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Strategic Race Forum

Agenda moves from Regeneration to Poverty and Fairtrade

The last Strategic Race Forum held in November 2007 looked at Regeneration and the impact on Black and Minority Ethnic communities. The forum received a presentation based on one of the last major investigations undertaken by the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE).

With billions of pounds spent on physical regeneration, the effects major projects have on an area and its people can be dramatic and lasting. Government investment is largely in deprived areas where many of Britain's ethnic minority population are based.

The report was a response to allegations of unequal distributions of funds, failure to consult ethnic minority groups and concern that regeneration does not consider the disadvantages of some ethnic groups. The CRE asked whether spending was helping to promote integration and cohesion and close some of the inequalities that exist between different ethnic groups.

A key point was that local authority's race equality scheme and action plan should provide a framework for assessing, monitoring and consulting on its regeneration policies and proposals, ensuring all three parts of the race equality duty—to eliminate unlawful discrimination, promote equal opportunity and promote good race relations are met. To read the full report go to

www.equalityandhumanrights.com

Points debated by forum members to be taken forward by EREC at a strategic level included, establishing strong links with the Equality and Human Rights Commission, the regeneration of Edmonton Green and the Place Shaping agenda in Enfield.

The next meeting in March is a packed programme with presentations on Poverty (based on the Joseph Rowntree 2006 Research), Support to Community and Voluntary Sector and Fairtrade.

To attend future meetings or for more information email info@enfieldrec.org.uk or telephone 020 8373 6271.



Regeneration on the agenda at the Strategic Race Forum
From left: Chandra Bhatia (EREC Chief Executive), Bevin Betton (EREC Chair), Linda Small (Speaker)

Advice and Information Service

Have you experienced racial discrimination or harassment in employment or when accessing goods, facilities and services. Are you a victim of racial harassment or racial crime. Do you need initial advice and support? Contact EREC.

Copies of the Advice and Information Service leaflet are available in Polish, Bengali, Turkish and Somali.

Advice, Information and Support, Outreach Work, Drop-Ins and Awareness Raising

Thursdays & Fridays 10.00am—4.00pm

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'Kick It Out' Poetry Competition

Chandra Bhatia (EREC Chief Executive) and Richard Garland (EREC Trustee) attended the poetry competition at the Tottenham Hotspur Football Club in November 2007.

They presented prizes to Enfield school pupils who had entered the competition that supported the nationwide 'Kick It Out' campaign.

The free competition encouraged pupils to promote ethnic diversity through poetry. Many pupils focused on Walter Tull's career, as Tottenham Hotspur's first black footballer.

The best of the poems were showcased and rewarded at the ceremony. For copies of the winning poems contact the EREC office on 020 8373 6271.



Photograph of Enfield school children at the Poetry competition in November and one of the winning poems courtesy of the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation.

Racism

Racism. Let me tell you something about racism.

It goes a bit like this

If eyes can be

Red

Yellow

Brown

Hazel

and Orange and still be eyes

If Hair can be

Brown

Black

Blond

Red

and grey and still be hair

Then why can't we be

Black

White

African

Asian

And brown and still be people!!!

So come on people, let's do something about it,
let's not let it happen again,
LET'S KICK RACISM OUT OF FOOTBALL!!!!

By James Nesbitt

Southgate Secondary School

Residents urged to get involved in crucial consultations

Enfield is urging residents to respond to a series of consultations on the Council's new Local Development Framework, (LDF) which will be crucial to the future of the borough.

The consultations cover a range of issues including climate change, the environment, housing, community services, employment, town centres, townscape and travel.

The Local Development Framework underpins the Council's pioneering new Place Shaping initiatives. As part of the LDF the Core Strategy, launched in February sets out policies and programmes for new homes, shops and businesses, improved transport systems and better employment prospects.

As part of the LDF will be the launch of the Central Leaside Joint Action Plan and North East Enfield Action Plan.

Also launched in January the North London Waste Plan was which aims to ensure that appropriate sites are identified for the wide range of waste facilities needed to manage waste produced in North London.

