

FROM COMMITMENT TO ACTION:

Building Fairer & More Inclusive
Public Institutions

**Including a conversation on:
The Commonwealth and Empire Legacies;
Recognition, Rights and Redress**

10:00 - 10:30 | Arrival

10:30 - 10:40 | Welcome and opening remarks, Cllr Lilian Seenoi Barr

Morning Session

10:40- 10:50 | Race, religion, policing and the challenges of institutional equality, Úna Boyd (CAJ)

10:50 - 11:30 | Panel Discussion: Addressing the Gaps – Making Public Institutions Work for Everyone.

Moderator: Seun Awonug (NWMF)

Confirmed Panellists:

- Dr Umar (Chief Imam at the Islamic Centre of Ireland)
- Úna Boyd (CAJ)
- Takura Donald Makoni (ACSONI)

11:30 - 11:45 | Keynote: Trust, Policy and Policing – Turning Racial Equality Commitments into Practice, Keith Fraser (Chair of Local Partnerships)

11:45 - 12:00 | Comfort break

12:00 - 12:45 | Panel Discussion, Policing, Public Trust and Accountability – From Policy to Practice

Moderator: Cllr Lilian Seenoi Barr (NWMF)

Confirmed Panellists:

- Keith Fraser (Chair of Local Partnerships)
- Paul Noonan (The Equality Commission NI)
- Superintendent Joanne Gibson (PSNI)

12:45 - 13:45 | Lunch

Afternoon Session

13:45 - 14:45 | Panel Discussion, Commonwealth and Empire Legacies: Recognition, Rights & Redress

Moderator: Takura Donald Makoni (ACSONI)

Confirmed Panellists:

- Valda Jackson (Artist / Designer of Windrush Commemorative 50 pence Coin)
- Agrippa Njanina (National Museums Northern Ireland)
- Sharon Haughton (Windrush Engagement team: Home Office)
- Chris Ford (Windrush Engagement team: Home Office)

14:45 - 15:00 | Reflection and closing, Jesse Alozie (Author, Public Speaker)

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KEITH FRASER

Keith Fraser is a nationally respected thought leader in policing, youth justice, and inclusive public leadership across England and Wales. As Chair of the Youth Justice Board, a member of the Criminal Justice Board, and former UK Commissioner on Race and Ethnic Disparities, he has shaped national policy and governance while staying grounded in regional delivery through senior operational roles in West Midlands Police and the Metropolitan Police Service. Keith was the victim's lead for West Midlands Police. At that time the second-largest police service in the UK.

His work spotlights the vulnerability and over-representation of children with complex needs, care-experienced, SEND, disabled, and those in poverty within the youth justice and youth custody systems, advocating evidence-based prevention, earlier intervention, and community-led support over late-stage enforcement. At national level, Keith convenes cross-government stakeholders to embed accountability and data-driven decision-making; at regional level, he translates strategy into practice through workforce development, blind recruitment, and rigorous performance oversight.

His portfolio spans chairing the Public Chairs' Forum and Local Partnerships, advising ministers on youth justice, and training senior police leaders, all focused on creating fair environments that lift trust and productivity.



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LILIAN SEENOI BARR

Cllr Dr Lilian Seenoi-Barr is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of the North West Migrants Forum (NWMF), a leading advocate for racial equality, human rights and social inclusion in Northern Ireland.

Originally from Kenya, she has over two decades of experience in community development, advocacy and campaigning for the rights of marginalised communities.

In 2024, Lilian made history as Northern Ireland's first Black Mayor, serving as Mayor of Derry City and Strabane from 2024 to 2025. She has represented the Foyleside area on Derry City and Strabane District Council since 2021.

Through her leadership at NWMF, Lilian has championed initiatives addressing racial discrimination, promoting community cohesion and strengthening the representation of Black and minoritised communities. Her work focuses on challenging institutional inequalities, influencing policy and building a more inclusive and equitable society.





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ÚNA BOYD

Úna Boyd is Senior Solicitor at the Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ).

CAJ is an independent human rights organisation with cross community membership in Northern Ireland and beyond. It was established in 1981 and lobbies and campaigns on a broad range of human rights issues.

Úna studied an LLB in law at Queens University Belfast and has an LLM in international human rights law from the Irish Centre for Human Rights.

Úna currently leads CAJ's strategic litigation and is a specialist in UK immigration law





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SHAYKH DR UMAR AL-QADRI

Shaykh Dr Umar Al-Qadri is a leading Irish Muslim religious and social thinker and commentator. A qualified theologian and jurist, he works for cohesion, integration and a fairer society from his positions as Chairperson of the Irish Muslim Peace & Integration Council and Chief Imam at the Islamic Centre of Ireland based in West Dublin. He is also an SME owner and the father of three loving children.

As well as his regular contributions in the Irish print and broadcast media as a respected commentator, Dr Umar has appeared as a keynote and guest speaker in the European Parliament, the US State Department, the UAE Peace Forum, The Kennedy Institute and the British Parliament, as well as delivering presentations and plenaries in various international conferences on social issues on minority rights, climate justice and integration at home in Ireland as well as around the globe.





TAKURA DONALD MAKONI

Born in Leeds to his Zimbabwean migrant student parents, Takura Donald Makoni had a travelled childhood. Bouncing between the UK, Lesotho, Zimbabwe and Botswana, inspired by his father's activism and his mother's steadfast support and guidance; this enriched his life with a diverse palate shaping his curious mind. Takura is recognised by The African & Caribbean Support Organisation of Northern Ireland for contributions to the community through volunteering, the arts and activism.

