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About IRR

THE INSTITUTE OF Race Relations (IRR) was the first educational charity of race relations to be established in the UK, in 1958. Since then, it has striven to change its focus in response to 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) *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.

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Chair's comment



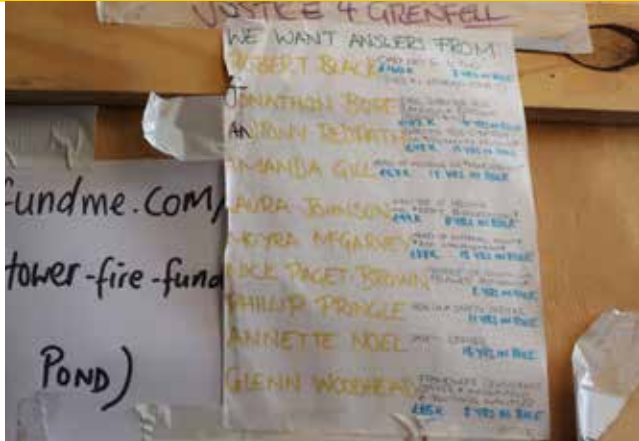
TIME WAS WHEN justice campaigners would be encouraged if the state convened a Royal Commission or a Public Inquiry to address demands, or to investigate issues brought to its attention – Scarman’s 1981 look at and report on the causes of the Brixton ‘riots’ – notwithstanding its ‘bad apple’ analogy. There have even been instances where reports from such processes might endorse quite radical critiques of the status quo. I am thinking here of, for example, the ‘watershed’ 1999 Macpherson inquiry into police handling of the murder of Stephen Lawrence – which acknowledged and defined institutional racism as being at the core of discriminatory practices in policing, endorsing radical critiques of the status quo. Not so any more. This last year’s Hillsborough ‘result’ most clearly marked this loss of innocence. No longer can justice campaigners simply assume that the state will be impartial – the state’s agents are now suspect; the state’s jurisdiction likely to be flawed. And all of this is even more disheartening when elected representatives of the people, which include MPs, forget what is minuted in Hansard.

September 2017 saw the publication of the latest state commissioned review of the over-representation of British ‘Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic’ (BAME) people in the Criminal Justice System – popularly referred to as

the Lammy Review. The Review was chaired by British black MP David Lammy. I cite IRR Director Liz Fekete’s exemplary critique, ‘Without racial justice, can there be trust?’ (See www.irr.org.uk/news/without-racial-justice-can-there-be-trust/) in which his Review is sternly chided for, in effect, highlighting a continuing experience, but missing the meaning, and ducking the issue. The facts and figures amassed in the Review mirror a truth, but the analysis is disappointingly and surprisingly wanting. BAME men and women make up 25 per cent of all prisoners; and over 40 per cent of all the young people in custody are from a BAME background. Practices and decisions of the Crown Prosecution Service, the courts system, prisons, young offender institution, the Probation Board, the Probation Service and youth offending teams, together contribute to these disproportionate numbers. And Lammy’s commissioners were tasked with coming up with recommendations to reduce the proportion of BAME offenders within the Criminal Justice System. The final Review came up with thirty-five recommendations – apparently based around the notion that the numbers result from individual prejudice or bias (unconscious, unintended, implicit). No mention of institutional racism.

The Lammy Review, for all its lapses in analysis, was but one reiteration of the evidence of lasting and long-standing race/class contradictions in Britain. But there

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was another event which may yet turn out to have delivered the greatest seismic shock and shake up of 2017 – the huge, horrific and devastating Grenfell residential tower fire of June 13-15, in North Kensington, London. (See www.irr.org.uk/news/fighting-fire/) The numbers killed (eighty or more), displaced and existentially disturbed (hundreds, maybe thousands) are still being tallied. At fault and under fire – ‘free market’ regeneration and gentrification, government policy in regard to social housing, national state legislation in regard to health and safety regulations, local state contracted management of its housing stock. Exposed – embedded injustices of an uncaring state, national and local. Under the microscope – disasters in waiting, up and down the country, where social housing practices similar to those which had operated at Grenfell have been identified, affecting tens and tens of other residential tower blocks in the land.

In her commentary on the Lammy Review, to which I’ve already referred, IRR Director Liz Fekete generously suggests that the restrictive terms of reference given by the government, the stuff in the small print metaphorically speaking – to investigate the ‘treatment of, and outcomes for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic individuals’ – would have diverted people from looking at the processes that give rise to the scandalous

statistics turned up by Lammy’s commissioners. Just so, the restrictive terms of reference issued for and by the judge placed in charge of the Public Inquiry into the Grenfell fire disaster made it immediately clear that the ‘justice for Grenfell’, which the North Kensington community campaign is calling for, is not going to be addressed in any full sense. Investigations of systemic non-accountability and institutional injustice are not mentioned in the small print of the terms of reference.

