

KREC Anti-Racist Approach Conference

KREC is 50 years old and remains one of very few Race and Equalities Councils in London and the UK

Title: After 50 years of the Race Relations Act 1976 where are we now? (what has changed – are we better or worse off?).

Date: 14th July 2026

Venue: Kingston University, Penrhyn Road, Kingston KT1 2EE

Duration: 10.00am to 3.30pm

Programme

10.00am	Delegates Arrival/Sign in/ Tea/Coffee
10.30am	Welcome by Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Kingston University Professor Elena Marco Mayor of Kingston Cllr Thay Thayalan Chair: Mike Ainsworth, Independent Chair Hate Crime Independent Advisory Group (IAG) - Introduction of KREC Anti-Racist Approach/Framework Report John Azah, KREC CEO - KREC Anti-Racist Approach/Framework Report Paul Giannasi, National Police Advisor for Hate Crime Q & A Indira Isabella Ferree (Indy) - Presentation– Kingston and Richmond Youth Council: Survivance Film
11.45am	Workshop One – Policing and Racism Workshop Two – Impact of Racism on Health and Care Workshop Three – Civil Society challenging Racism Workshop Four – Young people tackling Racism
12.30pm	Plenary/Workshop Feedback
12.45pm	Lunch Drumming Workshop

1.30pm	Panel Discussion Topic: 50 years of the Race Relations Act 1976 where are we now? (what has changed – are we better or worse off?). Panelists: SW Integrated Care Board Met Police Kingston and Richmond Youth Council KREC – Lawrence Davies, Solicitor
2.15pm	Q & A
2.30pm	Keynote Speaker: Dr Neville Lawrence, OBE Patron of KREC Lived experience of Hate, 33 years after the racist murder of his son Stephen Lawrence – facilitated by John Azah Delegates Q & A
3.00pm	Closing Remarks Javed Rafiq, Chair of KREC Cllr Andreas Kirsch, Leader, Royal Borough of Kingston
3.05pm	Tea/Coffee/Cake/50 th Anniversary refreshment/Networking
3.30pm	Departure

Conference Aims and Objectives

- Launch KREC and ICB Anti-Racist Approach/Framework report and map a way forward
- Reflect on what has been achieved after 50 years of the Race Relations Act 1976
- A commitment to call out Racism, challenge discrimination and resist Hate
- To mark and celebrate KREC's 50 years of advocacy, campaigning and achievements

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