

# **Annual Report 2014**

# About the IRR

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**THE INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS** (IRR) was the first educational charity on race relations to be established in the UK, in 1958. Since then, it has striven to change its focus with changing needs and pioneer new thinking to keep abreast of changes in racism itself. Today, the IRR is at the cutting edge of the research and analysis that informs the struggle for racial justice in Britain, and internationally. It seeks to reflect the experiences of those who suffer racial oppression and draws its perspectives from the most vulnerable in society.

Most of IRR's information and publishing is now electronic and

reports are in many cases available as free downloadable files from the website. But, in addition, IRR produces the international quarterly *Race & Class* also in print format, occasional pamphlets and has a back file of print materials available for use in education and training. Educational materials are downloadable from the website, and Homebeats (CD Rom) and Struggles for Black Community (DVD) are available. The IRR's library known as the Sivanandan Collection has moved to the University of Warwick; a Black History Collection of leaflets, pamphlets and journals 1950s-1980s has been retained at the IRR and can be consulted on written request. ■



**IT HAS BEEN** an odd year, in one sense opening up debates, in another closing them down – where analysts of political economy, global and local, have cited capitalism as the generator of gross economic inequality, while not always exposing how racism plays a part as ever. This year, six since the Global Economic Crisis, we have at last seen key analyses on the inevitable increasing inequalities of wealth in our and other countries – from, most importantly, Thomas Picketty (author of *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*), but then followed by writers in the UK including Danny Dorling (*Inequality and the 1%*), James Meek (*Private Island: Why Britain Now Belongs to Someone Else*), Owen Jones (*The Establishment: and how they get away with it*), and Tom Clark (*Hard Times: the divisive toll of the economic slump*), explaining the implications of rampant market forces and swamping privatisation on the fabric of society. But, with a few interventionist exceptions, these intellectual realisations have not been matched by policies to counter

economic and social rifts from mainstream parties. Inevitably the popular riposte, guided in the main by the mass media, which also now guides our politicians, has been recourse to a form of nationalism – cold comfort for the desperate oppressed and excluded, handy tool for varieties of shady racists and nostalgic nativists.

Decline in living standards, and difficulties faced by young people trying to get into employment, families into housing, children into choice schools, are blamed on foreigners and a loss of sovereignty. Little wonder then that in the May 2014 European elections, the UK Independence Party (UKIP), with its determined anti-EU and anti-immigration stance, won twenty-four of the UK's seventy-three seats in the European Parliament, and now won UK parliamentary seats in Clacton and Rochester. In fact UKIP's sudden gains, harvesting a general dissatisfaction with the mainstream political establishment, varieties of racism, and old-nationalist nostalgia, sent the two main parties

in the same vote-chasing protectionist direction – with plans to cap whatever immigration remains and devise policies such as curtailing benefits for newcomers.

Much was made in the media of the defection in Autumn 2013 of the leaders from the populist English Defence League, but the reality on the ground has not changed one iota. EDL mobilisations have continued apace as have attacks on Muslim places of worship and individuals – particularly as gruesome, often propagandist, images and stories of jihadi attacks on westerners hit the social media and the distinction between extremist politicised Islamism and Muslims became lost. But then in the past year, it has also been revealed that the legitimate protests by community campaigns and black families – against racist attack, police indifference, and state unaccountability – have been deemed dangerous and subversive. It has emerged that a whole range of groups, including those like the Stephen

Lawrence Campaign and the campaigns over custody deaths, which this Institute has supported over the years, have been under systematic police surveillance. It is an irony that some fifteen years after a public inquiry revealed that UK agencies, including the police, were indeed institutionally racist, those that oppose such racism today are being construed as dangerous and a threat to security.

The evidence shows that in these times globalisation widens and deepens inequality, while threatening to wipe away national bearings. Just so, this last year has seen remarkable progressive people's resistance events, in Latin America, for example, and in continuing 'Occupy' demonstrations globally, still building perhaps to the dimensions of a movement. And in the UK, it is yet to be seen whether the momentum generated by the September 2014 Scottish referendum over devolution, will act as a spur to radical and democratic change speaking to localised concerns – throughout the land. Increasingly the struggle against

racism will be entwined with those for democratic rights and against social and economic inequality.

