



North Wales Race Equality Network

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“North Wales Race Equality Network exists to challenge racial discrimination in every form as experienced by Black and Minority Ethnic people; to promote racial harmony between individuals and communities in north Wales; and work towards equality of opportunity”



New Building, New Possibilities

North Wales Race Equality Network (NWREN) has now moved premises. This has presented the organisation with lots of new opportunities.

Joining us at Bangor Road, Penmaenmawr we are pleased to welcome Efa Ralvik from the Minority Ethnic Women's Network (MEWN) Cymru, Steve Bennett from the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE), and Maria Mesa from the Black Volunteers Support Network (BVSN).

These welcome additions to Bangor Road mean that people with issues or wanting to help have easy access to everyone in the same place.

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Plans for the future include a comprehensive resource centre (thanks to a considerable financial input from Denbighshire County Council), more new organisations to work with us and a useful meeting room for hire to local organisations.

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Editors Notes

You might find the following publications interesting:
Black to Black from 1990 Trust Publications.
02075 821990 online@www.blink.org.uk

Chinatown the Magazine.
Editor; Davidine Sim
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Corporate Membership

Already proving to be a popular aspect of NWRENs work. Six Local Authorities, a Housing Association, the Fire Service and a growing number of Corporate bodies are signing up and demonstrating their commitment to healthy and diverse communities across north Wales and within their own organisations

Corporate membership is open to organisations that have an interest in Black and Ethnic Minority issues and support NWREN's aims. We believe that NWRENs Corporate Membership Scheme can help to achieve this through the provision of information, publications and workshop opportunities.

Benefits

- Access to BME related research and hire of training materials (Resource Centre December 2004 on going)
- Information sharing of local BME activities / events / prevalent issues
- Information/Workshops on pertinent, current and long term issues faced by BME individuals and community.
- One representative from the NW equality officers network to be invited to attend NWREN board meetings
- Information passed to BME people / groups via NWREN database
- Preliminary steps towards community engagement (2005)

As an corporate member, you will enjoy access to information and advice and will get first-hand feedback on current issues, including the development of local BME issues and barriers to engagement.

Contact us

We would be pleased to receive your letters and contributions for future issues of our newsletter.

Looking Back

North Wales Race Equality Network (NWREN) is the largest Black and Minority Ethnic umbrella organisation in North Wales.

NWREN's mission is "to challenge racial discrimination in every form" and during the past twelve months, the Network has successfully risen to that challenge.

This year NWREN has provided media statements on BME issues on numerous occasions. Six BME consultations have been carried out, and training has been delivered to both voluntary and statutory sectors groups and some 85 students. Changing young peoples' perceptions is perhaps the task that will have the greatest long term impact on our mission.

In association with the Department of Social Sciences, University of Wales Bangor, NWREN has produced the (BEST) "North Wales BME Communities Research" report. This has been a major accomplishment and provides, for the first time, a definitive overview of BME issues and allied Rural Racism in North Wales.

NWREN has also produced two commissioned reports "Consultation on the Race Equality Scheme of the National Assembly for Wales 2002 – 2004" and "North Wales Criminal Justice System Consultation and Engagement with the Black and Minority Population". We have rapidly become the source of definitive information on BME issues.

You must be the change you want to see

(Gandhi)

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