Trust). It notes how the Budget will affect the Black and minority ethnic population. Eight main areas are identified where people are likely to be worse off, with four of these (*Tax Credits, Part-time Working, Child Poverty and Young People*) briefly discussed. A Runnymede Trust link is given which has more information on the subject and the briefing itself.

**NEREF Research Briefing No. 7: *Tell MAMA: the picture of anti-Muslim hatred in 2014/2015*** [3 pages]

The Briefing is drawn from a Tell Mama report, and presents the results of analysis conducted using data collected as part of the Tell MAMA (Measuring Anti-Muslim Attacks) initiative during the 2014/15 reporting period (1 March 2014 to 28 February 2015). It details the report's principle findings and five main recommendations.

**NEREF Research Briefing No 8: *Who voted for leaving the EU?*** [4 pages]

This Briefing identifies the facts with regard to the actual EU Referendum vote and ethnic minority populations in each voting area. It comments on the referendum result, the ignorance of a number voters compared to the facts and the sense of abandonment felt by many working class people with regard to the involvement of politicians from the Westminster or indeed the Brussels bubbles.

**NEREF Research Briefing No. 9: *Exploring third party reporting across categories of hate in Tyne and Wear*** [7 pages]

The Briefing discusses research undertaken with 'Arch', a third party hate incident reporting scheme in the North East of England. The research data originates from reported and recorded incidents collected in Sunderland and Newcastle between 2005-2015. This is briefly detailed and a conclusion reached.

**NEREF Research Briefing No. 10: *Who is vulnerable?: Adult social care and modern slavery*** [4 pages]

This Briefing argues that the Care Act (2014) needs to be reframed to take account of modern day slavery. This assessment is based on evidence of what appeared to be forms of modern slavery within the adult social care field. Details of this are given and then discussed.

**NEREF Research Briefing No 11: *Migration in Middlesbrough Data Mapping***

*Project* [2 pages]

The Briefing describes a research project currently underway in Middlesbrough to map migrants and their impact in Middlesbrough. The projects two stages are detailed.

**NEREF Research Briefing No 12: *Diversity and vulnerability in Prisons in the context of the Equality Act 2010: The experiences of Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic (BAME), and Foreign National Prisoners (FNPs) in a Northern Jail*** [4 pages]

This Briefing summarises findings from a pilot study that investigated if the Equality Act (2010) had diluted the focus on 'race' equality. NERRCJRN were concerned with the experiences of BAME national and Foreign National Prisoners in a Category B adult male prison. The Briefing discusses project findings concluding that prisons need to go further in terms of understanding what makes someone vulnerable in a prison; how prisoners express or perceive their vulnerabilities; and how the specific needs accruing from these vulnerabilities can be met.

**NEREF Research Briefing No. 13: *Developing a national barometer of prejudice and discrimination in Britain*** [3 pages]

The Briefing presents evidence from the first national survey since 2006 to measure prejudice and discrimination in Britain using a consistent set of measures across a range of protected characteristics. Details of the final report are given and a link to the report is provided.

**NEREF Research Briefing No 14: *The Missing Dimension Where is 'race' in social policy teaching and learning?*** [4 pages]

This Briefing summarises a report that was the result of an audit of social policy teaching and learning in UK Higher Education Institutions and of the dimension of 'race' and ethnicity within the Social Policy curriculum, student bodies and staffing. The Briefing also details the main sections of the report and provides a link to it.

**NEREF Research Briefing No 15: *Participatory Arts based Methods For Civic Engagement In Migrant Support Organizations*** [3 pages]

The Briefing discusses a proposed project to train staff/volunteers from migrant support organizations and community networks in the North East of England and in London using creative participatory methods for civic engagement. It details what creative participatory methods are and then notes the project key aims.

**NEREF Research Briefing No 16:** *Race inequality in the workplace* [4 pages]

This Briefing provides the background to the Carnegie UK Trust, Operation Black Vote and UCL Centre for Longitudinal Studies *Race inequality in the workplace* report. Then discusses the reports context, key findings, conclusions and recommendations. It also provides a link to the full report.

**NEREF Research Briefing No 17:** *The impact of the new UK immigration system on human trafficking* [5 pages]

The Briefing was authored by David Camp (allianceHR Founder and Chief Executive), it highlights the heightened risk of human trafficking due to the new immigration system. It does this firstly by identifying a critical Public Accounts Committee report on Immigration Enforcement. Then by providing an overview of the key 2021 immigration routes, the cost of visas, specifically identifying how human trafficking will be impacted and providing a conclusion on what needs to be done by government. Useful links are provided throughout.

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