We were sorry over the course of the last year to lose the services of two long-term Council Members – Fizza Qureshi and Paul Grant – and thank them for the support over a number of years. We were pleased to welcome Dr Eddie Bruce-Jones on to the Council in July 2014. ■

**COLIN PRESCOD**

# Director's report



**WHEN, IN MAY,** researchers for the British Social Attitudes survey revealed that there was more self-reported racial prejudice in the UK than there had been a decade ago, both Chair Colin Prescod and I warned on TV and radio that the gradual positive evolution in British attitudes to 'race', experienced post-Macpherson, was grinding to a halt. That the old racist cultural norms were reasserting themselves was made clear in two other developments: the electoral advance of UKIP and the coalition government's neglect of its positive duty to maintain good race relations, as shown most clearly in its indifference towards the needs of Muslim parents and students in Birmingham during the 'Operation Trojan Horse' affair.

It is this corrosive context that has fired-up IRR staff this year to complete two long-term domestic research projects – on Black deaths in custody and race-related deaths in the UK since the Macpherson inquiry. These project reports expose and explore

the impact of institutional racism – so harmful to its victims but so hidden, overlooked or ignored by wider society. Institutional violence and institutional racism are taken up in the forthcoming special issue of *Race & Class on Crime and Punishment*, most notably in criminologist Patrick Williams' searing account of how the 'gang' label legitimises the over-policing of Black communities while obscuring the more acute, socio-economic problems endured within Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities. Meanwhile, our European Research Programme has intervened strategically to expose the dynamic between over-policing of BME communities and the under-policing of the violent activities of the far Right. Mindful of the danger to democracy when racist ideas or fascist sympathisers penetrate the police, military and security services (as Golden Dawn has done in Greece), the IRR, with colleagues in The Monitoring Group, the Committee for the Administration of Justice in Belfast and NSU-watch in Germany, are pressing



*IRR supporters Val Allport (left) and Buzz Johnson (right)  
Pic: Samuel Mcletchie/Black Stock Photos*

for a new EU directive to ensure human rights compliance in covert policing.

To carry out all of this work, to relay trends and developments in the UK and across Europe, the IRR needs an effective information portal. After thirteen years of delivering *IRR News*, we carried out a major internal review of the service's content, delivery and design. We hope that the revamped fortnightly service will prove popular with users, now estimated at around 20,000.

Although we are by no means complacent, it is good to be able to report that there has been a slight improvement in core funding in support of the IRR's domestic programme. And for the second year running, the ERP has been fully-funded. This has allowed us to take on a new full-time member of staff, Reem Abu-Hayyeh, fluent in French and Arabic, as PA to the Director and part-time assistant on the ERP. She has proved an invaluable addition to a great and hard-working team.

And the team would be nothing without its back-up from over twenty volunteers who give up their time and expertise across all of IRR projects. IRR's strength comes from its wide range of supporters, contributors, members, subscribers. And this year we were extremely sad to have lost two of our most dedicated ones – Buzz Johnson, community publisher and chronicler of black history, and Valerie Allport, a stalwart supporter and volunteer at IRR since the 1960s. ■

**LIZ FEKETE**



# European Research Programme

*The trip to London was a great inspiration. We arrived back ... full of ideas that we need to share within our network. Thank you so much for the whole organisation and the doors you opened*

*I am writing to you to thank you for your support regarding my master's thesis about Islam in the media. You played a crucial role in strengthening my self-belief and motivation*



**OVER THE PAST** year, the ERP has made a number of strategic interventions, attempting to influence thinking on some of the most critical racial justice issues.

Our data on migration-related deaths in Europe suggests that over the last three years at least 135 people have died inside Europe's reception and detention centres, or in circumstances of exclusion directly related to Europe's security-driven asylum and migration policies. But collecting data on deaths is one thing, getting states to act when their policies create harm is quite another. To challenge the lack of humanity at the heart of EU policy, the ERP launched a series of essays on IRR News on 'Taking A Stand for Human Dignity', with contributions from leading refugee and state crime experts from around the world. The essay, 'The globalisation of indifference', echoing the call for human solidarity by Pope Francis in his Lampedusa sermon was commissioned by the popular Swedish feminist magazine BANG and subsequently published on IRR News. Our

call for artists to make visible the refugee plight and challenge the collective state of non-listening inspired two Swedish artists to create an animation based on the text, which, in turn, acted as a trailer for an extremely successful public meeting on 21 September at the Museum of Modern Art in Malmö, with Liz Fekete invited to give the keynote speech on art as a vehicle for social change.

