Black Students’ Winter Conference 2018

Strathclyde Delegate Report by Dilusha

**Date & Conference Agenda**

Saturday 24th – Sunday 25th November 2018 at the University of West London

**Below is the draft agenda sent before attending the conference**

BSC Winter Conference Draft Agenda

Saturday

9.30am: Arrival, registration and tea and coffee

11am – 11.30am

Welcome

Plenary 1: 11.30am – 12.30pm

Decolonising education – dismantling racist structures at our institutions

Lunch: 12.30 – 1.30pm

Regional Networks – informal networking

Plenary 2: 1.30-3pm

Race for Equality consultation – shape our new research on Black students’ experiences

in education

3pm – 3.15pm Break

Workshops: 3.15 – 4.15pm

My racist campus – get involved in our campaign exposing racist incidents

Conversation Booth – take part in recorded community dialogue on race and identity

Palestinian Solidarity – building a mass movement to support Palestinian people

Plenary 3: 4.15 – 5.15pm

Engaging with Students’ Unions – highlighting the racism we face in our roles and how

we can challenge it

5.15 – 5.30pm

Closing Remarks

7pm Dinner and film screening

**Sunday**

09:30

Arrival, tea and coffee

Plenary 4: 10am – 10.30am

NUS and BSC update

Keynote 2: 10.30 – 11.15am

History of anti-racist organising

Caucuses: 11.15 – 12.15pm

Disabled and parents & carers

LGBT+ and mature students

International and FE

Womens

Parallel sessions for delegates who do not define into a caucus.

Lunch: 12.15 -1.15pm

Drop-ins during lunch to talk to committee and officers for advice on campaigns

Plenary 6: 1.15pm – 2pm

Race and criminal justice

Workshops 2: 2pm – 3pm

Youth violence

Drugs and race

Climate change is a race issue

3pm – 3.15pm Break

Plenary 7: 3.15 – 4pm

Sharing Your Successes

Closing Remarks 4pm – 4.30pm

**Summary**

Overall the experience was interesting, and I was able to meet a lot of new people while I was there. I was able to attend workshops where a lot of pressing issues were discussed during open discussions.

**Highlights**

* Youth Violence Workshop
* Race for Equality consultation
* Networking with people from different areas of the UK

**What would you like to take forward? / What did you take away?**

The conference did allow me to think more about the issues that still occur on the daily at our campuses around the UK and the fact that even though these issues still remain students across the country do help each other out to find solutions.

**What connections, learnings did you take from Conference and how can you realise them at Strathclyde?**

An issue that was discussed is the amount of people who report racist incidents are few to none. I think it’d be a start to figure out why this is and why people don’t feel the need to report their incident no matter how small.

**What is an issue Strathclyde Students’ of African, Asian, Caribbean, Arab, First Nation and Latinx descent should know about – what is the conversation among Black Students nationally?**

The issue of how universities are handling incidents is something that is talked about. Following racial incidents on campus such as the “white t-shirt” incident that happened was extremely offensive. It should definitely be taken a lot more serious in terms of consequences.

Please submit this report by Monday 14th of January to strathunion.vpd@strath.ac.uk ☺