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Dear All

Hope you are well. Here is this Friday's roundup:

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WonkHe @ Home: Black Lives Matter – 7th July 09.30 – 12.00

The global wave of Black Lives Matter action in the wake of the brutal killing of George Floyd in Minnesota has fuelled a public conviction of the necessity and urgency of efforts to tackle racial inequalities across society. In higher education, the issues are well-known: differential experience and attainment between BAME and white students; a lack of representation of people of colour in academia and at senior levels, a drumbeat of overt or implicit racial prejudice, and the weight of powerful histories and cultures that have privileged whiteness. In line with patterns of inequality in wider society, BAME staff and students tend to come from less privileged backgrounds. Rapid action is essential; but actions must be practical, meaningful, sustainable, and shaped by the lived experience of people of colour working and studying in HE. At this Wonkhe @ Home, hosted by Amatey Doku, we'll explore the themes shaping those experiences and aim to identify what must be done across universities to make higher education truly inclusive. [Register online.](#)

Universities UK – Eliminating Racism Webinar – 14th July 15:30 – 16:30

Universities UK will hold a webinar entitled "Turning words into action: Eliminating Racism and Racial Inequality in Higher Education". [Register online.](#)

Alumni Leadership Mentoring Programme – Ideas needed

The Development and Alumni Relations Office are looking for your help.

[ALMP](#) is our flagship mentoring programme, that has 24 mentors on it. We particularly want to better reflect the diversity of the student body and encourage greater participation from underrepresented groups by having a more diverse group of mentors on ALMP. We are looking for alumni who are leaders in their field, from a variety of sectors, who could be willing to give an hour a month to meet with their mentee. We would really welcome suggestions from the network of successful BAME alumni who meet this criteria could potentially support the programme (*don't worry if you aren't sure if someone is an alumni of the University, that can be checked by DARO*). If you have suggestions please [email](#) them to the Network.

BAME Network Member, Mayah Wetherell shares her artwork (attached)

I have been inspired to celebrate and take pride in my culture through digital art, and as a member of the BAME network at UoB, I wanted to share my original pieces that are for sale. (I have proudly hung up 'She' at home!) They are large A1 prints (23x33) inches, and I am pleased to say I am currently accepting requests for custom art! If you would like to support my work, please visit my website to see my full portfolio at: www.mwethart.wordpress.com. I would love to hear from colleagues across the university, so please don't hesitate to get in touch at: mayah.wetherell17@outlook.com.

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

Co-Chair, BAME Staff Network