The erosion of civil liberties (a by-product of anti-terrorist laws across Europe) is having a serious impact on the anti-racist movement. Policy-makers in EU counter-extremism programmes are increasingly viewing activists in anti-racist and anti-fascist movements as caught in a downward spiral of 'cumulative extremism'. Clear, critical thinking was needed to challenge such simplistic and potentially criminalising frameworks. Our first intervention took the form of the polemical essay 'Anti-extremism or anti-fascism'; the second, the production of a country-based briefing paper, 'Sweden's counter-extremism model and the stigmatising

*Thank you for reminding us that art can make a difference and for challenging the devastating globalized indifference with your sharp words and warm voice.*

of anti-racism,' which was published in conjunction with the Swedish anti-racist magazine MANA, two weeks prior to the Swedish general election in September 2014. As the PREVENT strand of the EU's counter terrorism strategy recommends that all EU countries provide de-radicalisation or Exit programmes for left, right and Islamist extremists, ERP

also carried out an evaluation of Exit programmes (for far-right extremists) consulting with anti-racist foundations in Germany, Sweden and Norway, and releasing its findings, again in the Autumn, in the form of the briefing paper 'Exit from White Supremacism: the accountability gap within Europe's de-radicalisation programmes'.

Europe's police and security services, we found, had played a hidden role in Exit programmes. Covert policing has been the third central concern of the ERP over the last year. In the UK, we witness the deep harm caused to those bereaved families, like the Lawrences and the Reels who, after decades of struggle against institutionalised racism in the police, have come to learn that they were spied upon, their campaigns infiltrated. In Germany and Northern Ireland, many families recount similar stories of being let down by the security services, who ran informers within fascist and loyalist scenes, yet failed to pass on intelligence which should have saved lives. The ERP is working with the lawyers for the victims of the National Socialist Underground (NSU) in Germany and the Committee for the Administration of Justice in Belfast, to ensure human rights compliance within covert policing. In December 2013, Liz Fekete travelled to Munich to observe the trial of the sole surviving member and associates of the NSU terrorist cell (which killed ten people, mostly of



*Swedish animation based on the text of 'The globalisation of indifference'*



Turkish origin, between 2000 and 2010), and in March 2014 we organised a five-day programme of meetings for lawyers and campaigners supporting the victims of the NSU who came to London on a fact-finding mission. We now act as the unofficial London support-desk of NSU-watch, helping lawyers and campaigners strengthen their interventions against the racism inherent in covert policing (in this case the paid informer scheme for neo-Nazis). This has also led us to assist the lawyers and mother of Jeremiah Duggan, a London-born Jewish student who was found dead on a dual carriageway in Wiesbaden, Germany in March 2003 after finding himself at a far-right gathering. The extraordinarily obstructive attitude of the Wiesbaden authorities to an effective investigation into the death, and evidence suggesting foul play, prompted the British High Court in 2010 to order a new inquest, scheduled for early 2015. We have sent a written briefing to the Coroner outlining the similarities between the Duggan case and the NSU cases.

None of the research and advocacy work mentioned in this brief synopsis of the ERP's achievements this year would have been possible had it not been for the outstanding support of volunteers, who research case studies and provide much needed translation and language support. We would particularly like to thank Lotta Holmberg for her brilliant contributions this year. ■

*Thank you so much for Race & Class, it manages to sustain the content that is so much valued and needed ...thank you and your team for your continuing achievement*



 **SAGE**

**FORTY YEARS AGO** when we reoriented the IRR's quarterly journal and renamed it *Race & Class*, no one would have foretold it would still be going – and going so strong in 2014. There are a number of reasons. On a practical level we are deeply indebted to our publisher Sage (as from 2000) for taking the journal into the digital age – ensuring it reaches not only the lead educational institutions in the US, Canada, Australia but also, under special arrangements, those countries less able to pay. (Forty years back we were indebted for distribution and marketing to a working committee member taking copies to London radical bookshops in the back of his car!) We have also been able, in part because of the longevity of staff and editorial working committee input, to keep to the intellectual principles we first established for the journal – which still appeal to scholars and activists trying to effect change in their societies and institutions. These were reiterated and honed by founding editor, Sivanandan in a penetrating

interview 'On "lived theory"' with working committee member Avery Gordon (Vol. 55, no. 4). We also benefit from having a base not just in the UK but also in the US through an active team there and more recently benefit from the connections and contacts that Liz Fekete has built up over the years in mainland Europe.

