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ANNUAL REPORT 2009

**INSTITUTE OF
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Institute of Race Relations

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 the 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.

The IRR carries out research into pressing issues of contemporary racism. To meet specific demands from community groups, the IRR has concentrated on research to combat the rise of racial violence and on evidence about the plight of asylum seekers. The European Race Audit is currently conducting a major research project on European racism.

IRR's print publishing includes the world-famous international quarterly, *Race & Class*, the *European Race Bulletin* and occasional pamphlets. IRR also publishes an online anti-racist news service – *IRR News*. And increasingly IRR is making its information, research and publishing available electronically. As part of its educational function, the IRR continues to distribute a wide range of anti-racist materials, including the *HomeBeats* CDROM. ■



IRR council member Victoria Brittain (second from right) speaking about civil liberties in Britain at an IRR seminar in February 2009.



Race & Class editorial working committee member Chris Searle (right) and Roger Matland (left) at the launch of the October issue of *Race & Class*, a Festschrift dedicated to Chris on the occasion of his sixty-fifth birthday.



Screening of two IRR films at South-East Region Trades Union Congress film club, Congress House, London, May 2009.



Liz Fekete delivering the annual Claudia Jones memorial lecture organised by the National Union of Journalists' Black Members Council, October 2009.

Chair's comment



HISTORICALLY hard economic times have always exposed new evidence of the hard-wired racism in capitalist culture. In this last year of unprecedented economic recession, it is indeed regrettable, if not downright deplorable, that no major party or key institution of civil society has been moved to take heed of historical precedent and focus on the need to combat racism and related social injustices in the UK, as across Europe. The much reported lack of confidence in the running of the Equality and Human Rights

Commission along with the resignation and departure of a number of its key commissioners is but an indication of just how muted concern about racism has become in statutory and government circles.

The fact that extreme right parties, vaunting their nationalist and anti-immigration credentials, have been able to make electoral in-roads – with the British National Party winning its first two seats in the European Parliament (and the United Kingdom Independence Party winning thirteen seats) – came as little surprise. But the apparently opportunist behaviour of mainstream parties is yet more worrying. On the one hand, the 'new' Labour Party, by and large, refuses to see how its neglect of predominantly White working-class communities coupled with the fall-out from its anti-terror and anti-refugee

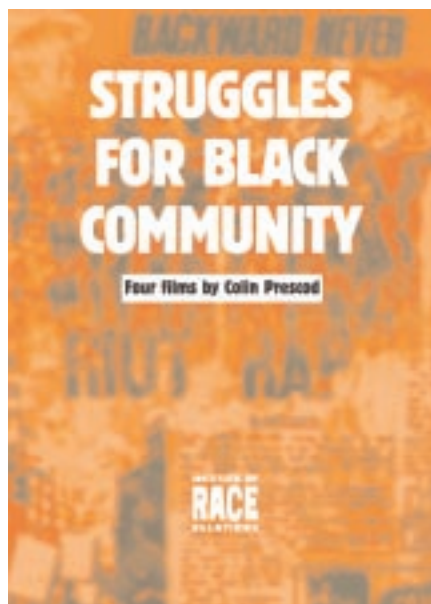
policies has helped to fuel racism. On the other hand, the Tories, buying into the cluster of anti-European integration/ anti-Islamic ideas permeating European politics have seen fit to remove the Conservatives from the centre-right block in the European Parliament and line up instead with anti-federalist rightist groups like the Polish Law and

Justice Party (whose leaders are overtly homophobic) and the notorious Latvian For Fatherland and Freedom Party.

If UK race relations are to be influenced by world events, comment on this last year, 2008/9, cannot pass without mention of the impact on BME communities of Barack Obama's victory in the US presidential election – one more small step towards Martin Luther King's civil rights dream. As in the US, where Black people a generation away from slavery and share-cropping, could marvel at Black progress to power, in the UK too, Black people with their colonial history were wide-eyed as someone descended from

their 'Third World' could be leader of the most powerful nation in the world. Whatever the probable policy letdowns as Obama faces up to realpolitik, there is no gainsaying the tremendous symbolic importance of his victory. ■

Colin Prescod



Colin Prescod's films about the historical making of four Black communities in Britain was re-issued on DVD in November 2008 after the 1981-created films were remastered.

Director's note



THIS has been a year in which a number of our new projects have come to fruition. The Black History Project which was financed by the Heritage Lottery Fund over eighteen months was completed early in 2009. And now through the online catalogue of all our holdings we are attracting a whole range of new users. We are particularly pleased that young people have been encouraged to make use of the collection. One of our regrets last year, when noting fifty years of IRR, was the fact that an older generation rather than a younger one was there to celebrate with us. This year through the Black History Collection and the fact that the films, 'Struggles for Black Community', remastered on one DVD, have been shown at key anti-racist events (for example to mark fifty years from the death of Kelso Cochrane and thirty years from the death of Blair Peach) and been made available to community groups, we have managed to engage the interest of younger people in Black History and its relevance to today's struggles. Though we have not had funds this year to employ someone specifically to work on

educational outreach and promotion of our Black History materials, thanks are due to Rebecca Wood and Harmit Athwal on the staff and to Colin Prescod, the director of the original films, for their energies in promoting this area of our work.

The project Alternative Voices on Integration, funded by a programme of the European Programme for Integration and

Migration, and headed by Liz Fekete has also taken off this year. This has

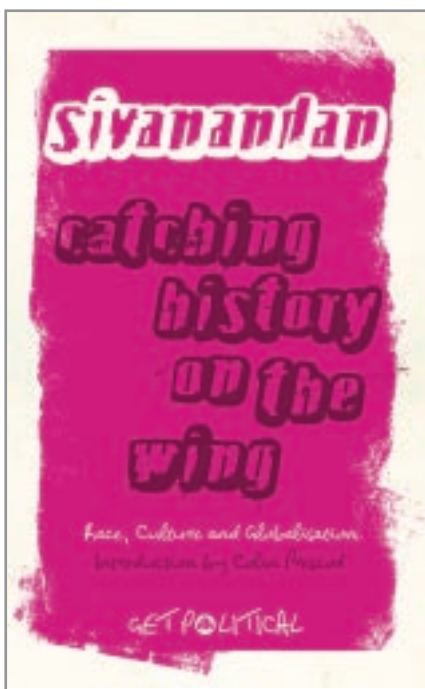
enabled the IRR to reach out in its research and publishing to grass-roots groups in a number of European countries. And once again it has been particularly gratifying that so many young people are now becoming involved in such initiatives.

As a result of critical feedback from a number of community projects, the IRR undertook a small research project on the impact of the government's Preventing Violent Extremism programme at local authority level. Headed by Arun Kundnani and funded by the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust the work which included over thirty interviews and a roundtable workshop concluded with a key report in October 2009.

All these new projects have been undertaken whilst our core activities of research and publishing – the online news service, *Race & Class* and the *European Race Bulletin* – have continued. Given the fact that we have not been able to employ more workers, the staff is to be congratulated on their enormous output. Witness the number and range of outside meetings and projects the IRR has been involved in during the past year listed in the diary of events (pp11–12).

These achievements, however, during the year could not have been achieved without the considerable input of our many volunteers. We need to make special mention of the contributions of three young interns who worked with us over the summer on our research into racial violence and to give special thanks to Frances Webber who not only has provided stalwart support to *IRR News* over the year but also stepped in to help on the administration of the company when the secretary was incapacitated. ■

A. Sivanandan



A collection of A. Sivanandan's writings was published by Pluto Press in November 2008.

Race & Class

DURING the course of the year *Race & Class*, which has essentially remained the same A5 size for thirty-four years, changed both size and format. We feel that the new larger format makes the journal much easier to read and we are pleased to report that the change has taken place without losing any words in each volume. It also means that it is now a standard size which eases matters both for our publisher and for libraries. In 2009 professor Avery Gordon, a long time writer for the journal and IRR supporter, agreed to join the Editorial Working Committee. We feel that both her academic and activist interests will very much strengthen *Race & Class*. Overall, the impact of the journal has been high this year. And we are pleased to report that because of Sage Publications' ability to sell *Race & Class* in consortia online packages of journals, we have increased those institutions, which now receive it – especially in countries outside North America and Europe.

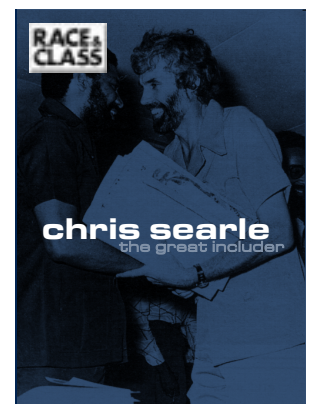
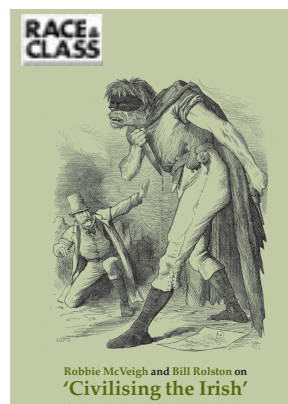
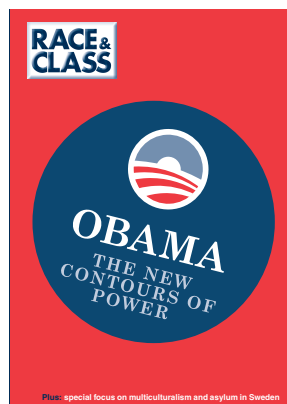
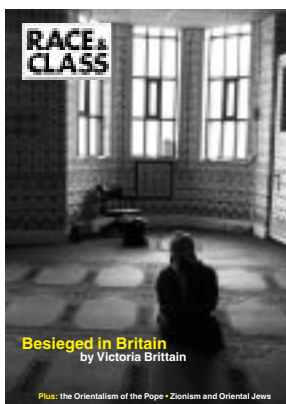
Of the four issues published this year, three had key themes. The January 2009 number looked at Islam, Islamophobia and the Middle East with articles on the impact of anti-terror laws on Muslims in the UK (Victoria Brittain), the mistakes about Islam in Pope Benedict's Regensburg speech (Ralph Coury), the socio-economic position of Israeli Jews who originated in Muslim countries (Ehud Ein-Gil and Moshe Machover) and Elaine Hagopian's review of Tamim Al-Barghouti's *The Umma and the Dawla: the nation state and the Arab Middle East*. Other contributions included Hazel Waters' article on

race on the Victorian stage and reports from the IRR's November 2009 conference 'Catching history on the wing'.

The April 2009 issue led with an article by Jerry Harris and Carl Davidson on the cultural shift indicated by Barack Obama's election victory. The rest of the issue focused on asylum and multiculturalism in Sweden. Peo Hansen wrote on 'Post-national Europe', Shahram Khosravi on detention and deportation of asylum seekers and Anna Bredström on HIV/Aids policy. In addition, Sarah Dornhof critiqued German sociologists' research on Islamist radicalism and Liz Fekete wrote on European 'crimes of solidarity' with migrants and asylum seekers.

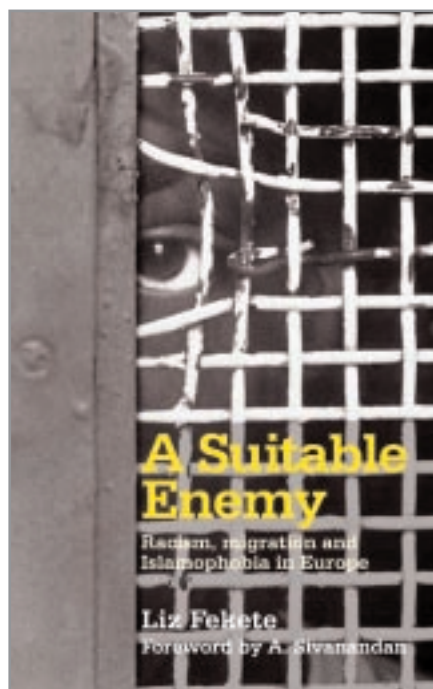
The July 2009 issue, the first in the new format, covered a wide range of topics: 'Civilising the Irish' (Robbie McVeigh and Bill Rolston), 'Palestinian resistance and international solidarity' (Abigail Bakan and Yasmeen Abu-Laban), 'Dean Baker's war of position' (Jonathan Scott) and 'Tea – midwife and nurse to capitalism' (A. Kemasang). Commentaries on British radicals and the voices of the French *banlieues* were provided by Jeremy Seabrook and Naima Bouteldja respectively.