It turns out then that the state is really a site of struggle. In theory it is there to serve all the people. In practice the people themselves have to make every effort to ensure that it serves them well. 2017 has demonstrated that the marginalised and otherwise discriminated against have to insistently hold their public servants to account if they are to hope to have justice. In times like these, it would appear that the responsibility for asserting proper terms of reference in examining injustice falls back on the people.

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Director's report



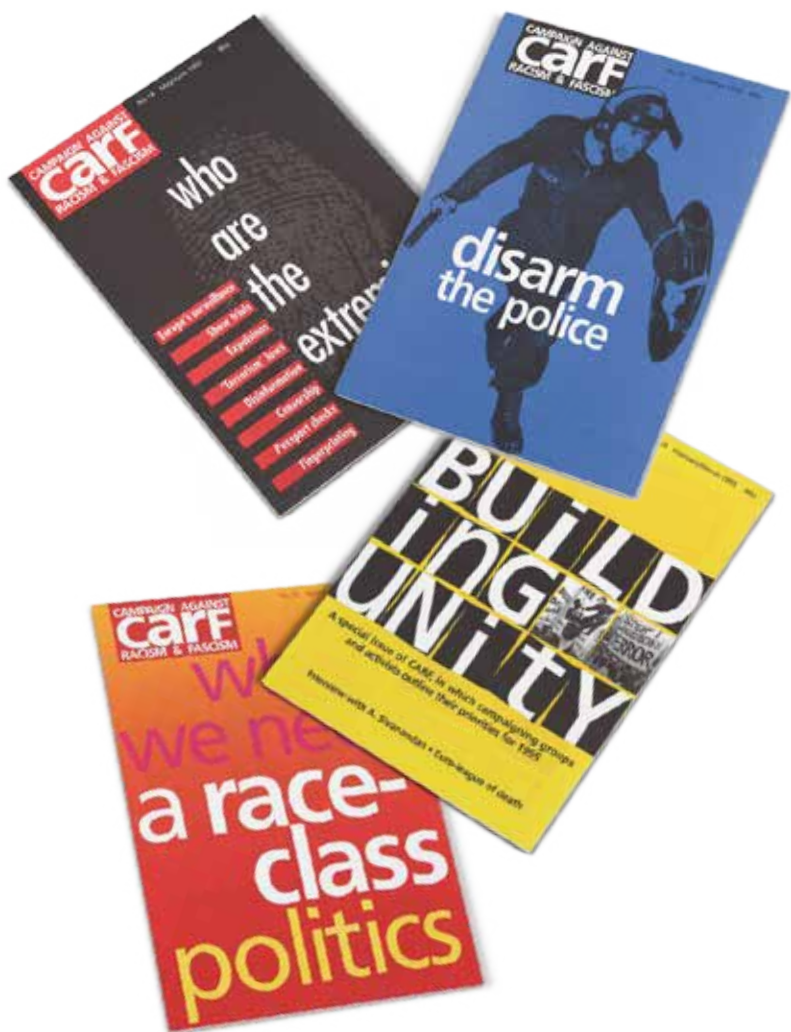
Pic: Cinzia D'Ambrosi

IT'S HARD TO remember a time when a combination of government policy and absence of governance led to such a potent mix of discrimination, racism and state neglect. The state may be absent when it comes to protecting BAME communities from economic and social marginalisation – not hard to reach, but easy to ignore, as the Grenfell fire has underlined – but it has been very present when it comes to introducing nativist principles into policy and law. This year, in the febrile climate that accompanies the path to EU exit (Brexit), the IRR has focused on delivering quality analysis and up-to-date information on post-referendum developments. We have followed through on the issues raised in our 2016 publication, *Racial Violence and the Brexit State*, speaking at public events and utilising IRR News and other news outlets to expose the ways in which the 'hostile environment' impacts on refugees, migrants and EU nationals. There is a danger that as the debate on freedom of movement becomes more emotive, the mobility rights of EU nationals will be the sole focus of attention. The IRR has been at pains to link the plight of EU nationals to that of non-EU migrants and asylum seekers, including those in Calais, the most obvious victims of the government's 'hostile environment' measures. In addition, the impact of such European-wide measures on refugee and migrant support workers, including NGO search and rescue

operations, has been taken up by our European research programme. *Humanitarianism: the unacceptable face of solidarity*, published this Winter, is our flagship report of the year.