During the year under review, the journal has prepared two special issues. In October 2014 (Vol. 56, no. 2) we published, under the guest editorship of Shubh Mathur, 'Memory and hope: new perspectives on the Kashmir conflict' with contributions from seven Kashmiri scholars on historical missed opportunities and possible ways forward for the region. The following issue (Vol. 56, no. 3) examines a variety of aspects of 'Crime and Punishment' from the imposition of the death penalty on Nigerian protestor Ken Saro-Wiwa, twenty-five years ago (written by Victoria Brittain), to the imposition of the 'race-gang nexus' on Manchester's young black men today (written by



*Joint editors of Race & Class –  
Jenny Bourne (left) and Hazel Waters*



Patrick Williams). Three articles by Eddie Bruce-Jones, Harmit Athwal and Ryan Erfani-Ghattani cover aspects of black deaths in custody and institutional responses.

Two other themes were in evidence in our coverage over the year in the two general issues, the first being fascism and extremism. In April 2014 (Vol. 55, no. 4) Sindre Bangstad unpicked the freedom of expression debate in Norway, Liz Fekete examined the way that anti-fascism was being equated by the state with other dangerous extremisms, Jelena Dzombic wrote on rightwing extremism in Serbia. In July (Vol. 56, no. 1) Reem Abu Hayyeh et al. examined Swiss nativism, and in January 2015 (Vol. 56, no. 3) Liz Fekete exposed the dangers of Exit programmes for erstwhile white supremacists. The second theme was the Israel/Palestine conflict with contributions in April (Vol. 55, no. 4) by Bill Rolston on 'The murals of Gaza' and Sean McMahon on the BDS campaign, and later two reviews of key books by Nancy Murray and Elaine Hagopian.

The full contents of *Race & Class* can be accessed at <http://rac.sagepub.com/>.

One of the key developments in the year has been consolidating *Race & Class* Radio. Organised on our behalf by Avery Gordon and produced by her and *Race & Class* stalwart Elizabeth Robinson for their No Alibis Programme on public affairs radio at Santa Barbara, California (KCSB 91.9FM), a webcast of discussions with key *Race & Class* authors is now available on a quarterly basis to download from our site. In November 2013 Phil Scraton discussed the struggle of the Hillsborough families for truth, in February 2014 Chris Searle spoke about black poet Peter Blackman, in July Bill Rolston discussed the murals of Gaza, and Sabrina Alimahomed her piece on Homeland Security. In September 2014 Harmit Athwal and Jon Burnett discussed racial violence deaths and institutional responses in the UK, and Adrian Cruz, the story of farm workers' struggles in the US. We are extremely grateful to Elizabeth and Avery for enabling this extension of the work and impact of the journal. ■

‘Thank you for this piece.  
Sound argument supported by  
thorough research

‘Very inspiring newsletter

**THE NEWS SERVICE** of IRR, now in its thirteenth year, has gone through something of a chequered history. When it was inaugurated in 2001 it was fully funded – to cover two posts and allied expenditure for infrastructure, development and training. It gradually built up, by virtue of its unique coverage of matters relating to race and refugee issues, a subscriber list – which now tops 8,000. And its output is circulated by a whole range of other networks to their online contacts, reaching an estimated 20,000 people or institutions. The problem we have recently faced is that of funding the service. This has become ever more dire as austerity measures begin to bite, funders (understandably) want to support frontline services, and the political context has changed. We are able to report, however that in the year April 2014-March 2015 we have secured a grant from the Network for Social Change for *IRR News* and that other non-restricted fund income is helping to subsidise this essential work of IRR.

*IRR News* is not an adjunct to IRR’s work but part of its core structure, acting – beyond its remit as a pure news source – as a conduit for the IRR’s research and publishing, featuring details of the latest *Race & Class* and *Race & Class Radio* show and, increasingly, key innovative reports and research on Europe.

Over the course of the last year, we have been rethinking the purpose and form of *IRR News* so as to maximise its primary roles of providing the news not available elsewhere and giving its readers new perspectives with which to interpret quickly moving events and trends. To concentrate on these and provide an improved in-depth analysis we have taken the decision to reduce the service to a two-weekly bulletin and, instead of sending multiple links to external linked stories, we will condense key happenings into an easy-to-read calendar. In addition, the service will make a point of searching out new initiatives being undertaken to combat racism and successes that campaigns

can claim. (We do not want the service to read as a litany of victimisation and hopeless disaster.) Over the coming year we hope to find out how our subscribers feel about the revamped service.

