



Racial Discrimination Resources

With the recent resurgence of the Black Lives Matter movement, discrimination and systemic prejudices are at the forefront of social discussion. We at S4 have tried to be as proactive and reflective as possible, reviewing our in-house **anti-racism policy**, as well as looking into how we can decolonise our workshop content.

We have covered what it means to look at **'decolonising' our educational system**, putting together information on the topic and resources to help educators.

Of course, we can't discuss decolonisation without looking directly at the issue of racism. Racism is a sensitive and complex issue no matter who you are discussing it with. It only gets more sensitive and complex when trying to navigate this issue with children.

Below we have put together a list of educational resources for teachers & parents to help stop racial abuse in the classroom, as well as help to discuss racial issues with children.

<https://www.theredcard.org/resources-and-activities>

About: Show Racism the Red Card is the UK's largest anti-racism educational charity. Founded with the help of footballer Shaka Hislop, this charity continues to use the high-profile status of football and their players to tackle racism on and off the pitch.

Content: The website includes multiple educational resources, education packs and factsheets discussing various forms of discrimination, including for use specifically by teachers and in the classroom.

Activities: There are numerous packs and educational films on various topics of race and prejudice you can use with your class. The No place for Hate pack is a good starting point, with activities exploring identity, culture in Britain, and on challenging far-right attitudes.

<https://naedjustice.org/black-lives-matter-school-resources/>

About: This website has a focus for fighting for racial, social and economic justice within the public education system. Its aims are to highlight member voices, and provide tools and resources for activism.

Content: This website does contain a lot of good resources, however its focus is on the American educational system. Some things may be still useful however, and able to be applied in a UK setting.

Activities: There are many lesson plans, and guides on having tough conversations with kids. The "Classroom Activities, Circle Scripts, and Promoting Positive School Climate" link has lesson plans on understanding prejudice for younger age groups, as well as an in depth study of BLM and racial disparity in the justice system for teenage children.

<https://yoopies.co.uk/c/press-releases/blacklivesmatter>

About: Yoopies is an online platform for home care professionals, however despite focusing on home care it still has resources that parents of children in school, and teachers, may find useful.

Content: Their Parent's Guide to Black Lives Matter is a comprehensive look at the issue that both parents and teachers will find helpful, the same for the other resources available. The guide goes through key elements of what intersectionality means, what the BLM movement is all about and how teachers and parents can discuss these complicated issues with children. It even separates it out between primary and secondary school age children, highlights important and often overlooked racial issues from apartheid, black soldiers in WW1 and WW2, and Grenfell. Overall, the guide gives a lot of support with lesson planning and ideas for decolonising your curriculum.

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/black-lives-matter-resources-for-young-people>

Content: This teaching resource on the Red Cross website gives a good overview of the most recent BLM protests; how they started, what they are about etc. Although this is aimed more towards older students, it is a helpful resource with learning objectives and a resource overview to guide students through this complicated issue.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/black-lives-matter-book-lists-ages-0-16/>

About: The National Literacy Trust work to improve the reading, writing, speaking and listening skills in the UK's poorest communities. They focus their work on families, young people and children – as low literacy is intergenerational.

Content: Provides book lists for various age groups (0 – 16+) to share black stories and promote black voices. All books featured in the list are by black authors and/or illustrators.

Activity: Starting an in school or class inclusive book club, integrating the books on this list.

<https://www.woodmansterne.lambeth.sch.uk/Black-Lives-Matter/>

About: This is a school's resource list, aimed at their primary school aged kids to help promote equality and celebrate diversity.

Content: Lessons that explore the impact of systemic racism and the changes the current BLM protest hopes to promote.

Activity: The session plan available is a good jumping off point to begin discussions of the topic with kids 11-18. Learning outcomes from the session are to be informed of the current anti-racism movement, how racism may be experienced and how to plan to learn more about these issues. This is done through a mix of discussion, reflection and listening activities performed in groups.

<https://www.standard.co.uk/lifestyle/books/books-and-resources-to-help-kids-understand-racism-a4458241.html>

Content: The Evening Standard paper has put together a book list for young children that is designed to educate about prejudice, diversity and tolerance. As well as being tools for education on the issue of racism and spreading awareness, these books also help promote black writers and illustrators.

Activity: As with previous reading list, this could again be used to start an inclusive, educational book club.



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