Despite the intensity of nativism, or perhaps because of it, the old colour, cultural- and religious-based racisms, which have shaped the lives of Britain's first settled BAME communities and now their descendants, are once again on the agenda. Throughout the 1970s and 1980s there was a groundswell of anger over racial injustice in the criminal justice system, with a temporary reprieve in 1999 when Sir William Macpherson, in his report of the police investigation into the death of Stephen Lawrence, recognised institutional racism. Yet, now, eighteen years later, the criminal justice system seems to be in denial as to the depth of change that is needed if institutions are not to continue to reproduce structural racism. The issues are hardly new: stop-and-search; over-sentencing; lack of access to justice; the racialisation of crime; the tendency to see black, working-class culture as, by nature, rebellious and a threat to social order. These were the issues from the 1970s to the '90s, and these are the issues again today. Only today, advances in digital technology, including the utilisation of algorithms, provide a Kafka-esque edge to old processes that stereotyped and criminalised BAME youth. But while

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the review by the mayor of London of the Metropolitan Police's Gang Matrix database is very welcome, we are concerned that it may not go far enough. Dame Elish Angiolini's independent review on police custody deaths, including racial disproportionality, took ten months to see the light of day. Having finally been published, it is heartening to see how closely, its conclusions and recommendations, correspond with our own concerns as outlined in our 2015 report, *Dying for Justice*.

Our research concerns around immigration and criminal justice have been echoed in our educational and archiving work. The Black History Collection provides unique resources for those who wish to study the history of black and anti-racist advocacy. There is a marked growing interest amongst young students, particularly because of the Black Lives Matter movement in the US and Europe, in the Stephen Lawrence campaign as well as the key campaigning moments that led to the Macpherson inquiry. The digitalisation of the CARF magazine – now available as a downloadable archive on the IRR's website – was warmly welcomed on social media by a new generation of young people.

There have been changes to IRR staff and management this year and I would particularly like to thank the chair and vice-chair, for speaking at so many events on behalf

of IRR and helping induct two new members of staff. Anya Edmond-Pettitt, office manager and research assistant to the director, joined the staff in March 2017 and Sophia Siddiqui joined as *Race & Class* editorial assistant in October. We were very sorry to say goodbye, in April 2017 to Jon Burnett, IRR researcher and assistant editor on *IRR News*, who has taken up a teaching post in criminology at Swansea University. But we are delighted that he continues to advise IRR from the Council, where, in 2017, he joined other co-optees, Sue Conlan, a former head of the Irish Refugee Council and Saqib Deshmukh, who has over three decades' experience in youth and community work.

LIZ FEKETE

IRR News and UK Research



‘Racism and xenophobia have become tied into the state itself, making nativism the state ideology and “take back control” its political culture.’

A. Sivanandan

IRR’S DOMESTIC NEWS research and publishing this year inevitably had to relate to the continuing fall-out from the Brexit debate – based as it was (and is still) on so much misinformation and hyperbole about migration – and hence the ramped up distrust and hatred on the ground.

Racial violence

In December 2016 we published our key report, *Racial violence and the Brexit state* in which we established a link between the language and behaviour of perpetrators of such violence, the rhetoric and policy pronouncements of politicians and the stigmatising frameworks of the media. The racism evidenced in attacks revealed in perpetrators: an affirmation the country was theirs again; cultural norms could be reasserted; racism was linked to ‘entitlement’; anti-migrant and anti-Muslim racism intersected; new racisms rooted in former racisms. This landmark report (published with support from the Open Society Foundations) received national and international press coverage, and was widely circulated amongst community groups, academics, legal firms, and social justice campaigns working in the field of racial violence/hate crime, criminal justice reform, immigration and asylum policy, police monitoring and employment law/policy. Its impact on social media was strong, thanks to circulation by community groups, Third Sector organisations and critical academics. Additionally, staff members were invited to speak on the findings to meetings called by trade unions, university departments and community organisations. On the anniversary of the referendum, we were pleased to participate alongside Post-Ref Racism, the Everyday Bigotry Project, Catherine West MP et al in a live-streamed discussion at the University of the Arts.

In terms of our ongoing work on racial violence, we decided in 2017, in the light of the lengthening litany of attacks found each day in the trawling of websites undertaken by our volunteers and the creeping general tendency on the part of the media to

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Patrick Williams, lecturer at Manchester Metropolitan University, uses infographic from IRR's report on deaths in custody

incorporate everything under 'hate crime', to present the material in the fortnightly calendar in a more nuanced and helpful way. Though all incidents are logged on IRR's database, we present only the most serious and conclusive, or illustrative, ones in the calendar, and under clear headings so as give a stronger sense of the pattern of attacks, the severity of physical attacks and the criminal justice system's responses to them.

Migration and asylum

The other area on which *IRR News* and IRR's domestic research have concentrated this year has been on aspects of asylum and refugee treatment in the light of Brexit – an area in which we have worked with a number of other groups, including the Schools ABC Campaign, Migrants Rights Network, Liberty and the Belfast-based Committee on the Administration of Justice, whose deputy director Daniel Holder addressed our public meeting on 26 June on the implications of Brexit, the enhanced role of the DUP on the Good Friday Agreement and the future for migrants and refugees.

Special tribute must be paid to Frances Webber, who not only represented the IRR at a number of meetings in the UK and Europe, but provided a large proportion of the thirty-seven Comment pieces on *IRR News* this year, many of which have informed key debates on the ground. They covered issues from the way in which EU deals with African and Middle Eastern countries help to force migrants into the most perilous of journeys to the criminalisation of family life in May's Britain and the implications of Brexit proposals on EU citizens' rights. Contributors John Grayson and Aisha Maniar also continue to expose in *IRR News* the effects of shoddy social and housing provision and the impact of privatisation on interpretation services in courts.

