

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly leadership board

All members of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Leadership Board are united in wanting to create a more tolerant and inclusive society.

We acknowledge that racism exists within Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly and recognise the devastating impact racism and inequalities have on our society and communities. We, and the organisations we represent, want to make it clear to all that we condemn all racist and discriminatory behaviour. We want to eradicate racism and hate crime and are fully committed to an anti-racist Cornwall and Isles of Scilly.

We recognise that we must do more to address racism and inequalities within our communities. We are ready and willing to do more. We will continue to work together in partnership and separately within our own organisations to tackle racism in all its forms and promote inclusivity.

We must gain a deeper understanding about the issues of discrimination, systemic bias and stereotyping that our communities face every day and how these can affect their health, economic prosperity, life chances, wellbeing and safety. Make no mistake, these are important issues and we will never shy away from addressing them simply because they require us having difficult or uncomfortable conversations. Now is not the time for empty words, but for genuine changes.

We need to strengthen our hate-crime reporting programme and take further action to eradicate racism, including through exploration of the establishment of a Race Equality Council or equivalent. We need to make sure that our Cornwall Wide Equality Objectives reflect current priorities and tackling racism and promoting inclusion will form a central part of their upcoming refresh.

As a collective at Cornwall and Isles of Scilly leadership board, we will listen to the voices of all our communities to really understand the root of the issues, and the further measures we can take to address them. When we can face up to these issues and commit to change the way we all live our lives, together we can build a better, more inclusive Cornwall and Isles of Scilly.