

GC anti-racism and anti-oppression resources

Some helpful links and resources we've come across. This document is a work in progress.

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A personal account from within the GC family:

[A blog post by Claire Ratinon](#), a former GC trainee and patchworker, on her experience working as a grower of colour, and an [interview with Claire](#) in the Gardens, Weeds and Words podcast.

Online resources from our sector:

- Two talks from the ORFC this year (both in the ORFC archives: <https://orfc.org.uk/archive-2020/>):
 - *Farming While Black: African Diasporic Wisdom for Farming and Food Justice*
[Audio](#) / [Video](#) / [Slides](#)
 - *Farming So White: Land, Ownership, Race and Racism in Britain*
[Audio](#) / [Slides](#)
- <https://orfc.org.uk/building-an-anti-racist-food-movement-reflections-from-land-in-our-names/> Reflection in the ORFC Review by Sam Siva of Land in Our Names on creating an anti-racist and inclusive land and food justice movement. Includes a list of fundraisers and other organisations to follow.
- Farmerama radio [podcast](#) on social justice and land, and new forms of land ownership, including an interview with Josina Calliste, co-founder of [Land in Our Names](#)
- A [statement](#) from the Landworkers Alliance, with links to organisations, information, events and resources. Suggested actions include:
 - *Educate yourself about the impacts of colonialism on access to land, resources and our food system and sign this petition to **include colonialism in the UK curriculum**.*
 - *Urge Rishi Sunak to **Drop the Debt of the Global South**. Take the time to learn about the impact of our neo-colonial food system on global poverty. So much debt was taken on by countries to build the infrastructure- dams, roads, ports- so to grow export crops and ship them across the world. It is unacceptable for these countries to be forced to cut basic social services to service this debt created in part by our neo-colonialist global food system.*
- A list of resources compiled by community network Semble (formerly Project Dirt) for individuals wanting to learn about racism and support the fight for racial justice: <https://semble.org/blackout-tuesday-individuals/>
- The 21 day Racial Equity challenge by Food Solutions New England. 15-20 minute reading and exercises to be completed over the course of 3 weeks. <https://fsneequitychallenge.org/>

UK organisations, some accepting donations:

- [@ukblm](#) / [Donation link](#)
- [Kidsofcolour.com](#) - A platform for young people of colour to explore race, identity and culture and challenge the everyday, institutionalised racism that shapes their lives / [@KidsOfColourHQ](#) / [Donation link](#)
- [Black Minds Matter](#) - Connecting black individuals and families with free professional mental health resources in the U.K / [@blackmindsmatter.uk](#) / [Donation link](#)
- [@RaceJustice](#) / [Donation link](#)
- Exist Loudly Fund. Set up by Tanya [Compas](#) to support queer black young people in London / [Donation link](#)
- [@fillintheblanksuk](#) - a group of sixth form students from former British colonies, campaigning to mandate the teaching of Britain's colonial history in schools
- [Rainbow noir](#) A volunteer lead social, peer support and community action group, which celebrates and platforms people of colour who identify as LGBTQI+

Organisations supporting victims of police violence in the UK:

- [United Family and Friends Campaign](#) / [Donation link](#)
- [The London Campaign Against Police and State Violence](#)
- [The National Family Fund](#) / [Donation link](#)
- [Inquest](#)
- [Stopwatch UK](#) / Twitter: [@StopWatchUK](#) / [Donation link](#)
- [The Network for Police Monitoring](#) - a coalition monitoring and resisting excessive, intimidating or violent policing

Social accounts of people and organisations in food, horticulture, agriculture or environmental movements:

Instagram accounts:

- [@claireratinon](#) (Horticulturist, gardening book author and former patchworker and trainee at Growing Communities)
- [@awesidefarm](#)
- [@landinournames](#)
- [@soulfirefarm](#) and [@LeahPenniman](#) (Soul Fire Farm have created policies, goals and resources that we'll be using as guidance: <http://www.soulfirefarm.org/about/goals/>)
- [@mikaelaloach](#)
- [@greengirlleah](#) - (Recently wrote the article [Why every environmentalist should be an anti-racist](#), published in that well known environmental magazine, Vogue)
- [@soul.farm](#) - a no-dig market garden in Cornwall
- [Willowbrook farmers](#) The first Halal and Tayib farm in the UK.
- [@vegansofcolour_uk](#) featuring black and POC vegan businesses, decolonise veganism

Twitter accounts:

- [@didara](#) London-based “food action-ist” Dee Woods
- [@Jo_zinaC](#) Josina Calliste of Land in our Names
- [@amahra_](#) campaigner for equity & justice in social design, land, urbanism, food, media & culture

