



Free anti-racism workshops for Sandwell schools and youth groups

Proposal for schools and youth groups:

Between March and May 2022, Changing Our Lives are pleased to offer schools in Sandwell the opportunity to get involved in our new project. Since 2013, the Black Lives Matter movement has been fighting against the oppression of the Black community. Following the murder of George Floyd in the US on 25th May 2020 the world sat up and conversations have been taking place all over the world, with a particular focus on the stereotypes imposed upon Black men by society.

In schools and youth groups across the borough, we will facilitate workshops, assemblies and mini-events to young people around the age group of 13 - 14. These sessions will be led by local Black men who will share their stories and experiences, offering young Black boys positive male role models through strengthening a positive sense of their identity, whilst challenging the negative stereotypes that exist in wider society.

We will work with you to deliver these sessions in a way that best suits. Sessions will be secured on a first-come-first-served-basis.

Wider project overview:

The workshops are part of a wider project called 'Barbershop Stories', which sees us working with 10 Black men to tell their stories. These stories will help pave the way for younger generations of Black men to aspire to. These stories will be written from the men's perspective - challenging the stereotypes too often portrayed and the myths and stigma that Black men have had imposed upon them.

We will record the stories digitally both in book form and a series of podcasts or short videos. We will also use photography to showcase and celebrate the success of the 10 men selected and work with local spaces and the Black Cultural Archives in Brixton, London to exhibit the artwork. We will publicise the stories via social media and use this to start wider conversations around social injustice and the influence and power of the Black community.

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