

A call out to Black & Ethnic Minority social workers for essays, stories & poems

"Are you a black or ethnic minority social worker? If so, we want to hear from you!"

BASW England and Kirwin Maclean Associates are collaborating to develop an anthology of Black and ethnic minority worker's experiences. Contributions can be in the form of essays, stories and poems and the format will be similar to the books: 'The Good Immigrant' and 'IC3', but strictly for qualified social workers. All the proceeds from this will go to the Social Workers Benevolent Fund charity: http://www.swbt.org/.

This book is needed now more than ever, and we would like to get this project moving as quickly as possible, so we would appreciate that all contributors closely follow the minimal requirements above.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Please send your contributions (with no more than 2500 words) to the Editor: wayne.reid@basw.co.uk before 11/09/20.

The facilitators



Wayne Reid (Social Worker & Professional Officer at the British Association of Social Workers)

Wayne Reid is a Professional Officer for BASW England and lives in Sheffield. Wayne qualified as a social worker in 2010, but the entirety of his social care experience spans nearly 20 years. He has worked in: private fostering; the Probation Service; youth offending; adult mental health; child protection and with care leavers.

As a black male social worker, Wayne understands some of the challenges that service-users and practitioners from different ethnic minority groups can face. From his experience, Wayne believes academic and 'life education' are essential to improve an individual's quality of life and life chances.



Note from Siobhan Maclean (Independent Social Work

Trainer, Practice Educator & Publisher)

Siobhan has been a social worker for 30 years. As a white woman, Siobhan is aware of her privilege, she has a very clear memory of reading 'The Black Student's Voice: Report of a Black students' conference' (Burgess, Crosskill and La Rose-Jones 1992) in the early part of her career and what she learnt from this stayed with her in the very many years since.

Siobhan feels that there is little written about the experiences of Black students and practitioners in social work. Now proud to be operating a small independent publisher which is well respected in the profession, Siobhan would like to change that.