The October 2009 issue was a special number, a Festschrift dedicated to the work of Editorial Working Committee member Chris Searle on his 65th birthday. It covered the range of his achievements as publisher, poet, writer, critic, cricketer, teacher and educational advisor across three continents. ■



European projects

LARGELY because of the controversial nature of the issues the European Race Audit (ERA) works on – whether it be the xenoracism that grows out of the asylum laws or the ways in which the anti-terrorist laws reinforce Islamophobia and racism against Muslims – it is hard for our work to penetrate to the mainstream. But it was extremely gratifying to note that throughout the year under review a number of quasi-governmental organisations, as well as some of the larger justice and human rights NGOs, have used our research material as tools to lobby for change. Recognition of the importance of our research to new constituencies was evidenced in February 2009, when Liz Fekete was asked by the Children’s Society to join the advisory team of ‘Outcry’, the campaign to end the detention of asylum-seeking children in the UK and in October, when the Black Members Council of the NUJ invited Liz to give the Claudia Jones annual lecture on the theme of ‘Who’s terrorising who? The media and the war on terror’.



Liz Fekete’s *A Suitable Enemy* was published by Pluto Press in 2009.

The ERA has produced four issues of the *Bulletin* this year dealing, as usual, with issues by and large ignored by the mainstream. The special issue of the *Bulletin* on the criminalisation of those who work in solidarity with asylum seekers and undocumented migrants proved timely; its themes were subsequently taken up by Front Line International, the Foundation for Protection of

Human Rights Defenders as well as the Federation of Human Rights League and the International Organisation Against Torture which consulted with us prior to its fact-finding mission to France. While our issue covering ‘Racism, elections and the economic downturn’ led to an invitation by COJEP International to address a side meeting at the OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting in October. The issue of the *Bulletin* on deaths in Europe due to racism, fascism and immigration policy from 2007–9 was formally presented as evidence to the OSCE Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture. ‘Secrecy, detention, torture’, the special issue of the *Bulletin* which focused on the parallel world of Europe’s anti-terror laws, has been used by organisations supporting individuals and families campaigning against the use of secret evidence in anti-terror cases and lobbying for a special debate in the European Parliament on this disturbing issue.

Partly as a result of the publication of the book *A Suitable Enemy: Racism, Migration and Islamophobia in Europe* by Liz Fekete (Pluto Press, 2009) the work that ERA has carried out into Islamophobia (a hostile mindset towards the Muslim world) and the way it morphs into institutionalised racism against Muslims, has attracted much attention this year. Many groups across Europe working on Islamophobia and racism feel isolated, and we are pleased to be one of the European organisations valued for providing analysis, practical support and advice. We have also either been written up or been interviewed on Islamophobia and racism by journalists from *Samora* (Norway), *Arbetaren* and *Dagens Nyheter* (Sweden) and *Telerama* (France). Our work on Islamophobia and xenoracism is increasingly cited in academic debate and we have forged links with academics working in a range of fields from those working on border controls at the University of New South Wales and criminologists looking at ‘state crime’ and the war on terror at Kings College, London to

sociologists working on issues of racism and gender at the University of Lund.

The Alternative Voices on Integration Project, which seeks to publicise and strengthen the work of grassroots civil society initiatives working in dynamic ways around issues of integration in France, Netherlands, Germany, Austria and the UK, has been running for almost one year. We now have a dedicated area on the IRR website showcasing innovative projects, such as the Transnational Migrant Platform (Netherlands), the Kanafani Intercultural Initiative (Austria), the Social Forum of the Banlieues (France) and Young Muslim Voices (UK).

It has been extremely rewarding to engage with new European voices, particularly those of young people who are dealing with issues of marginalisation and the erosion of their sense of belonging, in creative ways often involving the development of new media and internet tools. Three young volunteers, Chandra Frank in Amsterdam, and Najia Ahmed and Nazmin Ali in the UK, have contributed written work for the project, as have research consultants Naima Bouteldja and Nina Mühe, whose support has proved invaluable. We are also thankful to the European Programme for Integration and Migration (EPIM) of the Network of European Foundations not only for funding the project, but also for creating a unique space for strategic learning and capacity building for groups across the EU. It has certainly allowed us to deepen our collaboration with organisations such as the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (Belgium), Migreurop (France), the Immigrant Council of Ireland Independent Law Centre and People in Need (Czech Republic). ■



UNITED

Liz Fekete spoke at the UNITED conference in Sheffield in 2009.



Robin Virgin

Liz Fekete and Naima Bouteldja attended the Forum Social des Quartiers Populaires in Paris in 2009.

USER FEEDBACK

'I have been enthralled by Liz Fekete's book. Each page, each paragraph, each sentence a timely reminder of how the establishment turns the screw!'

