

17 November 2021

Dear

ATISN 15612 – EH – Community Consultation Grant

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on Wednesday 20 October 2021.

You asked for information related to the following:

1. Which organisations have received Community Consultation Grants for support in their efforts to counter racism?
2. Which racial groups have got paid Community Mentors (representatives) to help them have their voices heard by the Race Equality Action Plan, e.g. Black, Asian, White, Chinese, etc.
3. Have any organisations representing white victims of racism received any funding from the Welsh Government?
4. How much money has been spent on “reducing racism” including money spent on reducing “race hate crime” in the past 12 months?
5. How much money has BLM received?

Please find below the answers to your questions in the order you sent your request.

1] Which organisations have received Community Consultation Grants for support in their efforts to counter racism?

Below is a list of the organisations that received a community consultation grant to undertake consultation exercises with Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities.

KIRAN Cymru
Race Council Cymru - Cardiff
Race Council Cymru - Swansea
Race Council Cymru - Newport
Race Council Cymru - West Wales
Race Council Cymru - North Wales
Sub-Sahara Advisory Panel
The Romani Cultural & Arts Company
BAME Mental Health Support
The Privilege Café
Women Connect First
Hayaat Women's Trust
Henna Foundation

NWREN
Butetown Community Centre Association
Action for Art
South Riverside Centre and Bevan Foundation
The Polish School
Opinion-8
North Wales Africa Society
Children in Wales
Welsh Refugee Council
Ethnic Minority Women in Welsh Healthcare
South Riverside Centre and Bevan Foundation

2] Which racial groups have got paid Community Mentors (representatives) to help them have their voices heard by the Race Equality Action Plan, e.g. Black, Asian, White, Chinese, etc.

We do not hold information on the race or ethnicity of our Community Mentors as we did not request applicants to complete an equal opportunities monitoring form. This was a procurement of services rather than a recruitment exercise so collection of equal opportunities monitoring forms is not required. Community mentors were not appointed to represent the views of any particular racial group but rather share their lived as well as their professional experience of the impact of racism on Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities.

3] Have any organisations representing white victims of racism received any funding from the Welsh Government?

Welsh Government provides funding to organisations supporting those who may consider themselves as White as well as having experienced racism. We understand that funding provided to Victim Support Cymru, TGP Cymru, Citizens Advice Cymru and Settled (and likely others), may fall into this category as they help victims of racism from communities who are likely to ascribe their ethnicity as 'White'. However, we do not routinely collect ethnicity data combined with data relating to experiences of racism, so it is not possible for us to provide a comprehensive and accurate response to this question.

4] How much money has been spent on “reducing racism” including money spent on reducing “race hate crime” in the past 12 months?

The following has been spent between October 2020 to October 2021 on hate crime projects aimed at tackling hate motivated by race:

- £176,872.92 on the Hate Crime Minorities Communities Grant.
- £42,060.00 on Hate Hurts Wales.
- £249,853.61 on the National Hate Crime Report and Support Centre. The Centre provides support to all victims of hate crime but the costs assigned are proportionately to the number of race hate victims (The total cost of the Centre was £378,566.08).

5] How much money has BLM received?

As part the work on Race Equality, Race Council Cymru and Black Lives Matter Wales received a total of £5,000 as part of the community engagement exercise in October 2020 to enable BLM groups in Wales to contribute to the Welsh Government's Race Equality Action Plan.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

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Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely