

Racial Discrimination by School Council

Definition

Discrimination is when someone is treated unfairly because of the colour of their skin, their religion or where they are from.

Discrimination is NOT OKAY.

The most common form of discrimination is racial discrimination, also known as racism. This is when someone is treated differently because of the colour of their skin.



Rights of the Child



The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

21st of March is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

There are 3 articles that are aimed at eliminating racial discrimination:

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

- **Article 2**
 - **The Convention applies to every child , regardless of race, colour, gender, language, place of birth, religion, politics, disability and status.**
- **Article 12**
 - **All children and young people have the right to give their opinion and for adults to listen and take them seriously.**
- **Article 30**
 - **All children and young people have the right to practice their own culture, language and religion.**

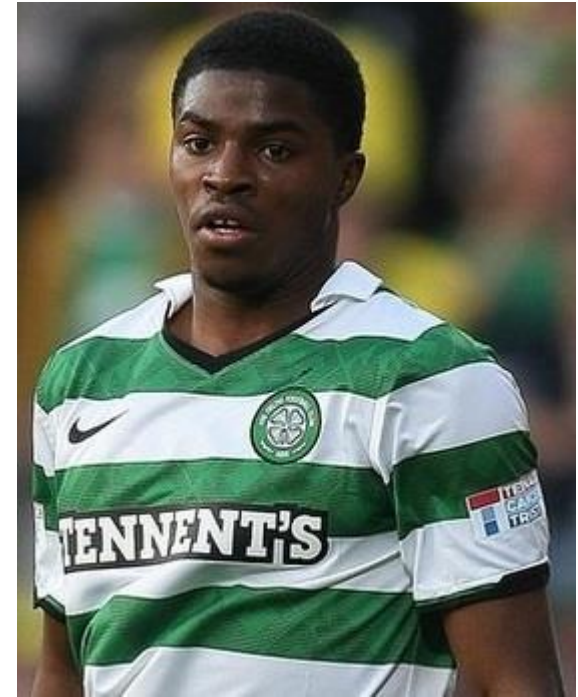
Did you know ?

Being teased for your skin tone, eye shape/colour and nationality is a sign of discrimination.




In America in the 1950s, if you had black skin you had to go to different cinemas, different toilets and they had to give up their seat on a bus to a white person. Sadly, this discrimination is still happening today in many popular sports (i.e. football).

**Here is a role play about
racial discrimination in
football.**



**Here are some other
examples...**

A Black student with dark curly hair is shown in profile, looking down. In the background, a hand points towards the text on a chalkboard. The text is white and reads: "Black students are punished more harshly and more frequently than white students for the same offenses." The chalkboard is dark green.

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Others are discriminated because their nationality, ethnicity and country of origin. In Northern Ireland, members of the Irish Traveler's community are discriminated.

Employers must not unlawfully discriminate on the grounds of race. There are many ways in which employers could unlawfully discriminate. These can include:

- harassment;**
- bullying;**
- indirect discrimination;**
- victimization;**



Why this day?

- **March 21st** was created by the United Nations nearly **50 years ago** because events in South Africa.
- **Back then, South Africa was run by white people that discriminated against black people.**
- **Black children were not taught English in their schools.**
- **There was a demonstration in a place called Soweto where children marched through the streets to ask for equal education.**
- **Sadly, some children were shot and arrested for speaking out against discrimination.**

Fortunately, a very famous man called Nelson Mandela led their people into freedom and now everyone in South Africa has equal rights.



Sadly, this discrimination is still happening today and in this country.

Luckily, a lot of people are standing up to racial discrimination and the reports of this abuse are going down. 😊 😊 😊

Will you speak out against it too?