The News Service is run by IRR staff, but exists because of the much wider input of its volunteer base and also outside contributors. We are indebted this year to our excellent volunteers (names on p24) who have helped not just on the production of the news output but also on the research to inform our allied research into racial violence and deaths in custody (see below). We trust that their time at IRR acquiring and honing research and writing skills and being part of our discussion and debates equips them for finding permanent work in the field. We thank our regular outside contributors including John Grayson, Aisha Maniar, Nicky Road, Gerard Stewart, Graham Murray and Chris Searle for their input over 2013/14.

Our foremost contributor has been Frances Webber who has provided

*Your article reveals as much about unpleasant truths of modern day journalism as it does the calibre of institutions and the people in power.*

consistent coverage and analysis of human rights and asylum developments over the year. One particular article, [‘The Fading Red Line: Barnardo’s Role in the Detention and Removal of Children’](#), has been read over 30,000 times, was reproduced by Open Democracy and referenced in [government notes](#) on ‘Ending child immigration detention’. Other articles by Frances have looked at the erosion of the rule of law, the implications of the Babar Ahmad and Talha Ahsan extraditions, the penalising of refugees with false documents and the difficulties of the poor in obtaining visas.

Additional key themes covered during the year included the supposed Trojan Horse Conspiracy in Birmingham schools (from Robin Richardson), explaining the UKIP surge (from John Grayson) the campaign against police spying on black family justice groups (from Suresh Grover), the role of the media in demonisation (from Ryan Erfani-Ghattani), the dismantling of anti-racist ideas by the Right (from Jon Burnett).

As part of the IRR’s ongoing work on deaths in custody we have published a number of articles (from Harmit Athwal) highlighting deaths and the campaigns around them. One piece, an in-depth look at the inquest into the death of Mark Duggan by Betsy Barkas [‘Framing the death of Mark Duggan’](#), was particularly commended. Ken Fero, the de facto filmmaker of family struggles for justice also wrote on his filmmaking in [‘Liberating media’](#), and Dr Eddie Bruce-Jones of Birbeck Law School who examines and campaigns on deaths in custody in Germany wrote [‘The](#)

[production of an attacker: Emrah Kara and the shooting of the mentally ill’](#).

This year we have particularly tried to connect issues across Europe and especially to point out parallels and warn of developments that might be imported into the UK (for example the experience of NSU-watch in Germany, the problems of Exit strategies for white supremacists in Scandinavia and nativist policies in Switzerland). In addition to this pan-European cross-fertilisation, Liz Fekete used IRR News to launch [‘Taking a stand for human dignity’](#) initiated by the IRR’s European Programme which, working with Border Crossing Observatory (Monash University, Melbourne) and with the International State Crime Initiative (at Kings College, London) brought new insights and an international perspective to bear on the Global North’s callous mistreatment of asylum seekers and refugees. We hope to be able to continue this use of the News Service to help develop networks of peoples and ideas across issues of mutual concern. ■



*Frances Webber’s article on Barnardos has had over 30,000 website hits*





*The grandmother of Jason McPherson who died in police custody.  
Pic: from the film 'Po Po' by Ken Fero /Migrant Media*

**DURING THIS YEAR**, the IRR has been able to finalise reports for two long-term research projects at IRR – into race-related deaths and deaths in custody. In January 2014, we published *Investigated or ignored? An analysis of race-related deaths since the Macpherson report*, which analysed ninety-seven deaths that have taken place since 1999, the year the Macpherson Report was published on the racist murder of Stephen Lawrence. The Macpherson Report led to changes in the criminal justice system, yet, as *Investigated or ignored* shows, in the years since, there have been examples of the police failing to acknowledge persistent racist harassment until it culminated in a killing; the criminal justice system still fails to recognise racist motivation in an attack, in some cases actively downplaying it. Families continue to have to campaign against the criminal justice system in order to try and procure justice from it.

