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— UNISON and NAAR invite you to their joint fringe meeting —

One Society Many Cultures: Multiculturalism's contribution to a dynamic society

Speakers:

Doreen Lawrence OBE
Sadiq Khan MP
Claude Moraes MEP
Dr Edie Friedman, JCORE
Dr Mohammed Abdul Bari, MCB
Professor Tariq Modood
Mohammed Azam, NAAR
Bev Miller, UNISON (chair)

**Tues 25th
September
5.45pm**

Bistro Area, Lampeter Hotel
Exeter Park Rd, Bournemouth

Two minutes walk, turn left out of the
conference centre and take the first right

Buffet provided

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This meeting is jointly organised by the National Assembly Against Racism and UNISON as a contribution to the current debates about the role of multiculturalism in Britain.

Exhibition area

NAAR and UNISON have stalls all week as part of the exhibition area with materials for you to pick up and campaigns to get involved in.



- opposing racism
- defending multiculturalism
- celebrating diversity

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Britain is a dynamic and successful multicultural society thanks to the contribution of all its citizens, including the waves of migrants that have settled here over many centuries. Migrants have been critical to the success of Britain's public services and continue to enrich the economy and cultural life immeasurably.

Mutual respect for people's rights to express their culture without harming others has been at the heart of ensuring this success. This principle of multiculturalism is the social framework that has emerged from 40 years of anti-racist struggle and must be defended. The success of this model of multiculturalism stands in contrast with the stark inequality and social conflict evident in other European countries, where enforced assimilation to a 'superior' culture has been promoted.

The assertion by some politicians and sections of the media that multiculturalism is a failed "social experiment" which encourages separateness has no basis in reality. Overwhelming evidence points to the opposite – British society has become more integrated as it becomes more diverse. Where multiculturalism is actively celebrated, a positive climate is created in which everyone's contribution is welcomed and racism is combated.

Celebrating multiculturalism and diversity has:

- contributed to a decline in the number of racist attacks and incidents
- been central to UNISON and trade union values which have enabled action against bigotry and intolerance in the workplace
- helped London win its 2012 Olympics bid
- helped demonstrate unity in the wake of the July 7, 2005, terrorist attacks and avoid division between communities

The National Assembly Against Racism (NAAR), with the support of UNISON, has launched a campaign to defend and promote multiculturalism. For more information on the campaign, or to order materials including myth-busting leaflets, posters, badges, t-shirts and stickers or to join NAAR, please fill in the slip below, email: info@naar.org.uk or visit: www.naar.org.uk.

I would like:

- more information about the '**one society many cultures**' campaign
- to join NAAR (please enclose a cheque for: waged individuals £15, unwaged/students £3)
- campaign materials order form

Name

Organisation (if applicable)

Address

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Please return to

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