



## Mixed Race & Education 2014

*raising levels of achievement for mixed race pupils and students*

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2014, 2:00-5:00pm

The Hall, St Margaret's House, 21 Old Ford Road, Bethnal Green E2 9PL

### Seminar Schedule

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| 2:00-2:10 | <b>Welcome Address</b><br><i>Susann Savidge, Chair</i>  |
| 2:10-2:30 | <b>Opening Speech</b><br><i>Rushanara Ali MP Bethnal and Bow</i>                                    |
| 2:30-3:00 | <b>'Mixed-race, mixed-up or marvellous?: the advantage of disadvantage'</b><br><i>Clive Webster</i> |
| 3.00-3:30 | <b>'If race doesn't exist what does being mixed race mean?'</b><br><i>Sir Keith Ajegbo</i>          |
| 3.30-3:45 | <b>Refreshments</b>   |
| 3:45-3:50 | <b>Poetry reading</b>   |
| 3:50-4.35 | <b>Consultation Panel</b><br><i>Young People, Respond Academy</i>                                   |
| 4:35-4:45 | <b>Reflection</b>   |
| 4:45-5:00 | <b>Plenary- Closing remarks</b><br><i>Susann Savidge, chair</i>                                     |
| 5:00      | <b>Seminar Ends</b>   |



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#### ***Susann Savidge***

Susann Savidge was Assistant Director of the Racial Harassment Casework Service at Somerset Racial Equality Council for many years and had been seconded to the SEC Black and Ethnic Minority (BME) Mental Health project which became the BME Health and Well-Being Team.

Susann joined Somerset Racial Equality Council in 1999 initially as a support worker for victims of racial harassment. The service developed very quickly and she became a Race Equality Officer. She developed and managed the SREC Casework service that delivered support to many victims, witnesses and families. The work affected change in policy and procedures of many organisations. Susann also delivered Race Awareness training in schools, colleges, housing and NHS. She is very committed and passionate about Race Equality and developing work to support people and believes that everyone is entitled to live free from harassment and fear.

Susann has been the chairperson of PIH for 2 years following her election to committee at the AGM 2012.

#### ***Rushanara Ali MP***

Rushanara Ali is the Labour Member of Parliament for Bethnal Green and Bow. She was elected in May 2010. In October 2013 Rushanara was appointed Shadow Minister for Education.

Prior to her election in May 2010, she was Associate Director of the Young Foundation. She previously worked at the Communities Directorate of the Home Office, leading a work programme in response to the 2001 disturbances in the North of England (2002-2005).

Rushanara has worked on human rights issues at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (2000-2001); as a Research Fellow at the Institute for Public Policy Research (1999-2002) and as Parliamentary Assistant for Oona King, former MP for Bethnal Green & Bow (1997-1999).

She has also worked as the Research Assistant to Lord Young of Dartington (author of the 1945 Labour Party manifesto), helping him to set up Futureversity (formerly known as Tower Hamlets Summer University) and Language Line, a national telephone interpreting company.

#### ***Clive Webster***

BA (Hons.) Philosophy and Psychology, PGCE, MSc. (Ed. Psych.), MBA.

Clive Webster is a former teacher, Principal Educational Psychologist and local authority Director of Children's Services. His career to date includes leading educational developments in two large County Councils (Essex and Surrey), re-design of psychology services in two London boroughs (Wandsworth and Hillingdon), and transformation of children's social care and educational outcomes across a major south coast local authority (Southampton), which he led for eight years until May this year.

## People in Harmony Annual Seminar 2014

Clive is currently Chief Executive of a multi-academy trust for 32 Catholic schools in Kent. Born in London and of mixed-race himself (Clive's father is from Guyana and his mother is from Ireland), Clive has personal experience of the consequences when education works well and when it does not, experience also mirrored in his professional career to date.

Clive maintains a strong belief in the powerful and positive results that are possible when schools work well for all children and young people regardless of ethnicity, individual difference or social background. Clive lives in Hampshire and is married with three children. He is a published poet, enjoys sport generally, all things Spanish and particularly playing squash.

### ***Sir Keith Ajegbo***

Sir Keith Ajegbo was Head of Deptford Green School for 20 years, retiring in July 2006. Deptford Green is a mixed comprehensive in North Lewisham in South East London with a multi cultural intake in a socio-economically deprived part of the borough. During his time as Head the school gained a reputation as a neighbourhood school with good academic achievement. It also gained a national reputation for its work in citizenship education. Sir Keith received the OBE for services to education in 1996 and was knighted in 2007. He had very humble beginnings, born to a Nigerian Father and a white mother. He had to face a lot of racism as his father, who had come to study law had to go back to his village, as they had financed him, and his wife couldn't join him. He was therefore raised by a single white mother with a black child, something unheard of then. That however, has not stopped him from being successful by all standards.

He led the writing of the report for the Secretary of State for Education on 'Diversity and Citizenship' launched in January 2007.

Sir Keith worked as an adviser to the government from 2006-9. He also worked for Future Leaders developing head teachers and was Chair of the Schools' Linking Network. Sir Keith is Vice Chair of the Stephen Lawrence Trust and a Governor of the Bridge Academy, Hackney. He was educated at Downing College, Cambridge gaining a 2.1 in English Literature. He is an honorary fellow of Goldsmiths University and received an honorary doctorate from University of London in 2011. He is currently studying at Birkbeck for an MA in Culture, Ethnicity and Diaspora.

### ***Students, Respond Academy***

Respond Academy started in 2007 having formed from earlier projects.

Pablo & Jc McFee 2006 devised a specialist education programme using the Arts, Music & Media that gave young people a thirst for learning and helping them to find new ways of working within the creative fields to create employment or work along side other Artists and professionals on incredible high profile or local events or projects. Jc realized that the Arts Award in 2007 was the way forward to obtain qualifications for our Community members as well as some of the most excluded challenging Students from EBD schools giving them 2 Gcse's to enable them to go towards their further education.

Respond Academy has a proven track record from 2007 that has given numerous life changing opportunities to young people in our community to learn art, dance, photography, writing lyrics, learn how to use apple iMacs inc; Numerous software for Film, Production, Vocal Booth, Sound Desk, Live instruments, Music, IT, ART mixed media, Painting or Drawing

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