

# Annual Report

# 2015

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RELATIONS

# About the IRR

**THE INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS (IRR)** was the first educational charity on race relations to be established in the UK, in 1958. Since then, it has striven to change its focus with changing needs and pioneer new thinking to keep abreast of changes in racism itself. Today, the IRR is at the cutting edge of the research and analysis that informs the struggle for racial justice in Britain, and internationally. It seeks to reflect the experiences of those who suffer racial oppression and draws its perspectives from the most vulnerable in society.

Most of IRR's information and publishing is now electronic and reports are in many cases available as free downloadable files from the website. But, in addition, IRR produces the international quarterly *Race & Class* also in print format, occasional pamphlets and has a back file of print materials available for use in education and training. Educational materials are downloadable from the website, and *Homebeats* (CD Rom) and *Struggles for Black Community* (DVD) are available. The IRR's library known as the Sivanandan Collection has moved to the University of Warwick; a Black History Collection of leaflets, pamphlets and journals 1950s-1980s has been retained at the IRR and can be consulted on written request. ■

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# Chair's report



Colin Prescod

Image: Christopher J Newfield

**THIS HAS BEEN** a year of extremes. It began with the prospect of a UK Independence Party surge, a groundswell of anti-immigration sentiment apparently about to change the politics of the UK forever. In the event, although UKIP polled so well in the 2014 local elections and certainly took votes from the Conservatives and especially from Labour in the May 2015 general election, it managed to gain just one seat in the national parliament. And yet just a few months later, we witnessed a completely different groundswell – the antithesis to UKIP if you like – as thousands of ordinary people told the government in no uncertain terms where morality lay when it came to saving lives of would-be refugees. The question ‘who is my neighbour?’ was roundly answered by families across the UK, and in many countries of Europe, who offered rooms, food and water, clothing and transport to the desperate arriving at Europe’s borders.

There was more evidence of sections of the citizenry crossing swords with its politicians, making clear their dislike of small-minded nationalism, machine politics, manipulation and media spin in the UK in September 2015, with the unexpected election of a rank outsider to head the Labour Party. That so many young people were attracted to this new kind of non-Westminster politics was reflected in the massive demonstration of support for asylum seekers in Parliament Square on 12 September 2015.

Another area where major differences in public opinion have opened up is over the new statutory duty to prevent non-violent extremism that was placed on schools, other educational establishments and a broad range of public bodies in July. Presented by the government as a necessary

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measure to safeguard society from home-grown jihadis, it is seen by critics as counter-productive and likely to break down trust, particularly between teachers and Muslim students. 'War on terror' mission creep means that teachers and nursery carers must be on the lookout to spot children whom they might judge to be at risk of radicalisation, and to refer them to the government's anti-radicalisation programme, Channel. The IRR's research has been voicing concern over these matters regularly for decades now, and IRR hopes that through working with concerned educationalists, the campaign against what is effectively a dangerous closing down on freedoms of thought, speech and expression for the young, can gain momentum so as to encourage a re-evaluation of this aspect of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act.

This climate of suspicion affects many of us, including the IRR which, as a charity, is itself operating in an increasingly challenging regulatory environment. This last year has seen greater intrusive regulation of the charity sector, particularly those charities involved with Muslim issues or Islamophobia. The year also saw the coming into force of the 2014 Lobbying Act, which restricts charities' political and campaigning work during the run-up to an election.

It is fifty years since the passing of the first Race Relations Act in Britain and commentators are preparing a spread of congratulatory celebrations of the country's legal steps forward. But from the fifty-plus years of the IRR what we would emphasise is the need to speak the difficult and defend the unpopular, and to encourage open and inquiring debate. And that is why the two special highlights of 2014/15 for me were the publication of our *Dying for Justice* research on black deaths in custody, and our 'Catching History on the Wing: Building on Communities of Dissent' public event, a moment of celebration and recommitment. ■

**COLIN PRESCOD**

# Director's report



**THE REFUGEE CRISIS** that unfolded across Europe in the summer of 2015 was a stark reminder of the world's interconnectedness, and that desperate people, who have risked their lives in rickety boats to cross the Mediterranean or trekked across a whole continent in search of a safe haven, are not going to be put off by razor-wire borders or walls, no matter how sharp or how high. If tabloid editors were paying attention to what motivates flight, then they would not be so foolish as to describe war refugees as illegal immigrants, or the situation at Europe's borders as an invasion. While war, environmental devastation and global inequalities have left around fifty million people in the world today forcibly displaced, 86 per cent of them live not in Europe but in much poorer countries. Influential leaders from the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to Pope Francis have warned of the consequences when opinion-formers speak of vulnerable human beings as though they were the enemy, toxic waste, a herd of animals or a swarm of insects.