Prevent and other policy work

Throughout the year we have continued to monitor the government's Prevent policy and

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Meeting on first anniversary of Brexit to discuss hate crime

'Just wanted to thank you for being part of our panel on how to counter racism and xenophobia ... and also sharing the wisdom from your years of experience.'

Karissa Singh, Post-Ref Racism

its effects, particularly on education and Muslim schoolchildren, following on from the January 2016 report *Prevent and the Children's Rights Convention*. Among other Prevent-related engagements, Frances Webber debated the policy with its architect Sir David Omand at a panel event at Queen Mary University of London in April, and in June was part of an expert panel convened in Budapest by the UN Special Rapporteur on Racism and Other Forms of Discrimination.

Other aspects of government policy which have been explored and debated on *IRR News* in the course of the year include the Casey review into integration, the Lammy review on BAME over-representation in the criminal justice system, the school exclusion of Roma Slovak children, and the response to the horrific Grenfell Tower fire. All material is searchable on the *IRR News*' site – by subject and by type of contribution at <http://www.irr.org.uk/news/>

Harmit Athwal continues to conduct research into deaths in custody for the IRR and to carry reports on *IRR News* into new cases. She has also been consulted over the year by a number of programme-makers and briefed members of the press.

Volunteers

We have been fortunate this year to have had an exemplary cohort of volunteers – some just graduated, some doctoral students, some re-entering work – who have taken over parts of Jon Burnett’s work, under the guidance of IRR News’ editor, Harmit Athwal. Fatma Mohamed researched and updated the statistics pages of the IRR’s website, Simran Singh, Ifhat Shaheen Smith and Hardeep Matharu helped to curate the calendar entries, Samiha Begum (see below) and Jasbinder Nijjar reviewed key reports, Artur Bilmanis (see below) worked on the archiving of the CARF Collection (Trevor Hemmings inputted cases on the racial violence database and Anni Dryden transcribed interviews.

Samiha Begum writes: My interest in race relations stemmed from my upbringing. I grew up hearing stories from my parents, who migrated here from Bangladesh, both about the relief they felt on coming to the UK and the hostility they faced as they tried to settle here. A few years ago, my father said to me how sad it was for him to

overcome racism, on the basis of his skin, to then raise kids who now have to face it on the basis of their religion ... I have been fortunate to have campaigned on important issues while at university. For instance, I produced a short film called ‘Why is My Curriculum White?’ which



consisted of interviews with LSE students discussing the lack of diversity in their courses and I also successfully lobbied against the Students’ Union engaging with the then new Prevent obligation as well as overseeing the first report into the BME attainment gap for LSE students.

I graduated from the LSE last year keen to carve a career committed to achieving positive social change and racial equality through pushing experiences of racial injustices to the fore of social policy. I applied to volunteer at the Institute of Race Relations because assisting on reports, reviewing papers and books would give me a sound identification and evidence base for what characterises racial antagonism in the UK. Here, I am part of a community that is at the forefront of racial issues in the UK and so far, the experience has been invaluable.

Artur Bilmanis writes: I am a Masters graduate in Postcolonial Politics from Aberystwyth University. I focused my dissertation on how popular concepts of physical beauty are formed on the basis of white features. I believe that this is important because if such discourses are constructed on the basis of a particular race, then racism will continue to exist regardless of whatever accomplishments there might be in fighting it. I have been a volunteer at the Institute of Race Relations since November 2016, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here. I had desired to become a volunteer here long before I actually joined because I believe that albeit some progress has been made in fighting racism in Britain in the last few decades, many structural problems are ingrained in the British society and hence keep racism alive. So far my work at the IRR has revolved around creating a digital archive for the CARF magazine one of the most important anti-racism publications in Britain in the last century. In August 2017, finally the archive went online and is now available on the IRR website.



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Ifhat Shaheen-Smith writes: I grew up in the '70s and '80s when racial hatred was rife. We could go to school on Monday morning to find huge letters NF painted on the walls of the school buildings along with the swastika signs. Teachers tried their best to cover the graffiti by painting over in colours that supposedly blended in to the wall, the letters and the symbols just remained visible under the thin layers of paint. Alongside this was the knowledge that many of the pupils including our own peer group were often attacked on the way home by skinheads, sometimes brutally, with long term damage. So, I suppose it was not surprising that I got involved in local anti-racist campaigns.

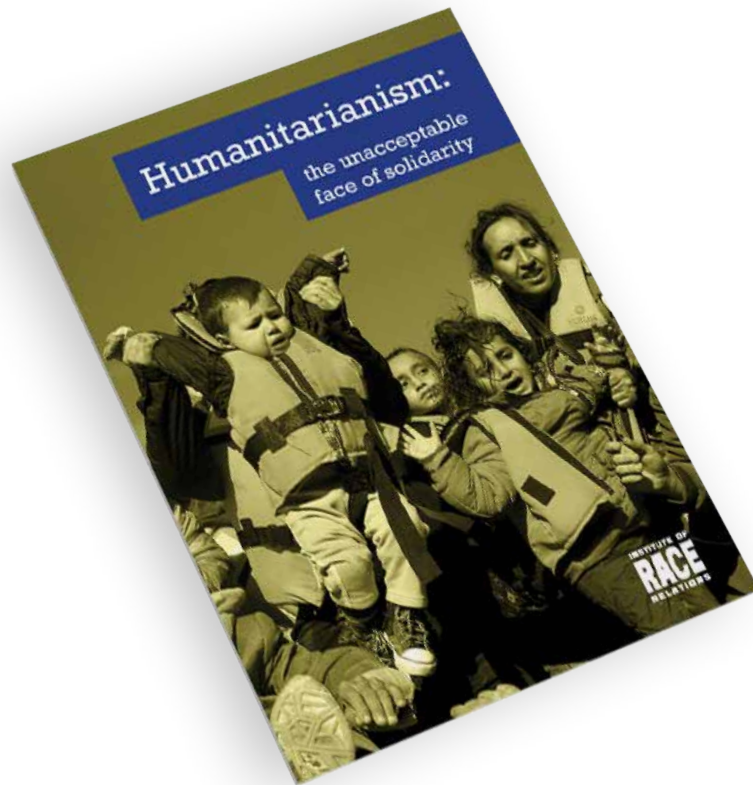
After completing my degree in Film and Visual Culture, I became a stay at home mum, just got embroiled in the day to day being with the children and running the home. I was living in 'diverse' Hackney, I thought racism especially in its brutal and blatant forms had ended. Imagine my shock after enrolling my children into Hackney schools to find that it had in fact become worse. People were being blatantly racist but were denying they were because 'racism' no longer existed as we were now in a post-McPherson era! Individuals could also be Islamophobic and still deny their racism!

Seeing the shocking way that BAME parents and children were treated within the education system and with the advent of Prevent in schools I have found myself working as volunteer parents' advocate, supporting parents through any issues they may encounter with schools, I also have campaigned and continue to campaign against Prevent.

I am currently volunteering at IRR and help on the fortnightly news service, it is depressing to see so many stories and brutal racist attacks especially since Brexit. It is vital that these stories are shared and logged. I had seen the IRR volunteering opportunity advertised a few times but was hesitant about applying as I had assumed it would only be for young people! I am thankful for the opportunity to be volunteering at a place which has a strong history in challenging racism, to be in an environment void of subtle racism that privilege often allows. Amazing to be with people who have done/ do so much yet are totally down to earth.



European Research Programme



‘Your work on border deaths and the question of responsibility has been a crucial source of inspiration from the very beginning of our own project.’

Lorenzo Pezzani, Forensic Oceanography

COLLEAGUES OF OURS in the academy, involved in large-scale research, often marvel that IRR’s research is carried out by such a small team of staff and at a fraction of the budget of university departments – and that it is so timely whilst also having lasting value. This year two very intensive research and writing projects have been undertaken. Research on nationalism and the politics of the Right carried out by Liz Fekete for the ERP has been updated and gathered together in a new book, *Europe’s Fault Lines: racism and the Right in Europe* to be published in January 2018 by publisher, Verso, which has recognised the importance of the ERP and is helping, from its bases in both New York and London, to take its findings to a wider readership.

ERP’s other research, carried out over the last six months by Liz Fekete, Anya Edmond-Pettitt and Frances Webber, has been published as *Humanitarianism: the unacceptable face of solidarity*. The issue of the criminalisation of solidarity with refugees and migrants is not new for ERP, which, in 2008, carried out a survey of legal and other measures which criminalised asylum seekers and those who acted in solidarity with the undocumented. In *Asylum Rights: grinding down the human rights defenders*, we warned that ‘aiding illegal entry’ laws were being used as a kind of dragnet, in which different categories of people – including priests, teachers, social workers and politicians – risked becoming entangled. The 2017 research reveals a new low in terms of these ‘crimes of solidarity’, with laws now being used to prosecute humanitarians saving lives in the Mediterranean Sea or providing relief to distressed refugees and migrants at land borders. The report was delayed to take in key developments, such as the creation of a ‘hostile environment’ for refugees and migrants at Calais and the high profile campaign of Génération Identitaire (GI), to ‘defend Europe’ from migrants and refugees and disrupt the work of search-and-rescue (SAR NGOs) in the Mediterranean Sea.

Indeed, this year has been one in which the dangers posed by an increasingly

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‘Thanks to the ERP team and IRR News for providing spaces to explore rising inequality, racism and hate crime in Europe. Your expertise, journalistic integrity and relentless commitment to truth and justice continues to inspire.’

