

MixEd Meet



A monthly meet up where MixEd discuss our projects around decolonisation and diversification, as well as ensuring those of us with dual or multiple heritage have our voices and unique experiences heard. It's also a useful supervision tool (not shared beyond the meeting)

All welcome!

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1 During Holocaust Memorial week some students drew on Boy in the Striped pyjamas as their knowledge of the curriculum. was discussed- we all agreed that whilst this is a good tool lower down to introduce the Holocaust but the inaccuracies to be taught for older children. Does the book create sympathy for Bruno's family who were complicit in the Holocaust? Why would Shmuel who was unable to provide any labour value be kept alive?

2 A discussion on Roma gypsy Community on East Manchester and how open prejudice to GRT community is the most "socially acceptable" racism in the UK. An issue we will continue to discuss

3 Term BAME vs Global Majority. The ME bit of BAME "lumps together" a wide demographic and therefore denies their unique experience. Does Global Majority create tension and be potentially divisive? Non-white is a microaggression in terms of creating othering. People of colour is used increasingly, but some of us who are mixed are white passing.

4 Idea of a Heritage week with a theme each year e.g. food, celebrations- all can be involved and commonalities become apparent. Links nicely to Black History Month Proud to be theme

5 LGBTQ+ History Month - chance to get intersectionality into the curriculum

6 Feedback on "BAME" parent forum- incredibly useful and main action point was ensuring students actually know what "zero tolerance" means. This will be done through assemblies and posters- zero tolerance means = challenged every time and will always have an action (parents were all keen that education always an action)

Recommended reads/watches/follows:

- TedEx talk Aisha Thomas "Why representation matters"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-X-taPvKWbY>
- Work of Rosemary Campbell Stevens @2ndprinciple