This year, the IRR has used a wider range of forums than ever to educate about the global context of domestic injustices as well as the changing face of racism. With a UK and European research programme, as well as a globally respected journal that focuses on international issues, we have a unique capacity to take the debate forward. We worked to ensure we have the right tools for effective communication, carrying out a strategic review and consolidating the work of all our programmes, so as to enhance the whole. Seeking ways to make our work more accessible to a younger generation, we now have an IRR News YouTube channel, *Race & Class Radio*, and plans in hand to integrate multimedia activities into our website and make the website format mobile-friendly.

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The staff has carried out extra tasks with great dedication, ensuring that the new workload has not affected our research or our presence in the public sphere. The increasingly challenging environment has led to an increase in speaking engagements, both in the UK and abroad, and we have not shied away from difficult debates around preventing non-violent extremism, for instance, or preserving freedom of expression while fighting racism.

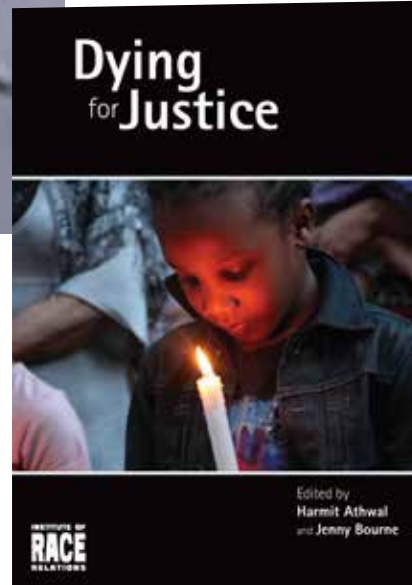
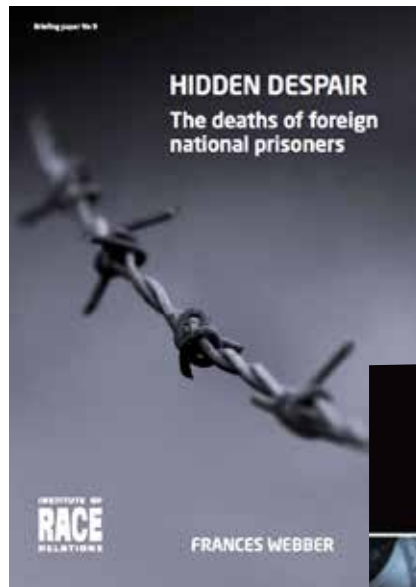
From the redesign of *IRR News* to integrate a *Race & Class* blog, to our 'Catching History on the Wing' forum on structural violence and mortality in police stations, prisons and detention centres in the UK and elsewhere, to our work with newly emerging networks in the fields of housing, workfare and welfare, to our growing collaboration with artists, this has been a busy year. But what has connected and cohered all these tasks is a strong belief that it is possible to shift people's consciousness in fundamental ways, so that decency, compassion and responsibility to the foreigner, the outsider, the poor and the vulnerable become central. And this belief was very much in evidence at the event on 18 April 2015 where, with supporters, friends, colleagues, subscribers and members, the IRR celebrated its achievements and took stock of the tasks ahead.

The fact that we have been able to continue this good work owes much to the support of a number of individuals and grants from, among others, The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, Open Society Foundations, the Allen Lane Foundation, Garden Court Chambers and the Network for Social Change. It is now some thirty years since we purchased our building off Kings Cross Road, and the fabric of the building is in dire need of repair, renovation and general upkeep. Two bequests, which we received after the end of the 2014/15 financial year, will allow us to do much-needed work on our building and, we hope, provide a better working environment for staff and volunteers. ■

**LIZ FEKETE**



# UK research



An excellent piece of work that captures the harrowing truth of deaths in custody, but which also tells the story from the point of view of the families, friends and supporters affected ... Onward

FAMILY MEMBER

**THE MAIN FOCUS** of the IRR's domestic research has been on 'the racism that kills'. In December 2014, the IRR published *Hidden despair: the deaths of foreign national prisoners*, which showed how one of the outcomes of the politically driven 'crackdown' on foreign national offenders has been a dramatic increase in self-harm and suicides in prison, an institution where distress is routinely ignored and contact with friends and relatives often denied. This report supplemented the landmark report, published a few months later, *Dying for Justice*. A follow-up to *Deadly Silence* (1991), *Dying for Justice* is the most comprehensive examination of BAME deaths in custody that has been conducted in the UK. 509 'cases' between 1991 and 2014, involving deaths in suspicious circumstances in which the police, prison authorities or immigration detention officers have been implicated, are examined in the report. And its findings show how a large proportion of these deaths involved undue force or a lack of care, that the sub-contracting of services within the penal system has made accountability harder to secure, and that failings in the statutory oversight bodies mean that nobody has ever been convicted and no lessons learned. The report, the culmination of several years' work, contained comments by lawyers, community groups, families of deceased victims and analysts on the investigation of such deaths, the coroner's court, prosecution and independent oversight.

*Dying for Justice* (co-edited by Harmit Athwal and Jenny Bourne, with the help of Frances Webber) was launched in the House of Lords in March 2015. Hosted by Lord Ouseley, speakers included Colin Prescod (IRR Chair), Harmit Athwal, Deborah Coles (co-director INQUEST) and Stephanie Lightfoot-Bennett (co-chair of the United Families and Friends Campaign).

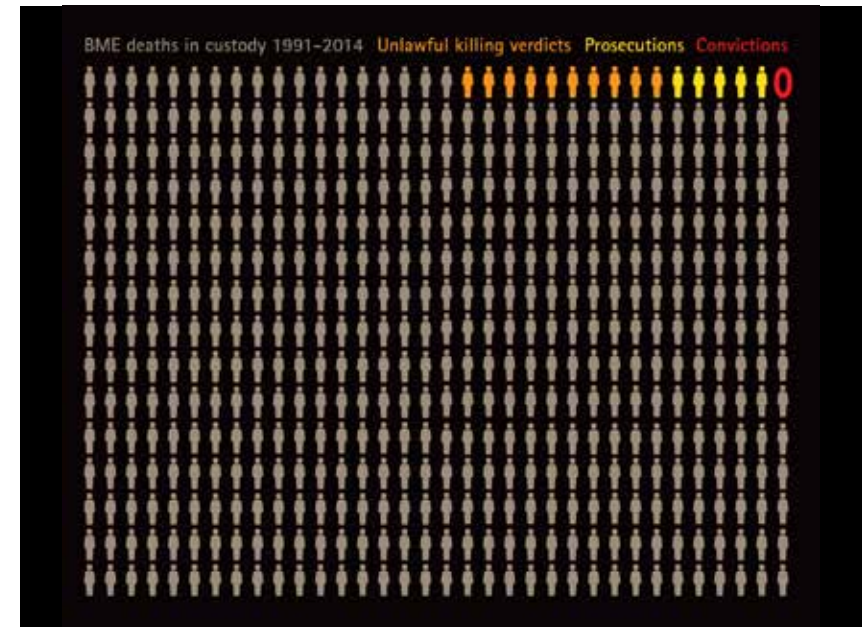
## UK research

Although we cannot claim credit for the home secretary's announcement in July of an inquiry into deaths in police custody, *Dying for Justice* may well have contributed to official concerns. The report was written up in (among others) *the Observer*, *The Voice*, *Morning Star*, *Black Action* (Unison Black members Bulletin), Equality & Diversity Forum (EDF) weekly newsletter, INQUEST Newsletter, Centre for Crime & Justice Studies bulletin, Open Democracy, Politics.co.uk and Runnymede Trust's *Perspectives*, and in blog posts on [Counterpunch](#) and [Russia Today](#). Lord Ouseley asked a question in the House of Lords about the **government's response** to the report, to which he received a written answer, and sections of the report were submitted as evidence to the Harris Inquiry on deaths of children in detention.

We see the report as part of our ongoing research and educational work on deaths in custody and improving the institutional responses. It featured in a session: 'Why do we count deaths?' at the IRR event in April 2015 (see p16) and was highlighted at the launch of the Sheku Bayoh campaign in Glasgow in July 2015. Further work on deaths in custody and the relationship between the police and the IPCC has been carried out over the year by Ryan Erfani-Ghettani and volunteer Betsy Barkas using Freedom of Information requests, and by *IRR News* editor Harmit Athwal. (See *IRR News* report)

This year, we have also opened up an important new area of IRR research on race, inequality and social control under Jon Burnett, who over the last year has been working with groups campaigning around welfare, housing and social justice. Although the project is very much in its early

stages, we have already used the IRR's website and *Race & Class* to initiate discussions on the transfer of techniques used to manage migrant populations to welfare recipients, and the particular impacts that the government's intensive workfare programme for young people will have on those from ethnic minority communities. The hidden and largely unexamined impact of the ongoing welfare 'reforms' on the UK's minority ethnic and refugee and migrant communities will be examined more systematically in a series of briefing papers in 2016. ■





# European Research Programme

*Thank you for being such brilliant educators*

*Thank you for the opportunity to volunteer with the ERP, it meant a lot to me... I found the work inspiring*



**IT WAS EXACTLY** the defining start to 2015 that nobody wanted: seventeen people killed in terrorist outrages in Paris, including four hostages in the anti-Semitic siege of a Jewish grocery store. And by the middle of September, Europe was experiencing another defining moment, another crisis. This time of its conscience, as many of its leaders reacted in a mean-spirited and sometimes culturally racist way to the thousands of refugees, from countries such as Syria, Afghanistan and Eritrea, arriving desperate at EU borders and trekking determinedly towards Austria and Germany in search of safe havens. The Charlie Hebdo affair and the EU-wide refugee crisis have set the framework for ERP's work over the course of this year. The very seriousness of the issues explains why we have felt compelled to accept so many invitations to speak at conferences and panel discussions – increasing our presence in the public sphere by around 80 per cent (see Out & About, p18) while maintaining our publishing programme.

