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Educators, parents and students launch CARE - Coalition of Anti-Racist Educators

The grassroots movement '[No More Exclusions](#)' (NME) and allies have come together to pledge their active commitment to eradicating racism within the UK education system.

The new network brings together school, college and university teachers and support staff, youth, community and union organisers, and other educators, as well as parents, students and many other influencers who want to see an end to racism in education and actively look at how the education system can be truly anti-racist.

Launching today, the Coalition of Anti-Racist Educators (CARE) will start with sharing educational videos on why we need anti-racist education, what anti-racist education looks like and how we can all be anti-racist educators for life.

CARE are calling for educators across the country to join them in creating their own videos on how they plan to teach out loud and transform the places and processes of learning they are part of, whether this be schools, universities, youth groups, trade unions or any other educational institution and workplace.

Zahra Bei, a teacher with 21 years experience working in a Pupil Referral Unit and co-founder of NME and CARE said:

*“The time for talking and platitudes is over. The violent death of George Floyd has highlighted once again the enduring devaluation and dehumanization of Black lives globally. The global BLM protests prove the time for change is now. The historical, social, economical, environmental and political systemic violence perpetrated against Black lives is not just an American problem; *racism plagues every facet of society in the UK. We all have a responsibility in dismantling the structures that oppress, marginalise, exclude and lead to premature Black deaths.**”

We are calling for all educators to share and act on radical solutions that affirm the mattering of Black lives and lived experience in every space. Will you join us?”

Rodeane Henry-Grant, a teacher of languages and co-founder of CARE said:

“Urgent action is needed to address widespread stereotyping, discrimination, exclusion and violence caused by racism. Education is vital in leading the way to break down barriers caused by racism and empower today’s youth. Black and brown youth are disproportionately represented in school exclusions year on year and are twice as likely to be stereotyped as having higher social, emotional, and mental health needs than their white counterparts.”

Zero-tolerance Behaviour Policies are another example of why anti-racist education is desperately needed, with these policies working only to perpetuate violence and discrimination towards black, brown and working-class pupils.

We are calling for educators to join us in unlearning and unteaching these exclusionary logics and invest in genuinely youth-led transformative educational alternatives.”

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CARE is an independent campaign. It is not affiliated to any union or political party.

90% of people in prison were excluded from school.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/643001/lammy-review-final-report.pdf

Black Caribbean children are 3 times more likely than all other children to be excluded from primary, secondary and special schools. Black and Minority Ethnic youth make up 51% of those in youth offenders institutions.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/820773/Permanent and fixed period exclusions 2017 to 2018 - main text.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/820773/Permanent_and_fixed_period_exclusions_2017_to_2018_-_main_text.pdf)

The number of Children and Young People in Alternative Provisions is higher than the number of exclusions with 7900 official permanent exclusions taking place in 17/18 and yet there is over 50,000 CYPs in APs https://epi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Unexplained-pupil-moves_LAs-MATs_EPI-2019.pdf

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fv3IK0EdwdA&feature=youtu.be>

(CARE; Coalition of Anti-Racist Educators - First Video - To be launched on 23.6.2020)

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