IRR News

THIS service has been much strengthened during the year by having had the support of new staff member Rebecca Wood. This has meant that *IRR News* has on average published over twenty-five items per weekly bulletin. The addition of Frances Webber as a regular (volunteer) contributor to news stories and features on developments in immigration and asylum law has very much added to the depth and range of *IRR News*' coverage. The number of subscribers continues to increase, as does the impact of our coverage.

For example, articles by Frances Webber formed the basis of a lecture in Westminster Abbey on Human Rights Day and our research on racial violence was used for presentations on Racial Justice Sunday. Rebecca Wood's feature on community campaigns and the new funding agenda was reproduced by community groups as was the piece by Frances Webber on the Coroners and Justice Bill (by Prisoners Advice Service and INQUEST), and Liz Fekete's on a new educational forum (in Criminal Justice Matters). Arun Kundnani's analysis of the BNP's success has been very influential (within trades unions in particular) and a piece by Rebecca Wood on newspaper coverage of Muslims as a threat had been reproduced in an educational textbook. The most recirculated article from this year was undoubtedly the text of a speech by

IRR NEWS STORIES

[Inquest into police death to open after six years](#)

Next week the inquest will begin into the death of Mikey Powell in police custody in Birmingham in September 2003.

29 October 2009 (359 words)

[Returned Iraqi asylum seekers on hunger strike](#)

More than forty people, many of them Iraqis who were on last week's returned charter flight, have gone on hunger strike to demand their immediate release from detention.

22 October 2009 (766 words)

[Hands Off My Workmate](#)

At a conference in London last week, a campaign was launched to organise for the rights of migrant workers.

22 October 2009 (737 words)

[Racist murderer and accomplices convicted](#)

Last week three young men were convicted for their involvement in a racist attack in August 2008 in Hastings which led to the death of Mohammed al-Majed, a 16-year-old Qatari student.

22 October 2009 (470 words)

IRR News, edited by Harmit Athwal, published on average over twenty-five items per week.

USER FEEDBACK

'Thanks as always for keeping us so well in the frame.'

'Would not want to be without you ... I use *IRR News* to inform prisoners.'

'Well done folks. Your service is invaluable.'

'I save everything you send me as your articles are informative ... and give us a bird's eye view of the situation nationally.'

'Many thanks for your continuing weekly digest which I much value.'

A. Sivanandan to the Marxism 2009 conference on ethnic cleansing in his native Sri Lanka. This was not just reproduced on a number of other sites but attracted the largest number of comments in response – in excess of one hundred on one South Asian-based site!

The training workshops and internships have been a very important part of *IRR News*' services over the year. Four young people had benefited from internships during which they were trained in information retrieval, writing of news copy and basic sub-editing skills. The workshops have been extended in 2008/9. In addition to providing media training at IRR, Arun Kundnani has also gone out to community groups on three occasions to deliver training to a whole organisation. IRR's media training guide was also of great benefit to European participants at the EPIM seminar on migrants groups and the media held in Prague. IRR also pioneered workshops on a number of new themes: the roundtable on the government's Preventing Violent Extremism agenda, a discussion on the impact of anti-terrorism laws (led by Victoria Brittain), immigration and asylum campaigning (with Fizza Qureshi, Frances Webber, et al). ■

Research

IN addition to the research undertaken on Europe, the IRR has carried out research on the UK in a number of areas. In 2009 we received a grant from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Fund to undertake short-term research into the government's Preventing Violent Extremism agenda. This project, undertaken by Arun Kundnani, involved carrying out a number of interviews with those working with 'Prevent' at a local level and a roundtable discussion. Findings have been published in a report entitled *Spooked: how not to prevent violent extremism* and evidence based on the research was submitted to the Communities and Local Government Committee of Inquiry in September 2009. Essentially the research found that the PVE programme was not 'communities-led', that decision-making lacked transparency and accountability and that it alienated those communities it sought to win over. It did not examine extremism across the board, but singled out the Muslim community. In addition, projects funded through Prevent were being used in information gathering for the police. To effectively counter extremism, the report argued, meant providing a truly democratic space where people, especially young people, could openly discuss issues. On publication in October, the report's findings made front-page news in the *Guardian* and, at the time of writing, the home affairs parliamentary select committee is considering an investigation. The IRR is planning to follow up this work with a series of public meetings to discuss the issues relating to PVE with local communities around England.