Concerned about increased polarisation, and the ideological clash over freedom of expression following the Paris massacre, the ERP made a number of interventions to encourage dialogue between those with conflicting views, while challenging simplistic 'us and them' thinking contained in dominant narratives. Our widely-circulated *IRR News* comment piece 'Where monoculturalism leads', led to an invitation to speak at a conference hosted by the mayor of the 11th arrondissement of Paris, organised by the International Federation of Journalists, three main French journalist unions (SNJ, SNJ-CGT and Cfdt) and MedMedia. The conference was aimed at provoking dialogue between broadcasters and journalists, including those at *Charlie Hebdo*, and resulted in the

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declaration 'Stand Up for Free Expression Raising Our Voice Against Intolerance and Racism'.

On the question of the humanitarian crisis, the ERP was provided with an important opportunity to broadcast its belief that the member states' mishandling of the refugee crisis was fuelling racism. We were invited to write a paper to present at a side meeting of the Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) in Geneva. We also discussed with Committee members the findings of our briefing paper *Unwanted, Unnoticed: an audit of 160 asylum-and-immigration-related deaths in Europe*. Published in March, this was the most widely-circulated briefing paper the ERP has ever produced, leading to features in the *Observer*, *La Repubblica*, *Klassekampen* and two interviews with Swedish national radio, including the flagship programme *Konflikt*.

Another issue we contended with this year was the growth of far-right paramilitarism and violence, culminating in many attacks on asylum accommodation over the summer, particularly in eastern Germany. The start of 2015 had seen the rapid rise of Pegida (Patriotic Europeans Against the Islamisation of the Occident) which, at its height, brought 25,000 people to the streets of Dresden. Because of the ERP's ongoing research into the activities of anti-immigration movements like Pegida, Liz Fekete was invited to participate in a workshop on international developments on the extreme Right, hosted by professors Leo Panitch and Greg Albo, the editors of the *Socialist Register* annual yearbook at the University of York in Toronto. And in collaboration with members of the German legal team representing the victims of the National Socialist Underground (NSU)

terror cell at the ongoing trial in Munich, the ERP took part in a three-day fact-finding mission to Hungary to investigate the Roma serial killers case, which culminated in a public lecture at the Central European University.

The ERP can increasingly act as a hub for civil society actors across Europe. This year we were pleased to cement our relations with key organisations such as NSU Watch and the Justice for Jeremiah Duggan campaign, which we assisted in organising the day seminar 'Cults, Racism and Double Speak', dealing, amongst other things, with the anti-Semitism of the LaRouche movement. 'Taking A Stand for Human Dignity', the campaign we launched in 2014, was further developed in 2015 and brought a new range of stakeholders to the ERP - from a Swedish film collective making animations for young people on refugee issues, to an award-winning British band, concerned about issues of forced migration. We support their attempt to use the arts in the mission of revitalising humanitarian Europe.

The work of the ERP is carried out by Liz Fekete, Reem Abu-Hayyeh and vice-chair Frances Webber. And thanks as ever are due to all the volunteers and translators who contribute to ERP, particularly students Olivia Lebrun and Silvia Binenti who gave up so much of their free time to work at our office over a number of months, translating from French and Italian respectively. ■

# Race & Class



**YET AGAIN THIS** has been a very strong year for *Race & Class*, with a substantial number of very topical and challenging pieces from contributors from a wide range of disciplines. Over the course of the year, the contents of the four issues from volume 56/4 to 57/3 concentrated on a number of key themes, including the politics of film, reparative histories, the understanding of anti-racism and the race/class dialectic, developments in Northern Ireland and incarceration and migration.

The politics of film was examined by R. Joseph Parrott in 'A Luta Continua: radical filmmaking and pan-African liberation', Ken Fero, in 'Migrant Media and the road to *Injustice*', Rebecca J. Kinney who examined *Gran Torino* and the American Dream and Keith B. Wagner who analysed *District 9* in terms of neoliberalism in post-apartheid Johannesburg.

'Reparative histories: radical narratives of "race" and resistance' was the theme of a special issue guest-edited by Cathy Bergin and Anita Rupprecht and based on papers delivered to a conference held in Brighton in autumn 2014, showing how history and its telling today hangs over current aspects of racism. The papers from the conference by Priyamvada Gopal, Brian Kelly, David Featherstone and the two editors, were complemented in the January 2016 issues by pieces from Neil Lazarus, Hazel Waters and Vasant Kaiwar.

