

Barbara Roymacauley- Biography

I was born into a multiracial family Jamaican family which has become more racially diverse in the second and third generations. Elders in my family arrived in Britain from Jamaica, at that time still a British colony post war, in the Windrush wave in 1948. I joined them in the 1950s and was able to start school in Tower Hamlets. In a eastwardly migration my family moved from the Bow, via Forest Gate and Plaistow to Manor Park where my father bought his own house and settled. It was here that my younger brother was born.

I attended school in Newham and received my Major ward to train at Leicester University as teacher. It was also In Newham that I developed my portfolio as a teacher, language specialist, in-service educator and college lecturer, and youth worker before being promoted to senior lecturer at the South Bank University in the late 1980s. During this time I produced a small number of publications based on my masters degree and post graduate qualifications. With an academic degree in Sociology and Social Policy, I have in engaged in small-scale research including, interviewing residents in the Broadwater Farm enquiry, Tottenham (1986).

I am currently semi-retired, and having left L.B. Redbridge as an advisory teacher (2005-2011), I volunteered in a charity called 'Women in Prison', North London – [2011-2014]. This proved to be placing where my education, advisory work, 'Looked After' advisor and criminal justice activities have been making a positive contribution to the processes in rehabilitating female ex-offenders. I currently work for 'Child Line as schools' service worker '-London North East.

I have been a member of other community and education groups, notably National Anti-Racist Movement in Education, Caribbean Teachers' Association, and Anti-Racist Teacher Education Network.

Within People in Harmony, PIH, I am available as a volunteer for any project relevant to my past experiences and or heritage. Currently, I am focused on member activities and support agent for local groups. Since taking this over in 2013, I have engaged with the Nottingham project, 'Mixed Foundations'. I am keen to offer any support needed to develop the campaigning and policy development of the organisation's long-term targets.