

Tackling racism, transforming lives

Last month marked a year since the Labour Party's return to government — an anniversary that, for many of us committed to race equality, is tinged with frustration. Despite early promises, progress on tackling racial inequality has been haphazard at best: a patchwork of small initiatives rather than the coherent, structural response that is so urgently needed.

Against this backdrop, the Race Equality Foundation is proud to publish a set of co-produced recommendations that we believe offer a more ambitious and grounded way forward. Developed in partnership with people with lived experience of racial injustice, alongside colleagues from the voluntary and statutory sectors, these recommendations build on the Institute for Health Equity's landmark report on structural racism and the experiences of Black, Asian, and minoritised Londoners. Together, we have set out practical steps that policymakers, services, and institutions can take to dismantle the persistent inequalities that shape people's lives.

We launched the recommendations at a well-attended webinar, which brought together voices from across sectors to reflect on the findings and discuss the route to implementation. A recording of the webinar is now available — we encourage you to watch, share, and join us in pushing for the systemic change that remains as necessary — and as urgent — as ever.

Jabeer Butt OBE

Health and Care

Co-produced Recommendations tackling racial inequalities in London

The Race Equality Foundation has published a set of recommendations for London that address structural racism as a key driver of health inequalities.

Developed through a co-production process involving the voluntary and community sector, individuals with lived experience, and



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
MAYOR OF LONDON

Co-produced recommendations for London action to address structural racism as a driver of health inequalities.

(informed by the Institute for Health Equity evidence review:
Structural racism, ethnicity and health inequalities in London)

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statutory bodies, this work demonstrated the importance of co-production approaches with communities. Watch the full webinar from the launch event and read the recommendations below.

[Read Recommendations](#)



Government begins rollout of Neighbourhood Health Services

The UK government's launch of Neighbourhood Health Services signals a reimagining of healthcare delivery, shifting delivery from hospitals into the heart of communities. While there is focus on the

most-deprived areas, the programme does not explicitly acknowledge racial inequalities, despite clear evidence that Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic communities are disproportionately affected.

For the programme to truly tackle health disparities, race equity must be embedded from the start, through culturally competent care, inclusive data, and community-led design.

[Learn more](#)

Upcoming Events

You're invited: Racism and Trauma Project Findings Launch Event

The Race Equality Foundation in partnership with Barnardo's SEEN are excited to invite you to the launch event for the **Racism and Trauma Findings**, an initiative aimed at supporting more inclusive, trauma-informed practice across our sector.

This important event brings together practitioners, VCSE organisations, community leaders and people with lived experience for an afternoon of thought-provoking discussion, shared learning, and practical insights. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

FREE Ticket | Thursday 31st July | 2:00pm – 5:00pm | The Foundry, London SE11

Please RSVP by emailing rahma@racefound.org.uk

YOU'RE INVITED!

Race Equality Foundation

Launch of the Racism and Trauma Project

The Race Equality Foundation, in partnership with Barnardo's SEEN, is proud to launch the Racism and Trauma Project – an initiative which seeks to challenge how we understand the relationship between racism and trauma, and to drive forward more inclusive, trauma-informed practice across our sector.

This important event brings together practitioners, VCSE organisations, community leaders and people with lived experience for an afternoon of thought-provoking discussion, shared learning, and practical insight.

Speakers include:

- The Race Equality Foundation
- Barnardo's
- Professor Delan Devakumar, UCL
- Becoming a Man (BAM)
- Co-production group members

Chair: Jabeer Butt OBE, CEO of the Race Equality Foundation

Through short presentations, panel conversations, and contributions from our co-production group, we will spotlight the work already happening – and what still needs to change.

**Thursday 31st July
2:00pm – 5:00pm
The Foundry, London SE11**

Community



7/7 Remembered: Standing against Hate, not Communities

Last week we remembered the lives lost in the 7th July 2005 London attacks, and renewed our efforts to ensure that the individuals, families and communities affected never have to experience that terrible day again.

Speaking to The Guardian, our CEO Jabeer Butt spoke out against the rise in hate speech cloaked as "free speech," warning of its role in fuelling Islamophobia and division.

[Read Article](#)

Housing

New Research: Race, Ethnicity and Homelessness

Imagine feeling forced to change your name, accent, or even cutting your hair secure housing. That's the reality for many Black and minoritised people in England, according to a devastating new report.