Robbie McVeigh and Mark McGovern provided timely pieces on Northern Ireland on racist violence and state collusion with paramilitaries respectively. Another prescient piece came from Sevasti Trubeta examining the situation for undocumented border crossers on the



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# Race & Class

*Manages to maintain a space for critical analysis of racism and imperialism which does not descend into dense theoretical discussion, and is open to a wide, non-academic audience.*

island of Lesbos. Jenny Bourne and Jon Burnett examined historical and contemporary aspects of anti-racism in the UK, while Cian T. McMahon exposed the growth and decline of whiteness studies in the US and Michael Roberts the class/race tension in the musicians' union of the US in the 1940s. The ongoing impact of Guantánamo was written up by Luk Vervaeet (with reference to Belgium) and by Victoria Brittain, reviewing recent reports and books on the detention centre.

The future for the journal looks strong, and is reflected in the positive feedback we receive from our publisher Sage on our improved 'impact factor', increasing number of downloads of articles, etc. Whilst very much appreciating the infrastructure of support that Sage can give us (through eg, their Online First facility and Table of Contents alerts) we are very much aware that its influence lies mainly in the academic sphere. We have therefore been at pains this year both to make *Race & Class*' contents known to individuals and groups outside academia and also to integrate its important work better into the overall educational thrust of IRR. To those ends we have concentrated this year on holding discussion meetings for *Race & Class* readers and others at IRR around issues raised in the journal: on the co-option dilemma for charities and voluntary organisations into asylum and immigration policing, with Imogen Tyler and Frances Webber; on US civil rights organiser Rosa Parks, with Jeanne Theoharis; on counter-terrorism and extremism, with Arun Kundnani; on covert policing and collusion, with Mark McGovern and Suresh Grover. In addition, the April 2015 IRR discussion conference 'Catching history on the wing' (see p16-17) gave IRR supporters and *Race & Class* readers a forum to discuss both domestic and international problems.

By more systematically using social media to draw attention to current and past topical articles in the journal, we hope to strengthen and broaden the journal's readership and influence, and have also created a *Race & Class* blog on the IRR's website, where extracts from *Race & Class* articles will be republished and authors able to write short commentaries to help promote their work among a non-academic audience. *Race & Class* Radio, too (broadcast first as part of the No Alibis programme of KCSB and then as an edited podcast on our site) provides a way for our writers to discuss their articles in an informal atmosphere. This last year the podcasts have covered racist murders in the UK (Harmit Athwal and Jon Burnett), struggles in Kashmir (with contributors from Kashmir to the special issue), the role of Ken Saro-Wiwa (Victoria Brittain), racism and policing in Germany (Eddie Bruce-Jones), racial violence and nationalism in Northern Ireland (Robbie McVeigh) and struggles in Palestine around transport (Maryam Griffin). We have also created a promotional card on the 'Reparative histories' issue (January 2016) in time for distribution at a number of conferences in autumn 2015.

The team producing *Race & Class*, part-time editors Jenny Bourne and Hazel Waters assisted by Ryan Erfani-Ghettani with help also from Reem Abu-Hayyeh and volunteer Anni Dryden, has, as usual, been well served by Sage. We are grateful that given the changes there, we have been able to maintain our personal links with editorial and marketing staff at the London office. During the year, we were pleased to welcome Professor Timothy Brennan, a long-standing contributor to *Race & Class*, to the Editorial Working Committee. ■

# IRR News



**IRR NEWS CAN** safely claim to be the first port of call for many of those seeking to inform and educate themselves in the race, migration, refugee, human rights fields in the UK. The news service at <http://www.irr.org.uk/news/> has seen a year-on-year rise in the number who receive the email bulletins as well as increased reach of articles as a result of promotion through social media. We are consistently seeing the content of *IRR News* sent out by other groups working in the field to their users and subscribers, thereby greatly increasing our reach. Working on a shoestring budget (we are still having problems attracting funds to support this service) and relying on volunteers, *IRR News* is, nonetheless, able to provide up-to-date and topical analyses on race issues. The switch to a two-weekly bulletin has allowed us to be more user-friendly and to plan content with the publication of thoughtful and topical features.

We have just made redesigns in the service and allied website to integrate other aspects of the IRR's work, so as to enhance the whole. As before, when we incorporated important new thinking from the European Research Programme, we are now integrating the relevant output of IRR's quarterly journal, *Race & Class*. A new *Race & Class* blog features content from the journal to highlight current and older articles from our extensive archive, so as to provide a more comprehensive information base. Another section on the site collects, in one place, our audio and video content, including all *Race & Class* Radio shows and videos from recent IRR events. The videos are also available on our dedicated YouTube channel – three from the IRR's April conference, 'Catching History on the Wing'. And all the regular email bulletins are now also available in one place, creating an invaluable archive.