Arun Kundnani's report on preventing violent extremism provoked a major debate about the effectiveness of the government's Prevent counter-terrorism strategy.

Harmit Athwal and Rebecca Wood of *IRR News* have continued to monitor and follow-up incidents of racial violence this year and with the aid of volunteers Trevor Hemmings, Najia Ahmed, Nazmin Ali and Ashika Singh have researched the consequences of racial attacks in terms of investigation, arrest, charging and conviction and sentence. Although we have not been able to attract funding for a full-scale project to analyse the data on incidents we hold (which date back to the 7/7 bombings in 2005 and the subsequent rise in attacks on Muslim communities) we have created a database on which many of the incidents have been logged. This is a preliminary step in providing the much-needed evidence on patterns of violence. It is worrying that on such a very serious area there appears to be neither detailed academic research nor systematic government interest.

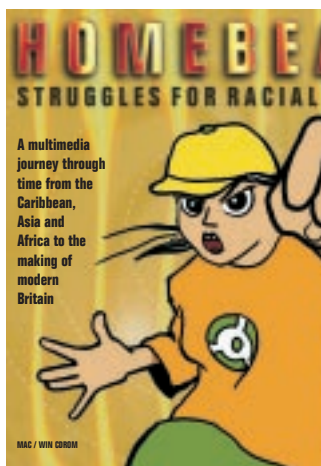
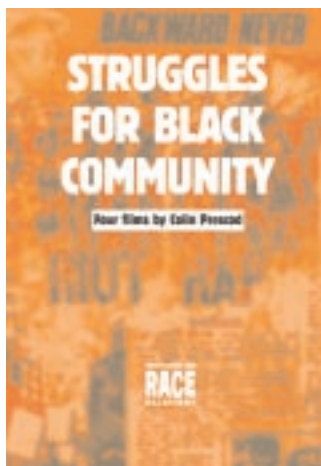
Other data collected in the course of *IRR News*' daily monitoring – on deaths in custody and on arrests under anti-terror legislation – have also been worked on in the course of the year with a view to writing articles for the news service and/or

updating web pages on these subjects. Rebecca Wood has also begun to monitor the area of gang/gun/knife crime and, in particular to unpick contemporary discourses on youth violence. In March, Frances Webber and Harmit Athwal presented oral evidence, based on IRR's research, to the European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) inquiry into the UK's asylum system. ■

Black history

BY February 2009, the Heritage Lottery-funded project to catalogue and promote the IRR's Black History Collection (1950s–1980s) was completed, as was the creation of an impressive online downloadable resource for teachers of Citizenship at KS3 and KS4 and promotional leaflets on both the Collection and all IRR's Black history resources

for young people. We have been pleased at the interest in the Collection, the fact that we have such demand that we now have to organise appointments some two months ahead. Those that have used the Collection include overseas and local academics but also quite a number of community-based organisations attempting to chart local black history. And we were particularly pleased to work via the Collection with young people from West London on the Octavia Hill Foundation's Hidden Heroes project to interview on film key players and collect archive materials about the lives of Claudia Jones, Jayaben Desai, Amy Ashwood Garvey and Octavia Hill to create a DVD for young people.



'Struggles for Black Community', the DVD about the historical making of four Black communities in Britain which was re-issued last year after the 1981-created films were remastered, has been yet another way for IRR to inform new constituencies about the highpoints and key movers in Britain's Black struggles against racism. The DVD has been widely reviewed and sales have been unexpect-

edly brisk. But in addition, it has been shown and discussed at a number of events over the past year – '58 Remembered', the Black Sections Conference, the BFI's Black Film Forum, the Portobello Film Festival, Rich Mix Black History Month, the DRUM's Black History Month – and had an impact on new audiences who were eager to discuss the issues raised and take forward research and understanding of Black British history.

The IRR is now ideally placed – because of its range of anti-racist educational materials (CDROM, DVD, exhibition, educational books, online resources for teachers and the Black History Collection itself) – to revivify its public educational contribution and, in particular, to meet the growing interest in Black British history in the young. It is evident from our work with young trades unionists and youth groups that increasingly people are viewing Black history not just in terms of the past but also as a way of informing current fights and campaigns. In that sense it was significant that Liz Fekete, who researches current aspects of racism, including the impact of anti-terror legislation, was asked to give the 2009 Claudia Jones annual lecture during Black History Month. ■



Jenny Bourne (centre) working with young people from the Octavia Hill Foundation's Hidden Heroes project.

