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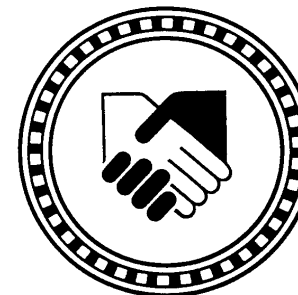
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ENFIELD RACIAL EQUALITY COUNCIL



challenging racism ...

... promoting racial equality

Mission

Enfield Racial Equality Council's mission is to actively promote and seek to implement a racially just, fair and equitable society which will enhance the quality of life for all who live, work and learn in the London Borough of Enfield.

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Strategic Aims

- To establish EREC as the leading organisation in promoting and delivering community cohesion within the London Borough of Enfield.
- To review, monitor, appraise and respond to issues affecting black and ethnic minorities in Enfield.
- To encourage co-operation among all people in the borough regardless of race, ethnicity, colour, religion, gender, disability, age and sexual orientation, in a multi-racial society.
- To develop a proactive approach in the raising of EREC's public profile and its contribution to Enfield's multi racial community.
- To ensure that EREC, as an employer and service provider, demonstrates excellent equalities practice itself, throughout all of its activities.

Health Promotion Work

- Regular e-bulletins and newsletters on BME Health Awareness issues and a web page on the EREC website.
- Partnership working with local BME community groups and NHS Enfield to deliver health promotion workshops/events with targeted communities.

Community Development Work

- Working with and commissioning BME community groups/representatives to deliver health awareness events/shows to their communities; in partnership where health concerns impact on more than one community.
- Advice provided to BME groups on funding opportunities and to assist with funding bids to develop health activities/advocacy work to improve health outcomes in Enfield.
- Promoting the involvement of BME users with the planning of local health services.

Who benefits from this project?

- BME communities living in Enfield.
- BME community groups.
- Local health service planners and providers.
- Providers of local health activities which serve BME communities.

Contact details

For more information contact Valdev Chaggar or Sophie Khan on 020 8373 6273/8 or email improvinghealth@enfieldrec.org.uk

IMPROVING HEALTH PROJECT

Aim

Tackle health inequality and inequity by improving the health of Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities living in Enfield.

How this aim is being met?

1. Improved awareness amongst targeted BME communities of living healthy lifestyles, particularly healthy eating, physical activity and smoking cessation.
2. Increasing take up of local services to improve health by targeted BME communities.
3. Development of inclusive local health programmes and services that address key BME health concerns.
4. Development of local community groups to better deliver health outcomes for their communities, aligned to local priorities and based on local health need.
5. Increased involvement of BME communities/users with local health forums.

What the project is doing?

Policy Work

- Key health priorities and concerns, and gaps in health services for local BME groups identified.
- Working with local health policymakers to ensure that health plans address the needs of BME groups in Enfield, including a review of the local health Race Equality Schemes.

What is Enfield Racial Equality Council (EREC) and what do we do?

EREC is an umbrella organisation and the only one in Enfield solely concerned with racial discrimination and equality of opportunity in every aspect of your life. EREC is concerned, however, about anyone who may have experienced racial discrimination, whatever their background: white people, Irish people, travellers and other national groups are covered equally by the Race Relations Act 1976.

Despite more enlightened times and constant publicity, incidents of racial harassment and abuse continue to occur, even in Enfield. Racism can breed quickly, especially in areas of economic deprivation. It can occur at all levels in society – from the classroom to the workplace, from graffiti on the walls to actual violence in the streets (and on the football terraces). Instances of name calling can develop into arson and campaigns of orchestrated violence.

Inequality and racial discrimination can take many forms - from the landlord who does not let to 'coloureds', to those who are well qualified but passed over for promotion. EREC is willing to support all victims of racism and violence and to campaign for an end to injustice, fear and prejudice.

Some of EREC's activities cover employment, housing, health and social services, public affairs, education, racial harassment and violent attacks, injustice and racial abuse. We work with the local authority, local voluntary and statutory groups to ensure their policies and services provide for and are sensitive to the needs of all the community. From time to time, EREC undertakes project work on issues of concern where needs and gaps have been identified.

EREC is a registered charity run by its members through a Board of Trustees and is funded by the London Borough of Enfield and grants obtained through other funders such as the Big Lottery.

Advice and Information/Support Agencies

The following support agencies can help you should you require advice and information about racial discrimination, equal opportunities, housing, employment, harassment, racial abuse, health and social services, injustices, education and violent attacks. EREC also provides signposting to individuals seeking advice over the phone.

Equality and Human Rights Commission

Helpline: 0845 604 6610

Email: englandhelpline@equalityhumanrights.com

Website: www.equalityhumanrights.com

Enfield Law Centre

Venue: Enfield Foyer, 279-281 Fore Street, Edmonton, N9

Time: Attend at 5.30pm, doors open 5.45pm, sessions from 6.00—8.00pm

Anti-Social Behaviour & Hate Crime Reporting Line

020 8379 4612 (leave a message and an officer will call you back)

Enfield Borough Police

0300 123 1212

Victim Support Enfield

020 8350 0354 / 0845 450 4442

Strategic Race and Equalities Forum

The Strategic Race and Equalities Forum was established in September 2006 (previously known as the Strategic Race Forum) in response to concerns of BME organisations that their issues were not being addressed at strategic level.

Serviced by EREC, the forum meets regularly to discuss a wide range of topics. It has proved popular with both the voluntary and statutory sectors in recognition that it is important to keep race issues on the agenda. Achievements include, meetings attended by at least 30 people and the importance of the forum as a consultative mechanism acknowledged by Enfield Council.

The forum holds meetings directly linking both national researches on race issues to local policy development. The aim being to ensure that local communities are able to have an informed voice on the issues they want EREC to take forward on their behalf or take up directly with policymakers. Open to organisations and individuals living or working in Enfield, membership is particularly welcome from BME organisations and representatives.

Would you like to become a member of EREC?

If you support the work of EREC, we would welcome you to join us as a member. Membership is **FREE** and is open to individuals who live or work in Enfield and to organisations operating in Enfield, who are committed to furthering the work of the REC.

Our membership includes the Local Borough Council, MPs, Police, religious groups, political parties, community groups, schools/colleges, BME groups and organisations and individuals dedicated to working against racism.

For further information about our work and/or a membership form, please call 020 8373 6271 or email info@enfieldrec.org.uk