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Dear All,

Hope you are well and have managed to enjoy some of the beautiful weather we have been having. Every Friday we will share a roundup of things which may be interesting to you:

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Ally Statements

Some of our white colleagues have chosen to take the time to explain what allyship means to them. You can read their stories on our [intranet page](#). If you would like to submit your own allyship experience please [email us](#).

Race Equality Charter

Advance HE, the founders of the Race Equality Charter, have recognised the University of Birmingham with the Race Equality Charter Bronze Award, making Birmingham one of only 15 UK universities to hold an award. Read the full press release and view the action plan [online](#).

West Midlands Police Survey

Recent anti-racism demonstrations have highlighted issues within British Policing around ethnic minorities, in particular with the black community. One of the values within West Midlands Police is that we 'Listen & Learn'. This helps us become better and improve the way we work and engage with our communities. [This survey](#) is targeted at the black community across the West Midlands region and we want your honest and open views, therefore answering these questions is your opportunity to shape the future of your local Police Force.

Google Classroom Library

Please find attached a brilliant resource to use with children of all ages. Click on the individual books and they will open up in separate links to allow you to listen to books or excerpts from the books. [Google Classroom Library]

Queen Elizabeth's Hospital celebrates Windrush Day

On the 22nd June the BME Network at the hospital celebrated Windrush Day and have shared with us the attachment. [BME Networks Windrush Day June 2020]

Counselling and mental health services

<https://www.blackmindsmatteruk.com/>

This organisation will be providing free counselling for black people from about 3 weeks' time. They're aiming to help by engaging with black counsellors.

<https://www.taraki.co.uk/taraki-team>

This organisation focuses on the South Asian community, specifically Punjabi mental health issues. They run monthly forums on a variety of relevant topics and have a strong network of places they can signpost people to who are after Punjabi specific mental health professionals.

Strategic Change Online Community of Practice Event - 30th June 14.30 – 16.00

The University's Strategic Change department want to attract colleagues at all levels to get them thinking about proactive, simple ways to help teams deliver through this period of rapid change. Places are limited and they are filling up fast so worth signing up as soon as possible. [Register now](#)

Lets Talk about Race in HE panel discussion video

Sanchia Alasia from Brunel's Equality, Diversity & Inclusion team hosted a panel discussion on Monday 22 June to discuss experiences of racism, white privilege and how we can ever make universities anti-racist. Professor Udy Archibong MBE spoke about how her experiences working in HE was like staring at a concrete ceiling while stapled to the floor! [Watch the video.](#)

If you have anything you would like shared in our weekly Friday roundups please send it through via [email](#) at any time before the Friday you would like it shared in.

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Many Thanks

Natasha Nelson

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