*Investigated or ignored* marks a continuation of the coordinated

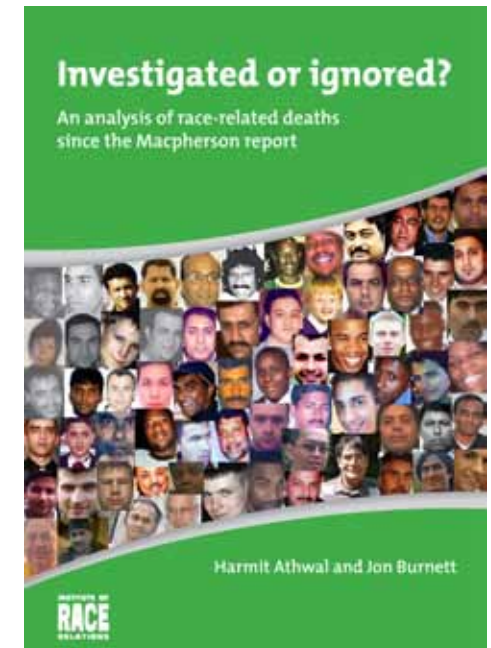
research that the IRR has been carrying out over the last three years on racial violence, using a unique and multifaceted database of racist attacks. It is because of this research that we are in a position both to flag up new patterns (on *IRR News*) and also to respond in the mainstream media about racist attacks in the UK, 'trends' in racial violence and the manner in which this is responded to. This year, this work has informed an editorial in the *Observer*, has been featured in the *Independent* and the *Huffington Post*, and we have provided articles for other publishing outlets such as *Open Democracy* and the *Socialist Lawyer*. Our work on racial violence has been used or reproduced by various organisations, including the Network for Police Monitoring (NETPOL), Islamophobia Watch, the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies and Show Racism the Red Card. We have also carried out several BBC radio interviews and briefed journalists and artists. (Unfortunately funding for this research ran out in December 2013 but we are trying to continue the work.

Throughout the year, work (led by Harmit Athwal but with input from three volunteers, other staff and Council members) has been ongoing on the forthcoming report *Dying for Justice*, an updated version of the IRR's 1991 booklet *Deadly silence: black deaths in custody*. *Dying for Justice* analyses over 500 suspicious, non-natural deaths of those from BME communities in the UK's penal system between 1991 and 2014. Investigating deaths in prisons, deaths as a result of or following police contact and deaths in the immigration detention estate, it is the most comprehensive work of its kind in the UK. Like with *Investigated or ignored*, it draws on the IRR's internal monitoring and collation of information on and about fatalities. In doing so, it also shows the impact of the tireless campaigning of bereaved families and argues that where any changes have been made in relation to deaths in custody, these are largely a result of these families' demands and persistence.

A propos the IRR's UK-related research, staff members have spoken at a

number of community venues and also at Liverpool, Leeds, Oxford, Birkbeck, SOAS, King's College and other London universities. In addition, Frances Webber has spoken across the UK on asylum and immigration policies, anti-terrorism policies and state violence, including at Middlesex, Newcastle, Oxford and London. The IRR's Black History Collection and access to rare photographic and film materials has also played a distinct role this year in IRR's UK-related work. In addition to organising with the British Film Institute, an event, the IRR has also been pleased to help a number of post-graduates with key historical theses on aspects of British history.

IRR's educational support work has, as ever, extended well beyond academia. We have worked closely with and provided factual ammunition to a number of community-based groups including StopWatch (campaigning on stop and search), JENGbA (campaigning against the Joint Enterprise doctrine), United Families and Friends (campaigning on deaths in



custody), Stop G4S and Corporate Watch (campaigning against privatisation), NETPOL (monitoring policing), Justice for Habib 'Paps' Ullah (a death in custody campaign) and SYMAAG (campaigning in south Yorkshire around asylum and migration). ■

## Diary of events, meeting and seminars at which IRR staff and Council members have made contributions

### 2013

#### 3 October

Greg Philo and Frances Webber in conversation on 'Bad News for Refugees' at the IRR

#### 8-9 October

Keynote address at Anti-Racist Center seminar on right-wing extremism, Oslo

#### 17 October

Launch of Peter Blackman poetry, 'Footprints' with Chris Searle and Colin Prescod, at the IRR

#### 28 October

Talk on issues for refugee women, Senate London University Refugee Law Initiative

Co-organiser of parliamentary meeting on Roma in the Czech Republic, London

#### 30 October

Panel speaker on 'Transformative research in the world of work', University of Liverpool 'masterclass'

#### 6 November

Talk on the asylum system for Manuel Bravo centre, Leeds

#### 10 November

Panel on A. Sivanandan and the work of the IRR at *Historical Materialism* conference, London

#### 14 November

Participant at conference on the deprivation of citizenship, Middlesex University

Workshop on employer sanctions, London Metropolitan University

#### 27 November

IRR organised meeting 'Hillsborough:

resisting injustice, recovering truth', with Phil Scraton et al., London School of Economics

