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## Diary Date

EREC  
Annual  
General  
Meeting

Thursday  
17th July  
2008

## EHRC Funding for new project

### Initial Advice, Information and Training Project

EREC has received funding from the Equality and Human Rights Commission for 2008-2009 to deliver an advice and information project. This will provide initial advice, information, referral and signposting (but not case-work support) to individuals experiencing discrimination or harassment with regard to age, disability, sexual orientation, race, religion or belief, gender and human rights.

For telephone assistance, to make an appointment or to refer individuals, please contact the Project Co-ordinator, Sophie Khan (contact details below).

The project will also work in partnership with Enfield Citizens Advice Bureau to empower and build good relations between diverse communities through training workshops for community advisors on the equalities and human rights legislation (age, disability, sexual orientation, race, religion or belief, gender and human rights). We will also co-ordinate

meetings of an 'Advisors Network' to share information and good practice.

If you would like to know more about this project, or would like to participate in the training please contact Sophie (on Thursday or Friday) on 020 8373 6275 or by email [aip@enfieldrec.org.uk](mailto:aip@enfieldrec.org.uk) / or Indrani on 020 8373 6272 and by email [admin@enfieldrec.org.uk](mailto:admin@enfieldrec.org.uk)



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## Strategic Race Forum 22/04/08

The main item on the agenda at the last Strategic Race Forum (SRF) held on Tuesday 22nd April 2008 was the 'North London Waste Plan Consultation'.

The consultant Niall Machin explained that in north London enough waste is collected, transported and managed yearly to fill the Emirates football stadium, twice over. A whole range of facilities are needed to deal with this waste, which could have both positive and negative impacts on the environment, economy and society.

Communities need to take more responsibility for the waste they produce which requires managing,

recycling and treating the waste where it is produced.

Forum members debated the plan including the following questions:

- Where should waste sites be located?
- How self-sufficient should north London be in dealing with its waste?

Niall is ensuring the views of forum members will be included in the final report. Further information about the plan and the final report (available in June 2008) can be found at [www.nlwp.net](http://www.nlwp.net)

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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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within the London Borough of Enfield*

## Strategic Race Forum 04/03/08

The March meeting was a packed programme with presentations on Poverty; Support to Community and Voluntary Sector and Fairtrade.

The meeting was well attended by forum members. The consultant Linda Small outlined the key points from the report - Poverty and Ethnicity in the UK commissioned by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. The report found higher rates of poverty for all identified minority groups than the average population. Rates were highest for Bangladeshi's, Pakistani's and Black Africans.

Linda (pictured below) also explained that over 30% of children in Enfield live in poverty and Enfield is the 30th worst authority in England and Wales for child poverty. She outlined one of the local solutions to poverty—the One Large Intervention (OLI) an innovative programme by Enfield Strategic Partnership (ESP) taking a holistic approach to combating child poverty.

This led to a lively debate by forum members on 'What defines poverty'.

The second part of the SRF meeting was presented by Judy Flight (pictured below) and forum members gave their views on Support to Community and Voluntary Sector which included the Capacity Building Fund and the Hot Desking Centre draft documents.

The meeting finished with the final presentation by Anna Loughlin on Fairtrade. She outlined the five key points towards Enfield gaining fairtrade accreditation. She also commended EREC for using fairtrade products at the meeting. Further information on fairtrade can be found at [www.fairtradelondon.org.uk](http://www.fairtradelondon.org.uk)



Action points raised by forum members are being taken forward by EREC to the relevant bodies.

SRF is running on limited resources. EREC is currently exploring other avenues of funding to sustain this project. To attend future meetings or for more information email [admin@enfieldrec.org.uk](mailto:admin@enfieldrec.org.uk) or telephone 020 8373 6272.

