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### **Opening Session Speakers**

**Lena Dominelli** University of Durham  
**Cristel Amiss** Black Women's Rape Action Project  
**Charles Chinweizu** Fight Racism! Fight Imperialism!/RCG  
**Dashty Jamal** International Federation of Iraqi Refugees  
**Greg Maughan** Campaign for a New Workers Party  
**Daljeet Singh** BECON

### **Closing Session Speakers**

**Arun Kundnani** Institute of Race Relations  
**Kudzi Amandla** Tyneside Community Action for Refugees

### **Thanks**

A big thank you to all those involved in organising, supporting and setting up the conference; your efforts are greatly appreciated.

In TCAR we believe that together we are stronger. If you want to join us make sure you give your contact details to the stewards or get in touch after the conference.

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# northern conference against racism



**21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE @ NORTHUMBRIA UNI  
STUDENTS' UNION | 10.30AM - 5.30PM  
A DAY OF EDUCATION, DISCUSSION & DEBATE**

## **Programme**

**Registration** 10.30am - 11am

**Opening Session** 11am - 1pm  
See back cover for speakers

**Lunch Break** 1pm - 1.45pm

**Workshops A** 1.45pm - 2.45pm

**Workshops B** 2.45pm - 3.45pm

**Break** 3.45pm - 4pm

**Closing Session** 4pm - 5.20pm  
See back cover for speakers



## **Welcome to the Northern Conference Against Racism.**

Please choose two workshops to attend, one from A, and one from B.

### **Workshops A 1.45PM - 2.45PM**

#### **Red Room | Know Your Rights**

*by The Rights Project*

A workshop discussing the rights of immigrants in Britain with a particular focus on legal rights; to protest, to participate in election, to be free from police and state harassment etc.

#### **Yellow Room | Are Immigration Controls Racist?**

*by No One Is Illegal*

No One is Illegal activist Margaret McAdam will be leading an open discussion on immigration controls.

#### **Green Room | Asylum Mythbusters**

*by North of England Refugee Service*

This workshop will look at some of the ways newspapers and television portray asylum seekers and refugees negatively and will discuss the truth about migration and asylum experiences.

#### **Blue Room | History of Struggle**

*by Tyneside Socialist Forum*

Discussing histories of struggle against racism in the North East.

#### **Star Room | Racism and Prisons**

*by Fight Racism! Fight Imperialism!/Revolutionary Communist Group*

The British prison population is at an all-time high with black and ethnic minority peoples massively over-represented. This workshop will look at rights in prison and detention centres, at the all-pervading racism in prison and at the resistance of those who are detained, particularly the resistance of immigration detainees.

#### **Triangle Room | Creative Protest**

*by Mongrel UK*

A hands on workshop experimenting with protest through creative mediums such as dance, music and movement.

### **Workshops B 2.45PM - 3.45PM**

#### **Red Room | How to Work With the Media**

Asylum seekers often get shown in a very unfair way in the press and media of the UK. This workshop aims to help you to get asylum seekers a better and fairer deal with the press and media, particularly in the North East of England.

#### **Yellow Room | How to Fight Against Deportations**

*by North West Asylum Seekers Defence Group*

How should asylum seekers be defended? Does fighting make things worse? Should the struggle against immigration deportations and detentions be a political or a charity issue?

#### **Green Room | Young People and Racism** (For under 25 y/olds)

*by Tyneside Community Action for Refugees*

Ever wondered why 'race' is important? What racism is? How Britain has become racist? If so come to an introductory workshop for young people.

#### **Blue Room | Fighting Fascism**

*by Youth Against Racism in Europe*

After recent electoral victories by the racist far-right BNP, especially in the GLA, this shows they are a real threat. What's the way forward from here and how do we combat them?

#### **Star Room | Racism and the International Situation**

*by Fight Racism! Fight Imperialism! & Conseil des Resistants Congolais*

This workshop will discuss the links between racism in Britain and the role of imperialist governments and multinationals in plundering oppressed countries.

#### **Triangle Room | Racism and Housing**

*by Tyneside Community Action for Refugees*

Shelter is a basic necessity required for survival, yet in Britain the provision of decent housing is a privilege not a right. Why are asylum seekers and migrant workers housed in the worst conditions? Why are immigrants blamed for a shortage of council housing?