#### 28 November

Speaker at Redbridge Equalities meeting

#### 2 December 2013

Speaker at Migreurop 'Atlas of Migration' book launch, London

#### 8 December

Presentation of paper at working group meeting of NSU-watch, Munich

#### 9 December

Speaker at NSU-watch public meeting in Munich

#### 12 December

Speaker at event on the extradition of Talha Ahsan, London

## 2014

### 28 January

Attendee at Corporate Watch Advisory Group meeting, London

### 5 February

Participant at seminar on impact of austerity on refugee families, University of East London

### 8 February

Attendee at Stop G4S Convergence in Sheffield

### 13 February

Attendees at press night performance of *Glasgow Girls*

### 17 February

Guest lecturer on the Roma at Spring Symposium on Human Rights in Europe and North America, Rapoport Centre for Human Rights and Justice at the University of Texas at Austin

### 18 February

Speaker at 'Politicians, racism and the media', meeting organised by the South

Yorkshire Migration and Asylum Action Group, Sheffield

### 20 February

Attendees at the premiere at the BFI of *Common* (a film by scriptwriter Jimmy McGovern on joint enterprise doctrine)

### 23 February

Attendee at the Justice for Nicky Jacobs Campaign launch in Tottenham

### 27 February

Attendee at Campaign Opposing Police Surveillance (COPS) public meeting *London*

### 28 February

Lecturer at School of Law, King's College London on European asylum policies and state crime

### 3 March

Attendee at 'Becoming the "other": Challenging the race and gang nexus', meeting organised by the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies, London



*Liz Fekete speaking on Roma rights in Europe at the University of Texas*

### 5 March

Panel speaker at a 'Freedom of Information Masterclass' at the University of Liverpool

### 10 March

Attendee at parliamentary meeting on 'The crisis in Ukraine', House of Commons, London

### 11 March

Attendee at launch of Jawaab report on grassroots British-Pakistani youth perspectives at St Ethelburga's church, Bishopsgate



*Race & Class Radio presenters Elizabeth Robinson and Avery Gordon in the KCSB studio. Pic: Christopher J. Newfield*

## 12 March

Talk on migrants and asylum at SOAS, London

Talk on borders and justice at University of Westminster

## 13 March

Panel speaker on counter-extremism policies at book launch, King's College, London.

## 13 March

Panel speakers at Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers meeting 'How does the political and media demonisation of migrants affect the rule of law?', London

## 14 March

Lecturer at School of Law, King's College, London on covert policing and the far Right.

## 21-24 March

Convenor of fact-finding mission to London of lawyers and campaigners supporting the families of the victims of the National Socialist Underground.

## 22 March

UN International Day for the Elimination of Racism and Discrimination, Trafalgar Square London

## 24 March

Participant at seminar on 'punishment, citizenship and identity' at COMPAS, Oxford

## 26 March

Panel speaker at the University of East London Centre for Migration, Refugees and Belonging seminar on racism and state violence

## 7 April

Attendee at meeting on Roma nation day, organised by Europe Roma International, London

## 8 April

Attendee at launch of Patrin Gypsy Heritage Project, meeting organised by the Monitoring Group and the Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group, House of Commons, London

## 25 April

Panel speaker at International Federation of Journalists conference on hate speech, Brussels.

## 1 May

Attendee at Hindutva meeting on the rise of Hindu fascism in India, organised by the Monitoring Group, House of Commons, London



**9 May**

Attendee at Institute for Strategic Dialogue exit programme meeting, London

**12 May**

Attendee at 'A discussion with Ed West, David Goodhart and Sunder Katwala', organised by Quilliam, London

Attendee at briefing on the proposed new press regulator, organised by Hacked Off, Summit House, London

Attendee at discussion on the crisis in Ukraine, the Guardian, London

**14 May**

Attendee at public debate organised by the Traveller Movement on Gypsies, Roma and Travellers and the media, Portcullis House, London

**16 May**

Speaker at 'How violent is Britain', conference by University of Liverpool and the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies, Liverpool

**19 May**

Presenter at Open Society Initiative 'At Home in Europe' Board Meeting, London.

**6 June**

Presenter of seminar on seeking accountability for border-related deaths, Geography Department, King's College, London.