# IRR News

*As a support worker who has worked with refugees and a range of other vulnerable groups, I cannot express how well I think this article encapsulates every thought and fear I have had over the last ten years at least, and in particular since the introduction of welfare reform.*

## IRR News' most viewed articles

Deaths with a known or suspected racial element **5,565**  
page views

Sharia Watch UK **5,082**  
page views

Justice blindfolded? The case of Jimmy Mubenga **3,774**  
page views

The IRR maintains (in the words of Sivanandan) that racism never stands still, which is why during this year, we have, in line with *IRR News*' expanded concerns, 'rebranded' the service as 'against racism, for social justice' to reflect the way we see the impact of austerity on BAME and migrant and refugee and other communities. This was reflected in the articles by *IRR News* assistant editor, Jon Burnett, 'Youth, welfare and the legacy of structural racism', 'Where the war on welfare and the war on migrants and refugees lead' and 'Dismantling welfare myths'. It is also why, following the general election in May and the threat to the Human Rights Act, we published a three-part series by Frances Webber and Arun Kundnani on civil liberties in the UK - examining the government's proposals to replace the Human Rights Act by a British Bill of Rights, its proposals on immigration and plans to tackle extremism.

*IRR News* has been involved in supporting a number of new and ongoing campaigns (see pages 18-21 for events in which we had input). We have also highlighted in our bulletins groups such as the Joint Enterprise Not Guilty by Association (JENGbA), the family of Jeremiah Duggan (who have fought to uncover the circumstances of his death in Germany) and a number of campaigns around deaths in custody including those of Habib Ullah, Sheku Bayoh and Brian Dalrymple.

Apart from providing support to campaigns and acting as a referral point for individuals (who ring or email in need of support on a range of matters relating to discrimination, policing, racial violence and immigration/asylum issues) *IRR News* has produced key articles on changes to the law on human rights, asylum and immigration by



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*Thanks for this informative analysis. The fact that these cases happened at the turn of the 21st century, in addition to the lack of accountability, makes it even more disgraceful.*

Frances Webber which continue to be widely circulated and read. Key contributions from the past year looked at the state of immigration detention, the Detained Fast Track system, Operation Nexus and immigration enforcement in housing.

Other important articles, which were widely tweeted and shared during the year include: 'Farewell Magna Carta: the Counter-Terrorism and Security Bill'; 'The Great British Values Disaster – education, security and vitriolic hate' (on the impact of the Preventing Violent Extremism agenda on schools); 'Anti-racist witchcraft' (on the hostile New Right response to publication of the IRR's educational books in the 1980s); 'The Met gangs matrix – institutional racism in action' (on the ethnic composition of the Metropolitan police's gangs database); 'When solidarity fails' (on Europe's response to the recent refugee crisis). Frances Webber's timely examination of the judge's decision to rule evidence of racism inadmissible in the manslaughter trial of three G4S guards involved in the death of Jimmy Mubenga, 'Justice blindfolded? The case of Jimmy Mubenga' was one of the most widely read articles on the IRR's website, and was taken up by *The Guardian*. Ryan Erfani-Ghettani and volunteer Betsy Barkas (with the help of Freedom of Information requests) wrote on the role of the media and police control of information in other suspicious cases: on the IPCC's Mark Duggan investigation, the death of Sheku Bayoh, the assault on Julian Cole and the BBC's 'fly-on-the-wall' documentary about the Metropolitan police.

As always the News Service is indebted to its many outside contributors and to regular volunteers at our London office, including Betsy Barkas, Anni Dryden, Suzie Grayburn, Trevor Hemmings, Virou Srilangarajah and Zakeera Suffee. We are extremely grateful to the Allen Lane Foundation, the Network for Social Change and the individual donors who have supported the work of *IRR News* during the year. ■



# Catching History on the Wing



Images: Christopher J Newfield

**THE 18 APRIL** event at Birkbeck College, University of London, 'Catching History on the Wing', a celebration of the work of A. Sivanandan and the Institute of Race Relations, was a great success. The half-day conference was divided into three sessions: *'The past: Thinking in order to do'* featured an audio interview 'On lived theory' with A. Sivanandan, followed by a discussion with Colin

Prescod and Jenny Bourne about the IRR's transformative struggle; *'The present: Why do we count deaths?'*, a roundtable discussion on structured violence and mortality led by

Avery Gordon, with Eddie Bruce-Jones, Harmit Athwal and Frances Webber; *'The future: Building on communities of dissent'* premiered the new IRR film *Catching History on the Wing: a conversation with A Sivanandan*

followed by audience/panel interaction led by Suresh Grover (The

Monitoring Group) and Phil Miller (Corporate Watch) and moderated by Liz Fekete. All the sessions included lively contributions from the floor. It was recorded by Sage Publications, who created three short films, one on each session, now viewable on *IRR News'* YouTube channel. ■