In the first major study on homelessness and racism in over 20 years, Heriot-Watt University analysed 750,000 household records. The findings: Black families are almost **four times more likely to face homelessness and half as likely to access social housing.**

[Learn more](#)

Children and Families

Episode 2 Live! Honor: Fatherhood Frozen in Time



In this episode, we meet Honor, a father and DJ whose son was born just days before he was sentenced. Determined to stay present, he took parenting courses, wrote letters, and prepared to be a dad from behind bars.

Developed with the Race Equality Foundation and based on research by Dr Anita Mehay (City St George's, University of London) and Professor Richard Watt (UCL), this podcast is part of an NIHR-funded study co-designing parenting support with young fathers in prison.

[Listen here](#)

New Report reveals 15% Racial Disparity in Youth Diversion

A new report by Youth Endowment Fund of nearly 265,000 London youth (aged 10–17) reveals that Black children are **15% less likely to be diverted away from the criminal justice system than their White peers** – despite comparable offences and histories.

Diversion significantly reduces reoffending rates, yet racial disparities persist. The findings expose systemic bias and emphasise the urgent need for race-aware reforms and expanded community-led diversion programmes.



[Read report](#)



SFSC for fathers returns this September

Following two successful cohorts, our men-only Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities parenting programme returns this September in our Kentish Town offices.

Designed specifically for male parents and carers, particularly those from Black, Asian, and minoritised communities, this 13-week programme offers a valuable space where fathers can reflect, connect, and grow together.

[Learn more](#)

Foundation News

Celebrating excellence across the Foundation

On 16th July, trustees, staff, and lived experience members came together to reflect on our values, showcase our work, and explore ways to strengthen the organisation. The day ended with a Recognition and Celebration session, where peer-nominated awards honoured contributions across six categories, including Outstanding Teamwork and Innovation and Creativity.



It was a heartening reminder of the dedication, talent, and care that drive our work forward every day. Being together, in conversation, in celebration, was a powerful reflection of who we are and what we're building together.

Wider-Sector News

Join the BHF Patient Advisory Group

The British Heart Foundation is inviting people from Black African, African Caribbean, South Asian, Gypsy and Traveller, or low-income backgrounds, with experience of cardiovascular disease or its risk factors to join their Patient Advisory Group.

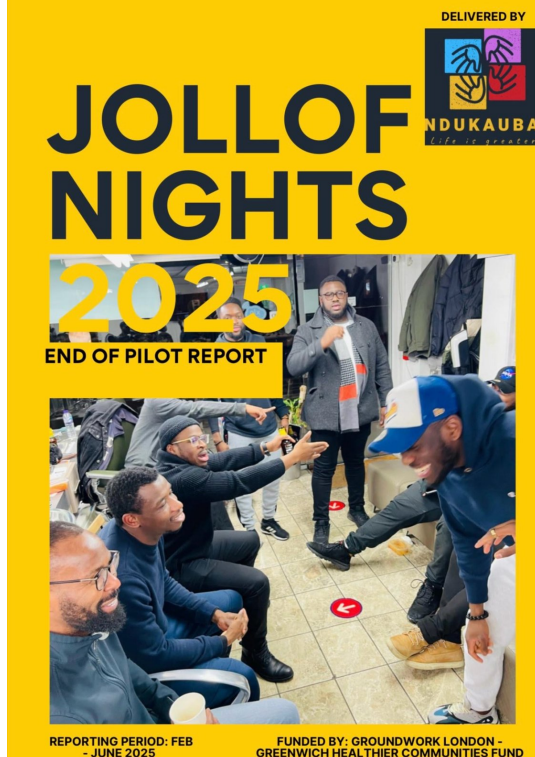
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Learn more in the [Recruitment Pack](#).



Jollof Nights: Culture, Care & Cost-Saving Impact



Since 2021, Jollof Nights has expanded from one to four barbershops across Greenwich, supporting African, Caribbean, and mixed-heritage men through food, conversation, and health education in trusted spaces.

Two new reports - the [End of Pilot Report](#) and [Strategic NHS Value & Cost Avoidance Report](#) - highlight its success. Jollof Nights proves that culturally grounded, community-led prevention works, delivering meaningful impact and an estimated £37.94 in NHS savings for every £1 invested.

Community Climate Voices at Nubian Life

Nubian Life, a charity supporting the African Caribbean community in Hammersmith & Fulham, is launching *EarthVoices*, a new podcast exploring the effects of climate change on culture and community in the UK and Caribbean.

A live recording is taking place at their centre this Saturday, bringing together local voices for an open and thoughtful conversation. We're excited to see this important work taking shape in the heart of the community.



Join our journey

Please consider donating to the Race Equality Foundation and help us do more to tackle racial inequality in public services.

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