He was recently recognised by the Advancing Race Equality Awards judging panel as recipient of the Anti-Racist Leader of the Year Award 2024. Working with Belfast City Council, Beyond Skin, Arts Ekta, Glen Bank Community Centre, Terra Nova Productions, National Museums Northern Ireland and JoinHer Network over the 20+ years living in Northern Ireland cements the feeling of 'home' that inspired him to settle in Belfast when he repatriated to the UK as an adult to seek and secure a better life for his family than was available in his economically deteriorating ancestral home of Zimbabwe.





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SEUN AWONUGA

Originally from Nigeria, Seun moved to Ireland in 2022 to pursue postgraduate studies in Data Science.

He completed his studies at Ulster University and graduated in December 2023. Seun now works as a Research Assistant in Data Science at Ulster University, where he collaborates on innovative projects and analyses data to address real-world problems.

Beyond his academic and professional work, Seun serves as a Board Member of the North West Migrants Forum (NWMF) and has previously co-hosted the Black History Summits.





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PAUL NOONAN

Paul Noonan is a Senior Policy Manager in the Policy and Research Team of the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland.

He graduated with a BSc Economics (Honours) from St Mary's College, University of London in 1977 and from the Ulster Polytechnic with a Diploma in Youth and Community Work in 1983.

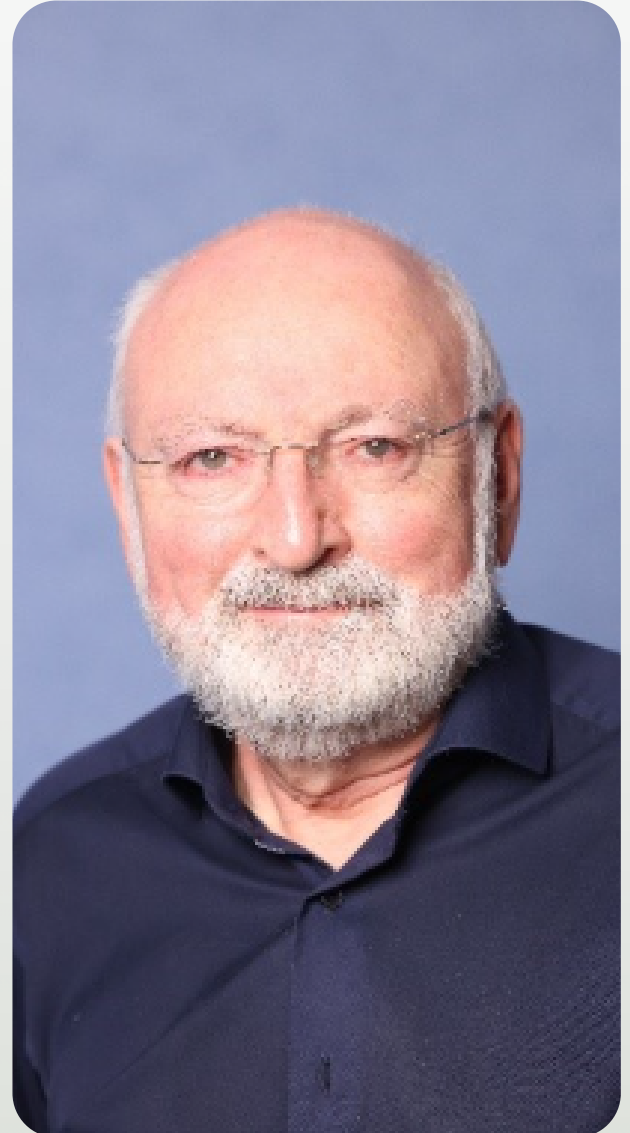
Before joining the Commission in 2003, he worked in the voluntary sector with the Irish Traveller community for the best part of 20 years.

Paul gained an LLM in Human Rights Law from Queen's University Belfast in 2009.

The focus of responsibilities in his current post includes racial equality, disability equality, health and social protection policies

Paul currently represents the Commission on the Executive Office Racial Equality Sub-Group, which advises on matters relating to racial equality, including the Racial Equality Strategy for Northern Ireland 2015-2025.

He also coordinates the Commission's regular engagement with a number of international human rights bodies, including the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance, the Council of Europe's Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities and the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.





VALDA JACKSON

Valda Jackson is an award-winning multidisciplinary artist and writer. She works primarily in the mediums of painting and sculpture, drawing and printmaking. Her work explores the psychology of migration, identity, and loss. She makes work about our human existence and survival – themes which extend themselves into her public art commissions.

Valda was awarded an MBE, January 2024, for services to Art. She is the designer of the Royal Mint coin commemorating the 75th anniversary of Windrush generations, released in 2023 and was shortlisted for the prestigious National Windrush Monument commission in 2021. Her first major solo exhibition 'Miss Polly' was exhibited at the RWA, Bristol in 2024.

Valda has lectured and presented papers at international Conferences and Universities across Europe including the Royal College of Art, London, University of Cambridge, University of Tampere, Finland, ISCTE University Institute of Lisbon.

Valda's untitled manuscript was shortlisted for the Bath Spa Prize by Janklow and Nesbit and is being developed into her first novel. She is a Hawthornden Literary Fellow – with short stories appearing in anthologies including The Book of Bristol, Comma Press (2023), online MMXX, Bath Spa University (2022), The Peepal Tree Book of Caribbean Short Stories (2018), Closure: Contemporary Black British Short Stories (Peepal Tree Press 2015).





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AGRIPPA NJANINA

Agrippa Njanina is Assistant Curator of Inclusive Global Histories at National Museums NI, where he supports the research, documentation and interpretation of the World Cultures collections. His work focuses on inclusive storytelling, community engagement and ensuring diverse histories and perspectives are represented within museum practice. His contribution to this discussion is informed by participation in Windrush-focused roundtables and by National Museums NI's acquisition of the Windrush commemorative coin, reflecting the museum's commitment to exploring themes of representation, belonging and historical justice.

