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Doing DARPL – DARPL vision and operation – doing the ‘Heart work’ / ‘Gwaith Calon’ in Wales. UK
Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Communities, Contributions and Cynefin in the New Curriculum

• Welsh Government: Prof Charlotte Williams’ Report (March 2021)
• Ministerial Working Group
• 51 recommendations
Welsh Government’s Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan (ARWAP) expects an Anti-Racist Nation by 2030.

‘DARPL is Essential to Realise the New Curriculum for Wales’ (2022).
Guiding Principles of ARWAP

The rhetoric on racial equality should be translated into meaningful action.

Organisations and institutions made accountable for turning this into reality as is common with other important policy areas.

The Plan identifies ‘goals’, ‘actions’ ‘timelines’, ‘outcomes’ and the role of the Accountability Group that will oversee the governance as critical to successful implementation.

A fairer education and training system.
The four purposes

1. Ambitious, capable learners
2. Enterprising, creative contributors
3. Healthy, confident individuals
4. Ethical, informed citizens

These four purposes will be the foundation of everything we learn.

- Ambitious, capable learners who are ready to learn throughout their lives.
- Enterprising, creative contributors who are ready to play a full part in life and work.
- Ethical, informed citizens who are ready to take part in Wales and the world.

Healthy, confident individuals who are ready to face the challenges of work.

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Gwaith-Calon/Heart-Work

- Gwaith calon, mae’n gwaith caled
- Heart-work, it’s hard-work
- Gwrth-hiliol
- Anti-Racist
- Moeseg a dinasyddiaeth
- Ethics and citizenship
- Gyda’n gilydd tuag at 2030
- Together towards 2030

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The Spirit runs deep

The canal, the sea,
Leon Andrews
Teacher, Llanwern High School

“EVERYONE INVOLVED IN EDUCATION NEEDS TO BECOME PART OF TEAM DARPL.”

Martine Coles
Vulnerable Groups Manager, Standards and Provision, Vale of Glamorgan Council

“MAKING SURE SENIOR LEADERS ARE ‘DARPL-ED’, IS A WAY OF CREATING MEANINGFUL CHANGE.”
DARPL Research overview:

South East Wales research- non reporting of racist incidents in schools
Community of Practice research
‘Routes and shoots’ research
National Museum of Wales – Windrush materials research
Welsh Government Minority Ethnic research
The Research team
Context and Background

• small-scale funded research project
• aimed to explore experiences of racism and racist bullying in South Wales schools
• to gauge and document the reasons why learners in five local authority areas (LAs) were under-reporting or failing to report, incidents of racism or racist incidents that occur within their school environment.
Research Themes - The research identified 6 themes

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Non-Reporting of Racism / Reasons

“I was called the N word. But I don’t think the child knew what it meant, so I didn’t report it. I didn’t want to get them into trouble”. (Learner A, P1)

“I Went to tell on them but didn’t because I don’t want to get friends into trouble and ruin relationships”. (Learner C, P3)

“The pupil being racist started lying when they were reported” (Learner C, P1)
reasons for non-reporting

“When it is a microaggression, young pupils might not have the ability to communicate what has happened to them or why it is racist. Also, how can you report racism ‘safely’ when a teacher is being racist?” (LEA staff, L1A)

“Pupils/staff feeling like this is something that they are just going to have to deal with this themselves” (LEA staff, L1B)

“Dealing with racism isn’t an entrenched behaviour in the school system” (LEA staff, L1C)
• Racial bullying is not widely reported in schools for a number of reasons
• School staff ‘shy’ away from incidents around race - as well as implementation of whole school policies around race.
• It is not just pupils that suffer racist bullying, support staff / supply staff do as well
• Parents worry about their children, inside and outside school
Implications and recommendations for policy / practice / further research

There were 20 policy recommendations
A sample –

• Empathy and allyship were mooted as a key driver in this work and it must be whole school.

• Pastoral work is vital within this racial dynamic. Funded cuts to support staff are apparent in many schools – this does not help pastoral work or race equity work.

• Racism and racism/racist bullying is cumulative. Its effects are lifelong. It impacts on both the mental and physical health of our young people. We strongly recommend that racism and racial/racist bullying should be categorised as Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE).

