

DEFEATING RACIAL HATRED

Producing safe communities



A conference sponsored by the Commission for Racial Equality Safe Communities Initiative, the Home Office, Race Equality West Midlands, and Midlands Monitoring and Networking Group

14 March 2005
Aston Villa FC
Villa Park
Birmingham



Home Office



COMMISSION FOR
RACIAL EQUALITY



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The context of this conference is the increasing activity by organised racist groups, and rising levels of hate crime.

The purpose of the conference is to bring public authorities and the voluntary sector together to discuss ways of using the law and the race equality duty to monitor and prevent race hate crimes. The conference will examine the effectiveness of current legislation, and how public authorities are dealing with racist activity to meet their duty to promote race equality. Experts in the field will also present a number of case studies, showing how tensions between communities can be defused, and conflict avoided.

Date: 14 March 2005

Venue: Trinity Lounge
Aston Villa Football Club
Villa Park
Birmingham
West Midlands WS1 4SA

Workshops to include: Tackling the challenges of organised racism through

1. **The voluntary sector**
Monitoring racist activity
2. **The race equality duty**
How and when should the public sector respond to organised racist activity?
3. **Community cohesion**
Policing and public order models
4. **Councillors' responsibilities**
Maintaining standards in office

P R O G R A M M E

- 9.30am** Registration
- 10.00am** **Welcome**
CRE / Home Office
- 10.15am** **Defeating Racial Hatred:
An introduction**
CRE commissioner
Questions and answers
- 11.15am** Tea and coffee
- 11.45am** **Combating Racial Hatred:
A look at the current law**
Speakers from
- CRE
 - Crown Prosecution Service
 - Local Government Information Unit
- Questions and answers*
- 13.00pm** **LUNCH**
- 14.00–15.15pm** **Workshops** (*see list*)
- 15.15pm** Tea and coffee
- 15.45–16.45pm** **Any Questions Panel**
- Shahid Malik, *CRE*
 - Robin Allen QC
 - Frank Reeves, *Director, Race Equality West Midlands*
 - Ch Insp Tom Harrigan *Strathclyde Police*
 - Home Office speaker
- 17.00pm** **Close**

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DELEGATE BOOKING FORM

Please complete the form below and return by 4 March 2005.

● **Post to**

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Name

Position

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Special dietary requirements

Access for a disabled person required

Please indicate your workshop preferences overleaf.

Workshops

Please indicate the workshops you would like to attend:

	1st choice	2nd choice
1. The voluntary sector		
Monitoring racist activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The race equality duty		
How and when should the public sector respond to organised racist activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Community cohesion		
Policing and public order models	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Councillors' responsibilities		
Maintaining standards in office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

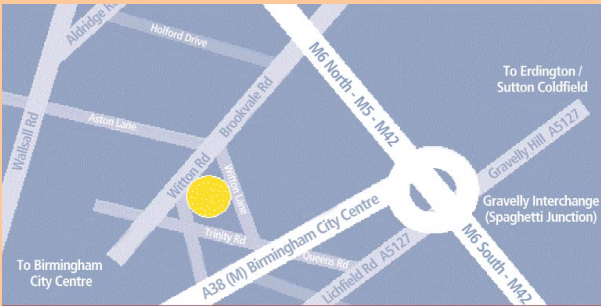
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Directions to Aston Villa

The map above shows the location of Aston Villa in relation to the M6 and the A5127.

By train

Take a train to Birmingham New Street. From there you can either change to Witton Station or take a taxi. Villa Park is only two miles north of the city centre