"Why isn't my Professor Black?"

Challenging Institutional Racism in Higher Education

Monday 27th October 2014, 6pm - 8pm

Room: GCG-08 blue zone (Graduate Centre), 166-220 Holloway Road, London N7 8DP

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UNISON, UCU and the Students’ Union at London Metropolitan University support Black History month and we stand opposed to all forms of racism. So we have invited Professor Harinder Bahra to speak about challenging ‘institutional racism’ in Higher Education.

There is also a new campaign called ‘Why isn't my Professor Black?’ highlighting that there are just 85 Professors (0.4%) in the UK who are black. The NUS film includes two of the current London Metropolitan University Student Union elected sabbatical officers, Amanda Marillier and Nicole Mitchel.

For some background, see an article Harinder Bahra wrote in 2011 about discrimination in the sector. And read a Times Higher Ed interview with Harinder published this summer.

Professor Harinder Bahra (left) is an experienced adviser to top management in both public and private sectors. He has focused in recent years on organisation and leadership development with an emphasis on diversity management. His contribution within the education sector includes:

- Reviewing BME staff experiences in higher education (HEFCE/ECU)
- Reviewing BME and Gender attainment around degree classification. (ECU/HEA)
- Reviewing 50 FE colleges for compliance under the RRA (UCU/EHRC)
- An Inquiry investigating Race Discrimination at University of Bradford (University/UCU).
- Developing an evidence based MSc Diversity Management for the NHS with a consortium of universities.

Within the university sector, he has worked in senior roles such as academic director of MBA and MSc programmes, associate dean for external development, university marketing director, dean, senior advisor and university ombudsman. He has held visiting honorary senior Fellowships at the Universities of Bradford and St Andrews. In 2010, Harinder was awarded emeritus professorship in management and diversity at Leeds Beckett University and visiting professorship at the University of Hertfordshire. A keen advocate of social justice, social inclusion and cohesion, Harinder has undertaken pro-bono work for a number of organisations regionally and nationally. He is currently chair of an award winning Law Centre operating in Coventry and Birmingham.