Syd Bolton, Last Rights.

transnational Far Right, has become apparent in both Europe and North America. The white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia and the death of the anti-fascist trades unionist Heather Heyer placed the violence of armed private militia under the spotlight. But the fact that we have in Europe a different gun culture, should not make us complacent nor blind us to the fact that racist militia are also active across this continent, particularly at borders. In fact, this is one of the central themes covered in *Europe’s Fault Lines*.

In recognition of Liz Fekete’s pioneering analysis in this field, she was one of fifty experts invited to a conference on ‘Strategies Against the Far Right’ organised by the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation in Long Island, New York. And, we were also very pleased to be asked during the year to be part of a working group advising on the format of the People’s Tribunal into the National Socialist Underground case in Germany. Speaking at the annual Féile an Phobail in West Belfast was also another highlight in the year. (For a full account of all speaking engagements and outreach activities of ERP see Out and About on pp 18-20.)

The ERP maintains two databases – one on crimes of solidarity, the second on the deaths of all asylum seekers and migrants as a result of EU asylum and immigration policy. The data on deaths formed the basis of two features published on *IRR News* on refugee deaths in Greece and the western Balkan route (Serbia and its border zones with neighbouring Bulgaria and Hungary). These pieces were widely read on *IRR News*, recirculated on social media and to other groups, leading to stronger relationships with a number of organisations, including Last Rights and Fresh Response Serbia. We would particularly like to thank volunteers Lisa Schäder, Priska Komaromi and Ida Sprengers for their continued support this year.

Black History Collection



THE LAST YEAR has witnessed a resurgence of interest, particularly in a younger generation, in black British history and struggles against racism waged since the 1950s. A number of public events have possibly kindled the renewed interest: shows like the 'No colour Bar' exhibition, the extensive Grunwick exhibition in Brent, and the showing of landmark films like *Blacks Britannica* at the BFI. And the 'decolonising' movement on campuses and the special July 2016 *Race & Class* 'The colour of struggle' may also have had their influence. Though we had had to restrict access to the IRR's Black History Collection, for lack of staff for some months, we were delighted to return to meeting needs of scholars, activists and community groups from March 2017, with the help of new staff member (historian) Anya Edmond-Pettitt and volunteer (anti-racist veteran) Trevor Hemmings.

Our unique collection of journals, leaflets, posters, booklets, flyers from the times of post-war black settlement to the 'riots' of the 1980s has been widely consulted over the months by a variety of callers from undergraduate to doctoral level and from across the world. A number of requests have come from students in the United States, France and the Caribbean. Significantly, interest has focused around the period of the late 1960s to the mid 1970s with particular call on our materials about Black Power groups, the origins of the Organisation of Women of Asian and African Descent, campaigns around 'bussing' of children and other discriminatory educational policies, the development of 'race' legislation, the role of the Trades Union Congress, as well as continued interest in the Grunwick dispute and the Spaghetti House Siege. We have also advised and helped those working in the cultural and arts field such as playwrights, poets, a number of radio programmes and television companies as well as community-based history projects. We were particularly happy to be able to help The Monitoring Project's 'Coming of age: the road to 1977' community initiative and that they found useful materials from *Race & Class* such as 'From resistance to rebellion' by Sivanandan (1982) and a guide to the

>> Black History Collection



Prasanna, right, with Siva (pic: Margaret Henry)

‘CARF magazine was an important part of history and making it available will hopefully help others learn, review and reflect for today’s struggles.’

literature by Jenny Bourne (2016) for their forthcoming publication. We are trying to gradually make available, in a free to download digitised form, key documents from the black/anti-racist struggles of past generations. To that end we have in August 2017 put on our website seventy-two issues of the magazine *CARF* (with which IRR was associated between 1991 and 2003). The plan in the next year is to make available in a similar way key writings and speeches by IRR Director Emeritus A. Sivanandan in whose analysis of racism in the 1970s and 1980s there is now a considerable interest.

We are sorry to have to report the death of radical filmmaker Prasanna Ratnayake, IRR’s unofficial ‘media man’ who remastered our four black history films, *‘Struggles for Black Community’* (directed by Colin Prescod and produced by Margaret Henry), so they could be available on DVD and produced *‘Catching history on the wing’*, a DVD of conversations with IRR’s Director Emeritus A. Sivanandan.

Race & Class



IT IS INEVITABLE that a journal as long-lived as ours will lose key members from its board, but it was with great sorrow we learned of the deaths of both John Berger and Barbara Harlow in January 2017. John had been connected to the journal since its transformation in the 1970s and through its alliance with the Transnational Institute. Barbara had, for over two decades, been a stalwart *Race & Class* contributor and frequent visitor and discussant with IRR staff. Further tributes to them can be read at <http://www.irr.org.uk/news/john-berger-1926-2017/> and <http://www.irr.org.uk/news/barbara-harlow-1948-2017/>. They, like Cedric Robinson (who died in 2016), were particularly well-equipped to support the journal's unique position 'between ghetto and academy'; they are hard to replace.