Diary events

Events, meetings and seminars at which IRR staff and Council members have contributed as speakers, facilitators or in other capacities.

2008

5 NOVEMBER – Lecture on anti-terrorism laws at Criminology Department, Kings College London

1 DECEMBER – Presentation on IRR's work to the Campaign Against Criminalising Communities

2 DECEMBER – Keynote address at 'Time for Questions' young people's forum on asylum at Bristol Academy

4 DECEMBER – Media workshop with Turkish Kurdish community group, north London

12 DECEMBER – Presentation on multiculturalism in Europe at Maynooth University, Dublin

13 DECEMBER – Roundtable on migrants and asylum rights organised by the Transnational Migrants Platform Amsterdam

2009

15 JANUARY – Information exchange with Immigrant Council of Ireland – Independent Law Centre

16 JANUARY – Roundtable on public attitudes towards refugees at the Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, London.

17 FEBRUARY – Launch of 'The Hounding of David Oluwale' play, Hackney Empire, London

19 FEBRUARY – IRR meeting on impact of control orders, speaker Victoria Brittain

21 FEBRUARY – Speech at 'Remembering Walter Rodney' Huntley Archive conference, London Metropolitan Archive

3 MARCH – Lecture on racism in Europe at Cornell University's Department of Labor Studies

9 MARCH – Submitted evidence to ECRI delegation on asylum system in the UK

11 MARCH – Lecture at King's College, London on integration policy and the anti-terrorist laws

16 MARCH – Presentation at Kings College, London, on multiculturalism

19 MARCH – Roundtable on racism at OSCE, Vienna

20 MARCH – Information exchange with Anti-Racist Center, Oslo

21 MARCH – Speech at Médécins du Monde AGM on immigration/ asylum issues

24 MARCH – Speech on points-based system, work and asylum at meeting organised by Liverpool Student Guild, Liverpool TUC and UCU

27 MARCH – PICUM conference on undocumented workers, London

30 MARCH – Speech to NUT conference on Education and Multiculturalism

14 APRIL – IRR meeting on 'Palestine: the reality vs. the political speeches', speaker Shawki Issa

16 APRIL – Paper delivered to 'Instruction, Amusement and Spectacle 1800-1914' conference, Exeter University

28 APRIL – Speech to Manchester University Human Rights Society on immigration; Keynote speaker and facilitator at Black Film Forum, 'Legacies of Atlantic Slavery', British Film Institute

7 MAY – Keynote address at Centre for Racial Equality and Diversity, University of Warwick

14 MAY – Book launch discussion on racism at Bookmarks, London; meeting of UN Advisory Group on Forced Evictions, House of Lords

16 MAY – Screening and discussion of IRR film 'From you were black you were out' at Kelso Cochrane memorial event, Ladbroke Grove

19 MAY – Meeting of Children's Society Research Advisory Group

20 MAY – Lecture on xeno-racism at the Refugee Studies Centre, University of East London

21 MAY – Screening of two IRR films at SERTUC film club, Congress House, London

23 MAY – Presentation on Islamophobia at Chicago International Communication Association conference

29 MAY – Workshop at IRR on tackling racism in the media

6 JUNE – Talk on propaganda and conflict at UNITED for Intercultural Action's conference in Sheffield

10–11 JUNE – EPIM workshop in London on advocacy and integration issues

12 JUNE – IRR workshop on deportation and detention

17 JUNE – Presentations on points-based system to UCU meeting at School of Oriental and African Studies; launch of 'Young Children and racial justice: taking action for racial equality in the early years', House of Lords

22 JUNE – Attendance at seminars on ethnicity, harm and crime and Black youth crime at Centre for Crime and Justice Studies, Kings College, London

27 JUNE – Screening and discussion with director, Colin Prescod, of two IRR films at British Film Institute

28 JUNE – Speech at Justice for the North West 10 Campaign meeting in Birmingham

3 JULY – Speech on ethnic cleansing in Sri Lanka at Marxism 2009 conference

5 JULY – Speech on Islamophobia at Marxism 2009 conference

23 JULY – Media workshop with Turkish Kurdish community, north London

10 AUGUST – Talk on Preventing Violent Extremism with Campaign Against Criminalising Communities

19 AUGUST – Talk to City Circle/Campusalaam meeting on Preventing Violent Extremism

7/8 SEPTEMBER – EPIM NGO workshop on migration and the media, Prague

17 SEPTEMBER – Delegate at UN Human Rights Council (12th Session) special session on detention, Geneva

23–24 SEPTEMBER – EPIM workshop in Brussels on Partnership, Networking and Collaboration

