



Are We Getting it Right Yet? Race Equality and Exclusion from School

A Runnymede eConference: 8 & 9 February 2010

Black Caribbean pupils are still disproportionately excluded from school. To address this and other issues around race and school exclusion Runnymede is holding a free online conference on 8 & 9 February, 2010. Participants will have the opportunity to hear from a wide range of policy and research experts in the field of 'race' and education, together with practitioners, teachers, parents and pupils.

The great benefit of an e-conference is that it enables **all** of those with an interest in the issues to add their voices and opinions over the 48-hour period.

- **Diane Abbott MP** will take a critical look at approaches to curb the exclusion of Black pupils
- You will be able to listen to a recorded interview with **Richard Brown**, headteacher at a school in Hackney from which no pupils have been excluded permanently over the past two years.
- **Professor Carl Parsons** will discuss how 'zero exclusion schools' can exist
- In a live debate **Dr Tracey Reynolds** will challenge **Tony Sewell** on his view that the negative school experiences of Black boys are related to being raised by single mothers – **Tuesday, 9 February @ 2pm**
- You can contribute to a discussion thread on **academies**, looking at whether they are excluding more children than other types of school

Expert participants include:

Diane Abbott MP
Dr Tony Sewell, Generating Genius
Richard Brown, Headteacher, Hackney Free School
Dr Lorna Cork, Birmingham Local Authority
Professor David Gillborn, Institute of Education
Professor Carl Parsons, University of Greenwich
Dr Val Gillies, London South Bank University

Dan Evans, Dept. of Children Schools & Families
Dr Tracey Reynolds, London South Bank University
Saurav Sarkar, National Union of Teachers
Gerry German, Communities Empowerment Network
Professor Cecile Wright, Nottingham Trent University
Dr Nicola Rollock, Institute of Education
Professor Audrey Osler, University of Leeds

It is important for us to hear your views, so do join us for what will be a highly interactive and informative event. Log on to www.runnymedetrust.org from 1 February, 2010 to register.

For more information about the e-conference and details on how to register please contact Debbie Weekes-Bernard at debbie@runnymedetrust.org or 020 7377 9222