Nevertheless it is gratifying to be able to report that in the last year we have been able to maintain the journal's specific take on 'lived theory' with a particular emphasis running through the issues on the impact of neoliberalism on policing and social control of non-white communities. In (58/4) Rafeef Ziadah (also known as a performance poet) wrote 'Disciplining dissent: multicultural policy and the silencing of Arab-Canadians' and US campaigner on extremism Colleen E Mills wrote 'Framing Ferguson: Fox News and the construction of US racism'. Issue (59/1) led with a narrative account of the 1970s New York City jail rebellions by historian Toussaint Losier which chimes with today's law-and-order rhetoric and practice. In (59/2) Detroit activists Mark Jay and Philip Conklin examined the political roots of 'broken windows' policing. In (59/3) Elizabeth Jones argued for a reinterpretation of the size of the carceral state to take in the way fines and fees are now used to control and blight black American lives. In (59/2) A. Naomi Paik examined the relationship between the Trump-enhanced sanctuary movement and abolitionist politics, which will be followed in (59/4) by Micol Siegel's abolitionist analysis of the police as the state's 'violence workers'.

>> Race & Class



Once again *Race & Class* has retrieved key historical moments in fresh analyses: on the momentous school students' strike in favour of a progressive sacked teacher in East London in the 1970s for publishing working-class children's poetry (58/4); on the slum clearance of Maori communities in New Zealand in 1950s (59/1); on the influence of imperial writers like John Buchan on the occupation of Palestine and the Balfour Declaration (59/3).

And by adopting a new working pattern with Sage, we are able to get articles published much more quickly – online first – which means we can be more topical and by freeing up key pieces from behind the pay-wall for some weeks, manage to involve the journal's contributors in current debates. For example, Daniel Holder's discussion of Brexit and the Irish border (59/2), Michael Grewcock on happenings on Manus Island (59/2), and Dan Freeman-Maloy's discussion of the British Empire and the 100 years since the Balfour Declaration of 1917 (59/3).

Our publisher Sage is helping us to do an excellent job of reaching those in the academy. For example over 8,000 institutions worldwide have access to the journal, with readers in 206 countries and on every continent. In the year 2016 downloads of articles increased by 18 per cent, but our ambition now is to make the journal also more immediately relevant to ongoing debates and social movements. One of the main tasks of the *Race & Class* assistant, appointed in October 2017, will be to bring the journal to new and especially younger audiences, through social media and other forums so as to attract both new readers and new contributors.

Out & About

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

2016

31 September

Keynote address at Archives and Records Association, UK and Ireland, Annual Conference, London.

19 October

Attendee at launch of the Open Society Justice Initiative's report 'Eroding Trust: the UK's Prevent counter-extremism strategy in health and education', Houses of Parliament.

22 October

Panel speaker at meeting of university BAME students on 'Cable Street to Chakrabarti: Fighting Antisemitism', Wadham College, Oxford.

4 November

Participant at Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust's Rights & Justice

Committee meeting, 'Movement Building, Learning Session', London.

28 November

Panellist at OSIFE internal discussion meeting on discussion on 'Racism and Islamophobia after the Brexit Referendum', London.

29 November

Panellist at National Archives Reform publication 'Archives Unlocked', National Archives, London.

2 December

Chair of Roma Discussion Group, King's College, London.

2017

14 January

Participant at Schools ABC Conference, SOAS, London.



Participants at *Strategies Against the far-Right conference* in New York

19 January

Participant at discussion of NUS working group on countering racist hate crimes, National Union of Students, London.

24 January

Participant at Keep Volunteering Voluntary discussion on workfare and the voluntary sector, Islington Pensioners' Forum, London.

28 January

Panellist at screening of documentary *Blacks Britannica* as part of 'African Odysseys' festival, British Film Institute, London.

2 February

Speaker/Animateur at Migrants' Rights Network 10th anniversary event, Rich Mix

Centre, London.

16 February

Speaker on 'Racism post-Brexit', King's Think Tank Society, King's College, London.

1 March

Lecturer on asylum rights at Queen Mary's University, London.

7 March

Attendee at 'Preventing women: the impact of Prevent on access to services', Garden Court Chambers, London.

8 March

Lecturer on hate crimes at Queen Mary's University, London.

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8-9 March

Participant at 'The Apparatus of Racism. Workshop in preparation for the People's Tribunal, Unraveling the NSU Complex', Berlin.

Speaker at Haus der Kulturen event on 'Entanglements: Race, Capitalism and the State', Berlin.

22 March

Participant at 'Migrant Deaths at European borders: states' duties to identify and the rights of families to know', London School of Economics, London.

28 March:

Speaker at London launch meeting for the Migreurop report 'Migrant Detention in the European Union: A Thriving Business', at Praxis, Bethnal Green, London.

6 April

Panel on *Race & Class* at 'The Making, Re-making and Un-making of "Race"', at Reparative Histories 2 Conference,



University of Brighton.

