

A Call for Evidence Reparations, Racial Justice and Equality

Racism, embedded in world history from October 12, 1492, when Columbus' expedition made landfall in the Americas. Following that event the world has been transformed into the one we have today. That historic event was the foundation pillar for following genocide, human trafficking – the transatlantic trade in Africans nations, chattel plantation enslavement and, other forms of man's inhumanity, that was never before experienced by many of the world's ethnic populations. The truth was obscured and lies promoted as facts, creating five worlds (1: B Larrier N.SA.R.C) 2018

The above statement of truth has implications globally, regarding the continued devaluation of African nations, globally. From my perspective of surviving in a relatively hostile environment, evidence of these human rights abuses, then & now (2019) is available to research, given access to social media platforms & international library sources. Moreover disproportionate treatment impacting upon generations of African individuals, & nations by state employed forces, worldwide. Deaths in Policed Custody, Deaths in Mental Health institutions, coupled with lack of responsibility & no duty of care. Sound bites of "lesson will be learnt" & "Conscious Bias" are repeated daily, doing nothing to resolve current disharmony & develop trust between communities in the UK. The rise of intolerance led by political will, Xenophobia against Refugees & Migrants, ignoring their plight of fleeing their nations of origins, due to warmongering, resulting in many deaths. However, these incidents passes by each day normalised, as we become insensitive to these tragedies.

In an historical context there is a correlation between the Barbados slave codes of 1661 passed by the colonial English legislation that stated Black slaves would be treated as chattel property, in the islands courts, and subsequent English colonies,... These codes set out some requirements regarding, one set of clothing a year, but, they failed to include any protection /standards from cruel masters, adequate diet, living quarters or working conditions. It worked to solely deny enslaved Africans the right to common English laws, and access to self defence, even to the point that diseases were fabricated to accommodate injustices. Drapetomania was a conjectural mental illness that in 1851, American physician Samuel A. Cartwright "hypothesized" the causation of enslaved Africans fleeing bondage, has since been debunked as pseudoscience & part of the narrative of scientific racism; however these beliefs are being practiced.

(2: C D Willowy) <https://www.questia.com/library/.../running-away-from-Drapetomania-samuel-a-cartwrig...>

This alludes to "specific nations" not being valued as human being equally with their peers. The emergences of the systems of White Privilege & superiority have become mainstreamed.

Examples of these Jane Elliot <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFQkLp5u-No>

History behind her awareness <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFQkLp5u-No>

Even after the systems of injustice are being slowly dismantled, muted and closed down the people who owned my ancestors were given compensation/ reparations <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/centre-transnational-history/research-and-publications/legacies>

You can trace through UCL portals the names and legacies of the beneficiaries. The irony being that there are still lucrative contracts to be acquired on the backs of Black bodies then and now. Some of the universities themselves were developed on the backs of forced labour & enslavement. In relation to the survivors of the greatest crime against humanity, there is a collective resistance against the narrative of Reparatory justice-reparations for the survivors of Enslavement & what legacies we have. Yet still, we have scholars of African Origin researching and writing, however their Caucasian peers are taken more seriously and have access to larger platforms for promotion of their works. "***When it comes to White Privilege, White people somehow become the authority***". Dr Francis Cress-Welsing & Dr Joy Leary to name 2 scholars who work towards solutions, educating and informing mixed audiences. There is also an unreasonable expectation, when you (the African) over stand how this system is perpetrated, you should navigate around it. This cannot be resolved until we all have a duty to own this as our entire problem, impacts that have been 500 years in the making... can only be undone collectively.

Working towards Solutions

It has been proposed by one of our noted Elder activist, survivor of the System of false imprisonment and Racism: Elder Reverend Buddy Larrier CEO of Non State Actors Reparations Commission Barbados that we support an action that we could scale up globally each year "The International Day for Reparations" Truth, Justice & Peace Healing & Reconciliation

October 12 is **the International Day for Reparations** to promote truth, justice, peace, healing, and reconciliation in support of the World Social Forum proclamation of 2013.

We iletoCPN support this proposal as laid out in his submission to the UN Special Rapporteur on the subject of contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance with special focus on "*reparations, racial justice, and equality*".

As well as THIS letter dated 30th June 2019 to the UN under said heading of

A Call for Evidence "Reparations, Racial Justice and Equality" iletoCPN grass roots community

<https://bit.ly/2rQbLof>

<https://unifiedsisters.wordpress.com/research-projects/>

<http://iletocpncommunity.org.uk/>

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