The Core Strategy and area action plans and waste strategy will be published on the Council's website <http://consultation.limehouse.co.uk/enfield>

Residents will be able to comment on line. There will also be a series of events held for residents and businesses.

Source: Enfield Council Press Office

EREC MEMBERS—RENEWAL REMINDER

For those whose membership has now expired, you will shortly be receiving your membership renewal forms. Please complete and return these as soon as possible to ensure you can exercise your voting rights and can stand for election to the Board at the Annual General Meeting on 17th July 2008.

****MEMBERSHIP IS STILL FREE FOR A THREE YEAR TERM****

Exhibition moves to Gallery Fore



This highly informative exhibition to mark the 200th anniversary of the Parliamentary Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and its links to Enfield has moved to Gallery Fore in Edmonton.

Enfield Racial Equality Council worked in partnership with community groups, setting up the Abolition of Slavery Task Group to coordinate activities to commemorate the Bicentenary of the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Enfield Museum Service worked with the task group to produce this wonderful exhibition to commemorate this occasion.

The exhibition moved from its last location at Edmonton Green Library to Gallery Fore and is running from **13th February—20th April 2008**. Gallery Fore, Fore Street, Edmonton, N18 is open Mon-

day to Saturday 11.00am—4.00pm.

Contact Enfield Museum Service for more information on 020 8379 1478/1468.



Above photo of Bevin Betton (EREC Chair) and Chandra Bhatia (EREC Chief Executive) at the Forty Hall exhibition. Right photo of an actor representing Olaudah Equiano at the Forty Hall exhibition. Photos taken by Simon O'Connor courtesy of Enfield Museum Service.

enfield caribbean association presents

The Abolition of the North Atlantic Slave Trade and Slavery presentations and discussions by Enfield Caribbean Association continues with the last lecture on **The legacies of slavery: the future by Professor Gus John, 11.30am—1.30pm, Saturday 8th March 2008 at the Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield.**

In celebration of International Womens Day and to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of women of African Origin and their role in the Abolition of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade. Continue the discussion of the previous lectures at our reception and exhibition **2-5pm, Saturday 8th March 2008**. Includes snacks and drinks afterwards (catering for vegans and vegetarians available).

For further information please contact: Enfield Caribbean Association (ECA) Centre 14, 1st Floor, 14 Centre Way, Claverings Industrial Estate, Montagu Road, London N9 0AH. Tel No.020 8351 1328. Email: eca@ukonline.co.uk

Anne Frank (+ you) Free Exhibition at Southgate College

Enfield Council presents this powerful touring exhibition from the Anne Frank Trust, using modern multimedia presentations to tell the tragic story of Anne Frank and the horrors of Nazi-occupied Europe.

Over 60 years after her death, the 13 year old who kept a diary whilst hiding with her family from the Nazis, is still remembered.

“What’s the point of war? Why, oh why can’t people live together PEACEFULLY? Why all this destruction?

Oh why are people SO CRAZY? “ (Anne Frank, 3 May 1944)

You will learn all about Anne Frank’s story and that of her family. The exhibition shows the history of the holocaust and more recent genocides as well as contemporary issues including racism

in football, bullying and the plight of child soldiers.

There are five themes in the exhibition, linked to Anne’s life and writing:

Racial hatred; Conflict and peace; Inclusion and exclusion; Democracy and dictatorship; and Responsibility and indifference.

This must see free exhibition is running from **Tuesday 26th February until Saturday 15th March 2008 at Southgate College**, High Street, London, N14. The exhibition is open 10am—8pm, Monday—Thursday and 10am—3pm, Friday—Saturday. For further information call Ahter Alkaner 020 8982 5054 or email ahter@southgate.ac.uk

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Become a member of Enfield Racial Equality Council. If you support the work of EREC, then why not come on board 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 in furthering the work of EREC.

The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Enfield Racial Equality Council. EREC cannot take responsibility for information or articles submitted for inclusion in the newsletter.

We welcome your comments about this newsletter. If you would like to include information or an article in our next edition please contact us.

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