

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Colleague,

We hope this letter finds you and your school community well during this challenging time.

As you know, the Education4Change team had completed well-structured plans and arrangements to ensure the safe delivery of our Facilitator Training for the beginning of the spring term 2021. This training is integral to the facilitation of the ongoing roll out of E4C's Newham Schools Interim Offer. However, the government announcement of the current national lockdown and school closures, has subsequently forced a delay in the training schedule and the delivery of E4C packages.

This is not what anyone wanted in educational terms, and the E4C team has thought long and hard about the possibility of providing the training online; however, due to the sensitive nature of the module materials, we have decided that this training **must** take place face-to-face, so that our team can support, reassure and guide any participants affected by the challenging issues, emotions and sentiments that may arise during the training.

However, these unavoidable circumstances have by no means slowed E4C's progress and development in supporting the needs of schools and young people. We have made use of this time to finesse our training programme, which is now verified by the CPD Certification Service, and we are confident that what is in place will empower educators to deal more confidently with issues of racism and unconscious bias, as well as embed a culture of anti-racism within educational settings and our communities more widely.

Since the New Year, the E4C team has also been working alongside partner organisations, including the British Film Institute (BFI), to further develop teaching resources, which engage with fascinating, seldom seen, archival footage that will initiate far reaching discussion and understanding of the complexities surrounding the issue of racism in all school phases. The E4C team is also continuing to develop new collaborations, liaising with known contacts within the local authority about best practice for delivering pupil-led conferences and beyond. We are delighted that E4C's primary-phase resource 'Art4Change', has been trialled with great success in Maryland School, and we are looking forward to seeing its delivery in Primary schools across the borough, alongside our exciting exhibition resource, 'Out of Many, Great Britain', which will be delivered in Secondary schools.

Please note that the Ambassadors' Network meeting scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> February has had to be postponed and Bulletin 6 was held back due to the urgent priorities being dealt with by schools due to the lockdown.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support for the E4C Programme. The support and feedback we are receiving from colleagues remains invaluable to the project, so do continue to contact us at [E4CExecutive@gmail.com](mailto:E4CExecutive@gmail.com) with any queries and further feedback.

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