• Individually appropriate, sustained support (counselling) should be resourced for children affected by racism. School policies and visions need to hold anti-racism at its safeguarding core.
Implications and recommendations for practice

There were 18 practice recommendations

A sample –

• Schools need to consider that adults (teachers, support staff etc) working in their schools may also suffer from racism / racial bullying.

• Better partnerships with parents / community - Parental engagement and buy-in is essential. Schools can’t do this work alone.

• Whole school anti-racist training

• Recruitment processes should include consideration of anti-racist practice from interview discussions / tasks and professional learning for new staff and student teachers. Supply teaching providers should be asked about anti-racist professional learning / auditing.

• Schools must have a zero tolerance of racism / racist bullying of all kinds including ‘banter’.
Implications and recommendations for further research

We commend the funding of this research
This research project has barely scratched the surface of this issue deep rooted locally, nationally, and globally.
Further funding and longitudinal research is needed to explore these issues in more detail.
Research with National Museum of Wales
Research overview

- Work was commissioned by the National Museum of Wales (NMW)
- Davis and Haughton, wrote two e-books to commemorate the 75th anniversary of HMT Windrush, and the ongoing stories of those Windrush people, who made their homes in Wales
- Collaboration between CSESP/DARPL and colleagues from the NMW
- Unique piece of joint research, bridging the gap between academia and museum education
Windrush materials consist of: Two e-books and a Spotify playlist informed by a Museum exhibition.

Fictional and Factual book

Museum exhibition

Spotify playlist

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Windrush Cymru

Learning resources about the Windrush Generation in Wales
Methodology and research design

Research aim:
• to discover, how teachers in Wales will use the NMW Windrush e-materials, alongside the established Windrush exhibition as the two projects are interlinked.

Research design:
• We developed materials and facilitated a range of teacher workshops, with NMW to explore the materials. Six teachers signed up and were involved in the project.
• They were given the materials and attended three workshops, two in person and one online to share work and ideas.

Theoretical underpinning:
• Social justice lens (Freire, 2005)

Research data:
• Reflective notes on teacher workshops / teacher engagement with the project
• Teacher planning and work products / children’s work
• 1:1 teacher interviews
• Teacher questionnaires and feedback
How teachers used the materials

• Teachers used them autonomously
• Uncovered themes such as: belonging, leaving loved ones, then and now, racism
• Used the e-books from reception up to year 6
• Used the Spotify playlist in e.g., PE and to aid creative writing / set the scene.
• Used the materials holistically across all AoLs / topics
• Used them for their own professional understanding / CPD
Learning Goal: To write an imagery poem.

I wave, goodbye to my loved ones,
Leaving the sun and sand behind,
Not knowing the meaning of racism yet,
Or if Britain would be welcoming and kind.

I step onto the massive ship,
Already feeling a little lonely,
I grasp my luggage with all my might,
Causing me to walk ever so slowly.

I arrived with high hopes,
And glorious dreams,
Compared to what I saw at home,
Britain is not what it seems.

They invited me to their land,
Yet didn’t pay for my travel,
As soon as they special ship stopped,
Hidden lies began to unravel.

This isn’t what I expected,
I only desired a better life,
But people are deeply formenting me,
Breaking my trust with a mental knife,
Rejection, Rejection, Rejection!
Welsh Government ME recruitment Research report Phase I and II


https://doi.org/10.1002/curj.175
Impacting national policy.....


New Anti-Racist Connect Group established in autumn 22 to provide peer to peer support for educational leaders across Wales.

The 'Connect' network with a difference for educational leaders

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Role models in school and society are important. By seeing someone ostensibly like us, taking positive action and succeeding in life, we take inspiration, comfort and confidence.

We know it's like that for learners in our schools. It's also like that for practitioners, especially those who come from a minority ethnic background and who may not always have access to the support they need from colleagues, parents or peers.

The Anti-racist Wales Connect Group has therefore been created as a source of mutual help and peer to peer support, but also to inspire colleagues from ethnic backgrounds to aspire to leadership, helping to grow a diverse leadership representation in education in Wales.
Further publications / DARPL virtual library

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What do you think? What are you doing? What’s your legacy?
What are you going to do next in your work?
Cysylltwch â ni! Reach out!

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Any questions?
Unrhyw gwestiynau?
Thank you

Diolch