

# conveRACEions

Working toward racial equality and social justice within academia and beyond

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## What is ConveRACEions?

ConveRACEions is a project set up by PhD students within the School of Health in Social Science. Inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, this group aims to create a space for all of us to learn, discuss, reflect and actively work towards equality, diversity and social justice within academia.



## Our Events & Impact so far

We started by collecting some resources for (self)reflection, organising a series of informal discussions on '**The Language We Use**', '**Intersectionality**' & '**Moving Beyond Performative Allyship**', and inviting guest speakers to discuss about their research and/or experiences with racial equality & social justice within (and outside) academia.

- **ConveRACEions with Barbara Becnel (28th January):** "Speaking Out About Race, Insurrection & the Police: Will You Listen Now?"
- **ConveRACEions with rashné limki & colleagues (25th March):** "Decolonising the Curriculum"
- **ConveRACEions with Nini Fang & Sarah Liu (29th April):** "Critical Conversations: Being Yellow Women in the Times of COVID-19"
- **ConveRACEions Rowena Arshad (27th May):** "Making Progress on Race Equality"



## What are our goals?

ConveRACEions aims to address and reduce inequalities within academia, help alleviate racial injustice, and promote students and staff wellbeing by creating this open space for reflection.



## Working toward our goals

All our events are online, free and open to everyone. Our group advertises and facilitates the events, always allowing for discussion time and anonymous feedback. We intend to co-produce an infographic including a list of action directives, developed by and for the wider university community.

Our first session with Barbara Becnel had over 50 registered attendees and her recorded talk has been included as essential viewing for two undergraduate courses in the School of Health in Social Science.