# Catching History on the Wing



*To win the argument requires a strong and developed analysis that makes connections between structures of exploitation and oppression in the past and the present, which emphasises the consequences of imperialist interventions, and gives the lie to the dogma that all is individual choice in a globalised market, that there is no such thing as society. We need campaigning organisations to exist in the long term to make these arguments, just as the IRR has and continues to do.*



Images: Christopher J Newfield



# Out & About

## Diary of events, meeting and seminars at which IRR staff and Council members have made contributions

### 2014

#### 5 October

Speaker at 'Beyond Borders' workshop, 'Promoting creative community involvement in asylum campaigns', Newcastle

#### 9 October

Participant at seminar on Supermax Prisons, Erasmus School of law, Rotterdam

#### 16 October

Discussant at British Academy debate, 'Immigration and the politics of Britishness', Liverpool

#### 21 October

Speaker at rally on anniversary of the death of Ricky Reel, London

#### 22 October

Participant at seminar, 'Reviewing UK Progress on the EU framework for National Roma', Houses of Parliament, London

#### 27 October

Lecture on 'Race and the law', Canterbury Christchurch University

#### 30 October

Speaker, with film 'Blacks Britannica', at meeting hosted by South London Anti-Fascists, Goldsmiths University

#### 4 November

Attendant at pre-inquest hearing into the death of Jeremiah Duggan

#### 6 November

Speaker on 'Initiatives for vulnerable and undocumented migrants' at workshop, Metropolis conference, Milan, Italy



*Liz Fekete, Imogen Tyler (Race & Class contributor), Frances Webber at IRR meeting on co-option dilemma for charities*

#### 7 November

Speaker at UK National Carnival Conference, for UK Centre for Carnival Arts, Luton

#### 13 November

Observer at trial of the NSU, Munich Higher Regional Court

#### 14 November

Lecture on 'Why the NSU case matters: structural racism in Europe', University of Humboldt, Berlin

#### 27 November

Discussion meeting at IRR on the co-option dilemma for charities and voluntary organisations in asylum and immigration policing

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## 1 December

Participant at Assemblies for Democracy planning meeting, London

## 2 December

Panel speaker at Counterfire discussion on 'Inequality and broken politics in austerity Britain', SOAS, London

## 3 December

Participant at seminar on 'International Policy and Practice Concerns in Policing and the criminal justice system as applied to Roma, Gypsy and Traveller Communities', Houses of Parliament, London

## 4-5 December

Participant at Open Society workshop 'Combatting Islamophobia Together', Brussels

## 5 December

Participant at scholars' group on Roma Eastern European migrants in Holloway prison, Kings College, London

## 2015

### 11 January

Participant in People vs PFI strategy meeting, London

### 30 January

Attendee at screening of Migrant Media's *Burn* for Brent Says #BlackLivesMatter

### 5 February

Speaker at EMISCO symposium on 'Radicalisation of Youth within the context of social exclusion and Islamophobia', House of Lords, London

### 7 February 2015

Participant at conference on 'Police corruption, spying, racism and accountability' organised by The Monitoring Group and the Centre for Crime and Social Justice, London

### 9 February

Participant at conference on 'Anti-Jewish and Anti-Muslim Racisms and the Question of Palestine/Israel', University of London

### 14 February

Speaker at Amnesty International workshop on preventing torture, London

### 16 February

Speaker at roundtable on 'Europe's Crisis and the Rise of the Right: challenges for the Left', Socialist Project, Toronto, Canada

### 17-18 February

Presentation of paper at workshop for Socialist Register Annual Yearbook, York University, Toronto

### 24 February

Attendee at launch of 'Building Peace in Permanent War: Terrorist listing and conflict transformation', ISCI and Transnational Institute, Queen Mary, University of London

### 4 March

Speaker on Strategies to combat anti-Roma discrimination, forum hosted by Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, Metropolitan Migration Foundation and Open Society Foundations

### 6 March

Lecture on 'The new ubiquity of border policing' in Borders, Citizenship and Mobility programme at Kings College, London

### 17-19 March

Participant in Expert Workshop on the phenomenon of foreign terrorist fighters: a human rights perspective, OSCE, Warsaw

### 19 March

Participant at event on voluntary groups, workfare and benefits sanctions, London

### 23 March

Launch of IRR's *Dying for Justice* report, House of Lords

# Out & About

## 25 March

Speaker on the work of IRR at 'Sites of Resistance' conference, Manchester Metropolitan University

## 28 March

Speaker on 'Terror in Paris: deconstructing the path to jihad' at Cultures of Intolerance conference, Muslim Institute, London

Participant at Assembly for Democracy, London Southbank University

## 31 March

Panellist on racism and freedom of expression at MedMedia journalists and broadcasters from the Mediterranean region conference, Paris

## 10 April

Participant at Europe Roma AGM, St John's Church, London

## 18 April

'Catching history on the wing' conference celebrating the work of A Sivanandan and IRR, Birkbeck College, University of London

## 26 April

Discussant on 'The globalisation of indifference' at 'Letter from Malmö', an educational arts event, DAM Projects, London

## 27 April

Participant at At Home in Europe Legacy Meeting, London

## 30 April

Participant in Docs Not Cops meeting on the Immigration Act 2015 and migrants' access to healthcare, London

## 22 May

Co-organiser, co-host and speaker at 'Cults, racism, doublespeak and the search for justice' seminar on Jeremiah Duggan, London

## 26 May

Panellist at LSE/Runnymede Trust forum on race class and inequality in contemporary Britain, London

## 3-5 June

Member of delegation to Hungary to investigate the case of the Roma serial killers

## 5 June

Panel speaker at discussion of 'Institutionalised racism in Europe: the NSU trial in Germany, the Roma

killings in Hungary, and beyond', Central European University, Budapest

## 12 June

Participant at National Union of Teachers roundtable on the Prevent strategy

## 12 June

Speaker at 'Those who Eat Together, Fight Together' discussion group, Black Cat Cafe, Hackney, London



*Launch of Dying for Justice in Parliament*



# Out & About

**19 June**

Participant in forum on 'Challenging state and corporate impunity', University of Liverpool in London campus

**27 June**

Panel speaker on 'Islamophobia: why are Muslims Under Siege', at Dangerous Times Festival, Rich Mix Centre, London

**4 July**

Attendee at 'Eat Together, fight together picnic' organised by Housing Action Southwark and Lambeth and London Campaign Against Police and State Violence

**14 August**

Speaker on racism and the crisis at European borders at side-meeting of the 87th session of the Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, United Nations, Geneva

**8 September**

Participant at 'Race Equality and Justice roundtable discussion' organised by the Monitoring Group, London

**25 September**

Panellist at Brighton Social Forum debate on migration and the refugee crisis, Brighton

**30 September**

Speaker at 'Solidarity Meeting: Refugees welcome, Let them in', London ■



*Speaking at the launch of the Justice for Sheku Bayoh Campaign*

**20-22 July**

Participant at workshops at the Spark Festival, 'Confronting Prisons in the UK' and 'Fighting back migrants, or migrants fighting back? How migration activism can tear down "Fortress Europe"', London

**22 July**

Attendee at 'Remembering Jean Charles de Menezes vigil', London

**25 July**

Speaker at the Justice for Sheku Bayoh Campaign launch, Glasgow

**26 July**

Discussant on the politics of migration following screening of 'We Are Lampedusa', Shuffle Community Festival, Tower Hamlets, London

# Finance report

## Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2015

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds 2015 (£)	Total Funds 2014 (£)
<b>Incoming resources</b>				
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Voluntary income	23,831	72,169	96,000	91,900
Activities for generating funds	90,857	–	90,857	97,638
Investment income	122	–	122	97
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>114,810</b>	<b>72,169</b>	<b>186,979</b>	<b>189,635</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>				
Charitable activities	65,252	151,973	217,225	194,385
Governance costs	1,630	-	1,630	1,580
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>66,882</b>	<b>151,973</b>	<b>218,855</b>	<b>195,965</b>
Net expenditure before transfers	47,928	(79,804)	(31,876)	(6,330)
<b>Transfers</b>				
Gross transfers between funds	(76,330)	76,330	–	–
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(28,402)</b>	<b>(3,474)</b>	<b>(31,876)</b>	<b>(6,330)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	110,040	135,516	245,556	251,886
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>81,638</b>	<b>132,042</b>	<b>213,680</b>	<b>245,556</b>

# Finance report

## Balance sheet as at 31 March 2015

	2015 (£)	2014 (£)
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	132,852	135,364
<b>Current assets</b>		
Stocks and work in progress	1,800	1,200
Debtors	70,037	73,837
Cash at bank and in hand	36,555	38,445
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>108,392</b>	<b>113,482</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(27,564)	(3,290)
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>80,828</b>	<b>110,192</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>213,680</b>	<b>245,556</b>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>		
Restricted funds in surplus	132,042	135,516
Unrestricted income funds:	81,638	110,040
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<b>213,680</b>	<b>245,556</b>

The purpose of these pages is to provide a summary of the charity's income, expenditure and year end position. This summary is derived from the full annual accounts, and is not a full representation. This report may not be sufficient to give a full understanding of the charity's finances. A full copy of the annual accounts and auditor's report can be obtained from the charity's offices. The statutory accounts have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

# Contacting the IRR



*Sage editorial team with IRR staff*



**A. Sivanandan**, IRR Director 1973-2013, and founding editor *Race & Class*, is still actively involved in IRR discussions and development.

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