27 April

Panel speaker at 'Prevent, International Cooperation and Terrorism', Queen Mary University of London, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London.

4 May

Participant at all-day workshop, 'Rethinking security', at the Conciliation Resources Centre, London.

4 May

Participant at UKREN AGM and UK launch of ENAR's 'Racism and discrimination in the context of

migration in Europe: ENAR Shadow Report 2015-16', Chartered Institute of Public Relations, London.

21 May 2017

Speaker at seminar on migrant rights and the 'hostile environment', Leeds University School of Health Sciences, Leeds.

23 May

Participant at 'Dissecting the Immigration Manifestos', Friends Meeting House, London.

31 May

Speaker at Haldane Society Forum on

Charter Flights, at office of Hodge Jones & Allen solicitors, London.

13 June

Skype interview with Bano Murtuja of Just Yorkshire for OSF-funded study of Prevent and its impact on young Muslims.

15-18 June

Participant at Rosa Luxemburg Foundation workshop on 'Strategies against the far Right', Stony Point; New York.

22-23 June

Expert panel meeting with UN Special Rapporteur on Racism, on racism and counter-terrorism policies, Budapest.

26 June

'Brexit, Northern Ireland and the racist border' – a discussion meeting at IRR led by Daniel Holder, assistant director, Committee on the Administration of Justice in Belfast.

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Daniel Holder and Sue Conlon discuss 'Brexit, Northern Ireland and the racist border'

29 June

Panel speaker at Post-Ref Racism and Everyday Bigotry meeting, 'A Year on from Brexit: Tackling Hate Crime and Brexit', University of Arts, London.

28 July

Workshop leader on 'Racism, post-Brexit, post Trump', Peace News Summer Camp, Deal, Norfolk.

7 August

Speaker on 'Border Wars, Securitisation and Islamophobia', West Belfast Festival, Belfast.

18 August

Speaker at the launch of Nomad (Nations Of Migration Awakening the Diaspora) at the Rich Mix Centre, London.

1 September

Plenary speech at Fast Forward Plan C Festival on 'Building the Commons, Building Counter-Power', Bakewell, Derbyshire.

4 September

Meeting with Norwegian NGOs including Norwegian Organisation for Asylum Seekers (NOAS) on IRR, migration policy in UK and Norway, at Anti-Rasistisk Senter, Oslo.

5 September

Lecture to Norwegian Immigration Appeals Board (UNE) members on human rights and migration, Quality Expo Hotel Fornebu, Oslo.

13 September

Participant at seminar on 'The nature and scope of the Greater London Metropolitan Police "Gang Matrix"', Centre for Crime and Justice Studies, London.

17 September

Talk to Birkbeck law students on Race, Rights and Migration, at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park, London.

20 September

Participant at meeting to organise 2018 ICOPA conference on 'Social justice, not criminal justice: strengthening international movements for abolition', Centre for Crime and Justice Studies, London.

21 September

'Sites of Resistance: Gypsies, Roma and Travellers in school, community and the academy', a discussion meeting at IRR led by Andrew Ryder.

3 October

Talk and Q&A, showing IRR film on Southall 'A town under siege' (1982), at Black History Month event, UNITE headquarters, London.

10 October

Participant at meeting to discuss the government's undercover policing inquiry, Houses of Parliament, London.

Finance report

Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2017

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds 2017 (£)	Total Funds 2016 (£)
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Voluntary income	22,845	82,513	105,358	145,472
Activities for generating funds	98,863	–	98,863	99,710
Investment income	273	–		414
Other incoming resources		19,349	19,349	
Total incoming resources	121,981	101,862	223,843	245,596
Resources expended				
Charitable activities	145,064	105,336	250,400	233,509
Total resources expended	145,064	105,336	250,400	233,509
Net income (expenditure) before transfers	(23,083)	(3,474)	(26,557)	12,087
Transfers				
Gross transfers between funds	–	–	–	–
Net movement in funds	(23,083)	(3,474)	(26,557)	12,087
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	97,199	128,568	225,767	213,680
Total funds carried forward	74,116	125,094	199,210	225,767

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2017

	2017 (£)	2016 (£)
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	125,184	130,102
Current assets		
Stocks and work in progress	800	800
Debtors	61,372	84,776
Cash at bank and in hand	21,044	21,044
Total current assets	83,216	117,195
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(9,190)	(21,530)
Net current assets	74,026	95,665
Net assets	199,210	225,767
The funds of the charity		
Restricted funds	125,094	128,568
Unrestricted income funds:	74,116	97,199
Total charity funds	199,210	225,767

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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Anya Edmond-Pettitt *Office Manager and Research Assistant to the Director (from March 2017)*

Sophia Siddiqui *Editorial Assistant Race & Class (from September 2017)*



A. Sivanandan *IRR Director 1973-2013, and founding editor Race & Class, is still actively involved in IRR discussion and development.*

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