



Council

Motions

Date: 12 July 2023

Class: Part 1

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Outline and recommendation

To receive motions from Members of the Council.

Race Equality Motion

Proposer: Cllr Campbell

Seconder: Cllr Erheriene

Rathfern Primary School has made the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals a key part of their curriculum, to help students see the world in a more equitable way. Inspired by this teaching Cassius Burton, a Year Six pupil at the time, wrote to the United Nations requesting them to make race equality the 18th Sustainable Development Goal (SDG). Cassius said in his letter that it was a "glaring and unacceptable omission" to have not included race equality as one of the Sustainable Development Goals.

This council notes:

- The United Nations adopted 17 Sustainable Development Goals in 2015 with 169 targets to be achieved by 2030. Racial equality was not specifically included as one of these 17 Goals
- Cassius Burton is a young activist and student from Lewisham who has raised awareness and campaigned for the United Nations to adopt an 18th Sustainable Development Goal for Race Equality
- Systemic racism and discrimination affect millions of people both in the UK and around the world and needs to be addressed urgently

This council believes:

- The United Nations adopting race equality as the 18th SDG would send a powerful message of solidarity and commitment to the millions of people who suffer from racial injustice and oppression
- Achieving racial equality is a key step in eliminating world poverty
- It would inspire and empower governments, civil society, businesses and individuals to take concrete actions to eliminate racism and promote diversity, inclusion and harmony in communities and societies

This council will:

- Support Cassius Burton and his campaign for Race Equality to become adopted as the 18th Sustainable Development Goal by
 - o Writing to the Foreign Secretary encouraging them to raise this issue with the United Nations,
 - o Writing to our three local MPs asking them to support this campaign in Parliament, and
 - o Encouraging more local schools to join this campaign