

Susann Savidge

Susann Savidge was Assistant Director of the Racial Harassment Casework Service at Somerset Racial Equality Council (SREC) for 14 years. She was then seconded to the SREC Black and Ethnic Minority (BME) Mental Health project, which became the BME Health and Well-Being Project. Susann joined Somerset Racial Equality Council in 1999 initially as a support worker for victims of racial harassment. The service developed quickly, leading to her becoming a Race Equality Officer.

At an early stage her work identified the need for greater support and understanding of the needs of Black and Ethnic minority children and their parents. This resulted in a successful bid, which led to the creation of a project for young people. She has a considerable amount of experience working on mixed race issues. A great deal of her work has been with criminal justice agencies at a key time in race equality work following the death of Stephen Lawrence and the Macpherson Report, which became The Stephen Lawrence Inquiry.

Susann developed and managed the SREC Casework service that delivered support to many victims, witnesses and families. The work affected change in the policies and procedures of many organisations. Susann also delivered race awareness training in schools, colleges, housing, criminal justice agencies and the NHS. She is very committed and passionate about race equality.

Susann has been the Chairperson of PIH for 5 years following her election to committee at the AGM in 2012.