

Who will benefit?

BME young people by:

- Sharing their experiences of racism
- Schools' increased understanding of and ability to tackle racism
- A more positive experience of school

Non BME young people by:

- Better understanding of racism and its effects
- Enhanced community cohesion

Schools by:

- An increased understanding of the issues facing BME pupils
- Resources to help deal with racism in the classroom
- Assistance in meeting statutory requirements on race and equality
- The opportunity to attend a national conference at the end of the project
- Involvement in activities that can contribute to PSE or initiatives such as Healthy Schools

Volunteers by:

- Gaining valuable research skills and certification from MMU
- Experience of conducting research
- The ability to carry out future research in their communities
- Enhanced career prospects

How can I be involved?

Volunteer as a co-researcher

We are recruiting now for volunteers to assist in carrying out the research. You will be fully trained and supported, gaining certification from MMU and valuable experience in research skills. Anyone can volunteer, regardless of experience; all you need is enthusiasm and a commitment to contribute towards tackling racism in our schools. Please contact us to find out how you can be part of this exciting opportunity.

Register your school's interest

Our aim is to work with all Cheshire secondary schools to enable as many as possible to benefit from the project. There are a variety of ways in which your school can participate, so please contact us to register your interest and learn more about how we can work together to Stand Up 2 Racism.

Contact Details

To volunteer, register your school's interest or just find out more about the project, please contact **Mandy Roberts at CHAWREC on 01244 400730 or mandy@chawrec.org.uk**. You can also visit our website at **www.standup2racism.org.uk**



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SCHOOLS STAND UP 2 RACISM is a three year research project which aims to:

- *Understand the levels of racism being experienced by Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) pupils in Cheshire secondary schools*
- *Explore how schools deal with racism well and where the challenges are*
- *Share and develop resources that will help schools tackle racism*
- *Improve school experience and outcomes for BME pupils*
- *Build research skills and experience within the BME community*

Why conduct research on racism in Cheshire schools?

Cheshire, Halton and Warrington Race and Equality Centre (CHAWREC) works with BME communities across Cheshire. In the course of our work, we have received anecdotal evidence that many young people experience racism in schools, but no research has been carried out to discover the true extent of the problem. In addition, schools can sometimes find themselves in unfamiliar territory when it comes to racist incidents and could benefit from resources that provide help in dealing with them. The aim is to enable schools to better understand the nature and levels of racism experienced by pupils and give them the tools and confidence to tackle it.

How will the research be conducted?

We will work with schools to carry out surveys, interviews and focus groups with teachers and pupils in a variety of innovative ways. A key part of this will be the involvement of volunteer community co-researchers who will be trained in research methods by Manchester Metropolitan University and assist in the data collection and analysis. The aim is to build capacity within the BME community to carry out future research projects.