Social accounts of UK people and organisations sharing anti-racist

resources:

- [Emma Dabiri](#) - shares anti racism resources and graphics
- [Everyday racism UK](#) - Listen, learn do the work. Lots of resources and links
- [Alexander Leon](#) - Writer, campaigner and activist. LGBT+ rights, anti-racism, mental health
- [Runnymede trust](#) UK’s leading independent race equality think tank. We generate evidence and provide solutions to tackle structural racism in the UK
- [Charity so white](#) - tackling institutional racism in the charity sector
- [Munroe Bergdorf](#) - UK change maker

Book list

- [Why I’m no longer talking to white people about race](#), Reni Eddo-Lodge
- [White Fragility](#), Robin Diangelo
- [How to Be an Antiracist](#), Ibram X. Kendi
- [Farming while Black](#), Leah Penniman
- [Natives: Race and Class in the Ruins of Empire](#), Akala
- [The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness](#), Michelle Alexander
- [I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings](#), Maya Angelou
- [The Vanishing Half](#), Brit Bennett
- [Girl, Woman, Other](#), Bernardine Evaristo
- [When They Call You a Terrorist](#), Patrisse Cullors
- [The Good Immigrant](#), Nikesh Shukla
- [Me and white supremacy](#), Layla F. Saad
- [Brit\(ish\)](#) Afua Hirsch

Podcast series

[About Race](#), by Reni Eddo-Lodge

Upcoming online events:

US-based resources:

- An [open document](#) shared by Chelsea Green Publishing on supporting people of colour in agriculture and food (most of this is US-based)
- A free 21-day racial equity habit-building [course](#)

Articles, reports, blogs

[What exactly is a microaggression?](#)

[Racism derails our efforts to save the planet](#) - short article from a marine biologist and ocean policy advisor

[Racism dictates who gets dumped on and how: how environmental injustice divides the world](#) - Guardian article, October 2019

Content warning: this article contains descriptions of racist police/prison violence:

[There have been no successful prosecutions for deaths in British police custody since 1969 – here's why](#), Guardian article, June 2020

<https://theconversation.com/seven-ways-businesses-can-value-black-lives-beyond-social-media-posts-140096> Very succinct article. Gets straight to the point.

News:

[Voice Online: Britain's Favourite Black Newspaper](#)

[Gal dem - perspectives from women and non-binary people of colour](#)

[@theconv3rsation](#) a fortnightly football talk show centering black people and influencers of colour , also talking about wider issues

Youtube videos

Less than 5 mins (youtube):

[5 things you should know about racism](#)

[Dave \(artist\) 'Black' \(song\) listen to/look up the lyrics](#)

[Everyday racism: what should we do? Akala | Comment is Free](#)

[Understanding unconscious bias](#)

[What happens when I try to talk race with white people](#) Reni Eddo-Lodge

[Lady Phyll: What It Means To Be An Ally To Black People](#)

[Luke Azille poem on being a young mixed race man](#) at the BLM protest in Tunbridge Wells

Less than 10 mins (youtube):

[How to be an ally](#)

[Unicorns Have Nothing On Us - Spoken Word Performance | Muneera Pilgrim | TEDxBristol](#) Muneera is the current Artist Associate with The English Touring Theatre, and co-founder of the Muslim female Spoken Word and Hip-Hop duo Poetic Pilgrimage, exploring narratives and stories that are rarely centralised.

15 mins:

[BAME representation in farming \(start from 15mins\)](#) (podcast)

[Climbing Poetree](#) spoken word about the world's most pressing environmental and social challenges (colonialisation, the land)

[Stormzy's reflection on race in the UK- Listen from 5 minutes](#)

[Brown, trans, queer, Muslim and proud | Sabah Choudrey | TEDxBrixton](#)

20 mins:

[Made In Britain | Tez Ilyas | TEDxManchester](#) Can you be two things at once? Some would argue for instance, that you can't be both British and Muslim. That these two identities are antithetical.

[No. You Cannot Touch My Hair! | Mena Fombo | TEDxBristol](#) Through her own personal story and the hair-raising experiences of other women and girls, Mena Fombo's TEDxBristol talk is a witty, yet compelling and sometimes dark exploration of the objectification of black women. It's an issue she has spent a lifetime experiencing and exploring, with both a political and creative lens.

[Sayce Holmes-Lewis explains what happened when he was 'pulled over by the police](#) Leading mentor Sayce Holmes-Lewis was pulled over in south London while driving to take food to a bereaved friend. Police suspected he was carrying drugs. He tells The Voice what happened, why he decided to film the incident and how he's tackling discriminatory stop and search. Also talks about systemic change.