26 SEPTEMBER – Workshop on deportation and bail at Kent Refugee Help, Canterbury

3 OCTOBER – Lecture on 1958 'race riots' to 'Revolting London' conference, London Metropolitan Archives

5 OCTOBER – Speech on Islamophobia and hate crimes at COJEP International event at the Human Dimension Implementation meeting at OSCE, Warsaw

7 OCTOBER – Keynote address at annual meeting of Swindon Racial Equality Council

14 OCTOBER – Keynote at the eighth annual Claudia Jones lecture

28 OCTOBER – Talk at Young Muslim Voices, Kick Islamophobia event

31 OCTOBER – Presentation at Campaign for Press and Broadcasting Freedom annual general meeting



Shawqi Issa (left) spoke at an IRR seminar on 'Palestine: the reality vs the political speeches' in April 2009.

Finances

Balance sheet at 31 March 2009

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Fixed assets | 146,584 | 149,036 |
| Current assets | | |
| Stocks of stationery and publications | 7,007 | 7,278 |
| Debtors and prepayments | 43,481 | 39,478 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | <u>55,154</u> | <u>77,931</u> |
| | <u>105,642</u> | <u>124,687</u> |
| | <u>252,226</u> | <u>273,723</u> |
| Less: creditors | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | | |
| Sundry creditors | 10,875 | 18,037 |
| | <u>241,351</u> | <u>255,686</u> |
| Represented by: | | |
| Funds Available | | |
| Unrestricted | 35,331 | 67,305 |
| Designated | 35,523 | 35,523 |
| Restricted | <u>170,497</u> | <u>152,858</u> |
| | <u>241,351</u> | <u>255,686</u> |

Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2009

| | Designated | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total 2009 | Total 2008 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Incoming resources | | | | | |
| Incoming resources from general funds: | | | | | |
| - Voluntary income | - | 21,373 | - | 21,373 | 19,365 |
| - Activities for generating funds | - | 77,281 | 560 | 77,841 | 74,101 |
| - Investment income | - | 2,850 | - | 2,850 | 4,634 |
| Incoming resources from charitable activities | - | - | <u>106,592</u> | <u>106,592</u> | <u>97,640</u> |
| Total incoming resources | - | <u>101,504</u> | <u>107,152</u> | <u>208,656</u> | <u>195,740</u> |
| Resources expended | | | | | |
| Costs of generating voluntary income | - | 6,765 | - | 6,765 | 6,306 |
| Charitable activities | - | 95,185 | 119,511 | 214,696 | 192,702 |
| Governance costs | - | <u>1,530</u> | - | <u>1,530</u> | <u>1,607</u> |
| Total resources expended | - | <u>103,480</u> | <u>119,511</u> | <u>222,991</u> | <u>200,615</u> |
| Net incoming resources | | (1,976) | (12,359) | (14,335) | (4,875) |
| Transfers between funds | - | <u>(29,998)</u> | <u>29,998</u> | - | - |
| | - | (31,974) | 17,639 | - | (4,875) |
| Balance brough forward at 1 April 2008 | 35,523 | 67,305 | 152,858 | 255,686 | 260,561 |
| Balance carried forward at 31 March 2009 | <u>35,523</u> | <u>35,331</u> | <u>170,497</u> | <u>241,351</u> | <u>255,686</u> |

There were no recognised gains or losses in the year, other than those shown above. All of the Company's activities are continuing. These accounts are extracted from the full accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009 on which reporting accountant Susan Field, FCA, reported without qualification on 21 July 2009. A copy of the full accounts is available on request from the company secretary.

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Funders

Allen Lane Foundation
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City Parochial Foundation
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Migration
Garden Court Chambers
Heritage Lottery Fund
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust
Methodist Church
Stichting ter Ondersteuning van Geweldloze
Strijdtgen het Racisme

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Jon Burnett
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Rhona Desmond
Natasha Dhumma
Mutlu Ergün
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Chandra Frank
Margaret Goff
Sofia Hamaz
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