

Racism in Rural Britain

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.....'a passive apartheid'?.....

◆ Representations

◆ Relations

◆ Rights

mapping the evidence

- ◆ Racist incidents
- ◆ Low salience of issues of race/racism
- ◆ Visibility/invisibility
- ◆ Access to services
- ◆ Multiple discrimination needs
- ◆ Poor representation
- ◆ Social isolation

(de Lima 2004)

the topography of difference

.....what is rural?but that's
changed....what transformations?....

And ...what is race?....who do you
mean ethnic?.....what do you mean
multi-cultural?..

So are these narratives related to the
local.....or the national?....



a changing landscape

.....'race' is now firmly on the rural
policy agenda....

can't see the wood for the trees

- ◆ Lack of reliable data
- ◆ numbers not needs
- ◆ Confidentiality
- ◆ Spatial distribution and movements
- ◆ Victim led approach
- ◆ Lacking in experience / training
- ◆ Ineffective/cumbersome consultation models
- ◆ 'special projects'

Mountains to climb - policy responses-

- ◆ RARP initiative (CRE and Rural Development Commission)
- ◆ Policing and victim support
- ◆ Community based responses (Henderson and Kaur 1999)
- ◆ Public Sector responses
 - 'rural proofing'
 - Connecting Communities
 - Community Cohesion strategies
 - Social exclusion agenda
 - Race Codes of Practice

routes forward

effective audits.....improving
information and advice.....utilising
innovative 'consultation' (narratives and
small stories)

.....collaborations..... 'voice'

local capacity building

.....*our Carnegie UK project*

Between the mountains and the sea....*gaps in the agenda*

- ◆ from deficit to assets
- ◆ understanding associational life
- ◆ *'very little specific information about what works best for minority communities in rural areas'* (Pugh2004)
- ◆ analysis at the level of British multiculturalism

On the horizon.....

.....rural citizenship, rural multicultural....