**19 June**

Panel speaker at 'Law on Trial', Birkbeck University

**30 June**

Attendee at 'Assembly for Democracy' meeting, London

**1 July**

Participant at Seminar on Covert Policing and Ensuring Accountability, University of Ulster, Belfast.

**1 July**

Attendee at the Medical Justice annual general meeting

**2 July**

Attendee at Baftas screening of 'Common', by Jimmy McGovern, London

**3 July**

Attendee at 'Hate crime and austerity' seminar, organised by the TUC, London

**8 July**

Attendee at meeting organised by Diane Abbott MP, 'The Fire Next Time: Immigrant Rights and Deaths in Custody'

**9 July**

Attendee at a CPS meeting on deaths in custody

**12 July**

Panel speakers at 'Liberating Media' event at the British Film Institute, London

**18 July**

Attendee at premiere of *Young Rebels*, a film about the Southall Youth Movement



Panel discussion at the premiere of 'Burn', a film on deaths in custody. Pic: Kenny Tran/Migrant Media

## **31 July**

Attendee at 'Assembly for Democracy' meeting, London

## **9 August**

Speaker at book launch of *Carnival: A Photographic and Testimonial History of the Notting Hill Carnival*

## **12 August**

Attendee at press conference on the decision not to prosecute police officers involved in the death of Habib 'Paps' Ullah

## **13 August**

Attendee at Brent anti-racism campaign

meeting on immigration raids, London

## **18 August**

Attendee at premiere of *Burn*, a film on deaths in custody, at the British Film Institute, London

## **6 September**

Panel speaker at the Right to Remain conference, London

## **5-6 September**

Attendee at 'From the labour movement to the far Right' conference, Glasgow University

## **10 September**

Attendee at Bedford Row Chambers Symposium on Gang Crime, London

## **11 September**

Attendee at Show Racism the Red Card showcase event, London

## **21 September**

Presenter at workshop on art as a force for changing the world, The Museum of Modern Art, Malmö

## **25 – 26 September**

Keynote speaker and attendant at 'The "Exotic" Body in 19th-century British Drama' conference, University of Oxford



*Liz Fekete speaking at the International Federation of Journalists conference*

**1 October**

Attendee at *Albion*, a play on the far Right, Bush Theatre, London

**2 October**

Attendee at the launch of *Who killed Blair Peach*, London

**4 October**

Workshop on asylum and detention at Beyond Borders, Newcastle

**12 October**

Attendee at London Campaign Against Police Violence first annual conference

**20 October**

Speaker at Q&A with Ken Fero and Stephanie Lightfoot-Bennett following a showing of *Burn* at King's College London

**27 October**

Lecture on race and the law at Canterbury Christchurch University

## Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2014

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds 2014 (£)	Total Funds 2013 (£)
<b>Incoming resources</b>				
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Voluntary income	23,152	68,748	91,900	111,629
Activities for generating funds	97,638	-	97,638	92,173
Investment income	97	-	97	131
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>120,887</b>	<b>68,748</b>	<b>189,635</b>	<b>203,933</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>				
Charitable activities	57,402	136,983	194,385	201,159
Governance costs	1,580	-	1,580	1,500
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>58,982</b>	<b>136,983</b>	<b>195,965</b>	<b>202,659</b>
<b>Transfers</b>				
Net expenditure/income before transfers	61,905	(68,235)	(6,330)	1,274
Gross transfers between funds	(64,658)	64,658	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(2,753)</b>	<b>(3,577)</b>	<b>(6,330)</b>	<b>1,274</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	112,793	139,093	251,886	250,613
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>110,040</b>	<b>135,516</b>	<b>245,556</b>	<b>251,887</b>

## Balance sheet as at 31 March 2014

	2014 (£)	2013 (£)
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	135,364	137,413
<b>Current assets</b>		
Stocks and work in progress	1,200	1,500
Debtors	73,837	67,490
Cash at bank and in hand	38,445	52,879
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>113,482</b>	<b>121,869</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(3,290)	(7,395)
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>110,192</b>	<b>114,474</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>245,556</b>	<b>251,887</b>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>		
Restricted funds in surplus	135,516	139,093
Unrestricted income funds:	110,040	112,794
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<b>245,556</b>	<b>251,887</b>

The purpose of these pages is to provide a summary of the charity's income, expenditure and year end position. This summary is derived from the full annual accounts, and is not a full representation. This report may not be sufficient to give a full understanding of the charity's finances. A full copy of the annual accounts and auditor's report can be obtained from the charity's offices. The statutory accounts have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.





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