

Countering racist bullying

Paper 25: Materials for learners

Fiction

Badger Publishing provides a box of books for KS2 and KS3 pupils with the generic title *Challenging Racism Through Literature*. There are nineteen titles altogether and the authors include Beverley Naidoo, Verna Allette Wilkins, Floella Benjamin, Benjamin Zephaniah and Grace Nichols. An attractive flier is available and full details are at http://www.badger-publishing.co.uk/sec_12b.htm

Websites

Britkid: Intended in the first instance for primary school pupils in areas where there are few people of minority-ethnic backgrounds, but its interest is in fact much wider. www.britkid.org/

Coastkid: Based on the Britkid concept (see above) and based in Brighton and Hove, the focus is on the relationships and conflicts that arise between nine young people in an imaginary school. <http://www.coastkid.org/>

Ekta Kettering: Run for teenagers by teenagers, about racist attacks and attitudes. Based in a single borough but with relevance and interest everywhere. <http://www.ektakettering.org/>

Kiddiesville Football Club: Intended particularly for primary schools, a very lively site about the exploits of an imaginary football team, with music, stories, games, humorous and nonsense verse, and vivid graphics. Also, explanatory background notes for teachers ('Adultsville'.) www.kiddiesvillefc.com

Rewind: Intended for secondary students as well as for teachers and youth workers, a lively collection of materials and discussions about racism and race equality. www.rewind.org.uk

Sikh Kids: A platform for sharing information and news and giving mutual support. <http://www.sikhkids.com/>

Voice Our Concern: A project in the Republic of Ireland to teach about human rights issues, including racism. Many practical ideas, games and activities. The involvement of prominent writers, artists and film directors is one of the project's several striking features. <http://www.voiceourconcern.org/index.htm>

Youthweb: Developed by Soft Touch Community Arts, a lively site for secondary students, teachers and youth workers. The materials on racism and identity have been created by young people in Leicester. On the home page click on the 'Respect' button. www.youth-web.org.uk.

Suppliers

Letterbox Library: Wide range of books for children, particularly at key stages 1–3. www.letterboxlibrary.com.

Multicultural Books: Formerly Paublo Books. Extensive catalogue of publications for children and teenagers from throughout the English-speaking world.

www.multiculturalbooks.co.uk

Positive Identity: Educational books, dolls, puppets, puzzles and posters.

www.positive-identity.com.

Non-fiction

Several educational publishers include a book on racism in the illustrated series which they provide for PSHE and citizenship at KS2 and KS3. Titles include:

- ❑ *Dealing with Racism: choices and decisions*, by Pete Sanders and Steve Myers, Aladdin 2004
- ❑ *Racism: the impact on our lives* by Cath Senker, Hodder Wayland 21st Century Debates, 2003
- ❑ *Racism: changing attitudes 1900–2000* by R.G.Grant, Hodder Wayland 1999
- ❑ *Racism: just the facts* by Adrian Cooper, Heinemann 2003
- ❑ *Read All About It: racism* by Adam Hibbert, Franklin Watts, 2001
- ❑ *Talking about Racism* by Nicola Edwards, Chrysalis Children's Books, 2003
- ❑ *Talking about Racism* by Bruce Sanders, Aladdin Books, 2003
- ❑ *The Skin I'm In: a first look at racism* by Pat Thomas, Hodder Wayland, 2003
- ❑ *What's the issue? – prejudice and difference* by Paul Wignell, Reed Educational, 2000
- ❑ *World Issues: racism* by Clive Gifford, Chrysalis Children's Books, 2003
- ❑ *Why are People Racist?* By Cath Senker, Hodder Children's Books, 2001

The **Staffordshire Partnership** has produced *The Three Lions* about racism in football. Details from St Joseph's, 2-4 Lichfield Street, Rugeley, Staffs WS15 2EH.

And last but not least, two recent picture books from the United States:

- ❑ *Let's Talk about Race* by Julius Lester, HarperCollins 2005
- ❑ *Skin Again* by bell hooks, Hyperion 2004

Video

Leicestershire Constabulary has published *Throwing Stones*, a video for pupils (KS2 and KS3) with extensive notes for teachers and youth workers and staff working as police/schools liaison/officers. The video tells the story of two friends torn apart by racism and is intended for PSHE, the citizenship curriculum and literacy. An order form can be downloaded from www.leicester.gov.uk/departments/page.asp?pgid=5809
