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Communities Empowerment Network

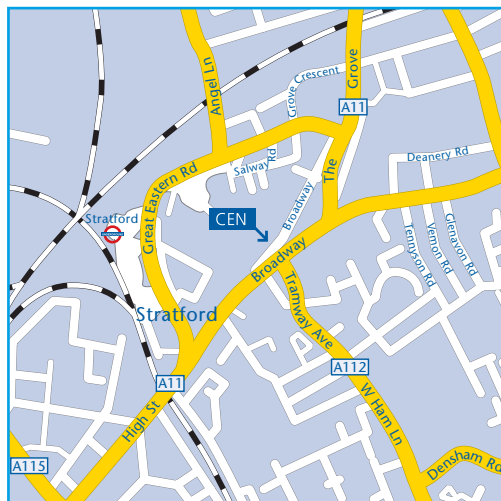
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„Combating Exclusion – Supporting Reintegration in Education“

TESTIMONIALS

» „I wouldn't have been able to achieve my daughters' return to school without CEN's help. CEN were at all times sensitive to my and my daughter's needs and helped us through a very difficult time“
(parent)

» „As parents of black children we know only too well how easily misunderstood they are in school and how easily misunderstood they are in that environment by processes that are often unconscious. We would have been a complete loss without CEN's intervention“
(parent)



EXCLUSIONS: WASTEFUL – DESTRUCTIVE – DISCRIMINATORY



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INTEGRITY

EXCLUSIONS – TIP OF THE ICEBERG

More and more schools are characterised by a growing underclass of socially excluded academic failures.

School exclusions affect black children, especially those of African-Caribbean origin, disproportionately. They are 3 times more likely to be excluded from school than their white counterparts for similar behaviour.

Once excluded, only 15% of all pupils ever return to full-time education.

Up to two-thirds of excluded pupils become known to the police and one-third end up in court because of involvement in petty crime, vandalism and abuse of alcohol or other drugs.

The long term implications are unemployment, social conflict and alienation whose effects are felt by everybody.

INTEGRATION

COMMUNITIES EMPOWERMENT NETWORK

The Communities Empowerment Network (CEN) provides advice, counselling, support, representation and training for people experiencing mistreatment and discrimination in education, especially exclusion from school.

95% of CEN's clients are from the black communities. CEN Management, employment and the services provided reflect this fact.

CEN is run by a Management Committee and staffed by workers and assisted by volunteers who are well known in the struggle against racist injustice.

CEN works closely with individual pupils and their parents to bring about successful reintegration into full-time education.

Our unique programme of advocacy training, personal development, volunteer and student placement and partnership casework contributes to a growing network of empowered individuals, families and groups.

RISE

RISE (Reintegration Into Schools and Education) is a reintegration package that is used when your child fits into one of the following categories;

- Missing from education
- At risk of exclusion
- Have received a fixed term exclusion
- Have received a permanent exclusion

The package provides the school with the appropriate tools to assess your child at a reintegration interview and provides a directory of services available to best meet their needs.

We can provide you with an overview of the exclusion process in the form of a flow chart on a single page format, which will help guide you through the options available to you following either a fixed term or permanent exclusion.

INCLUSION

SERVICES

- Advice either face-to-face, in writing or by telephone: **020 8432 0531**
- 24/7 telephone hotline for evenings and weekends.
- CEN provides centrally or locally based Advocacy training courses which enable participants to represent themselves and others before governing bodies and independent appeal panels.
- Empowerment/Personal Development courses are provided for students, teachers, parents and governors.
- Stimulating and challenging placements and work experience for volunteers and students.
- Continuous updated information available, through newsletter, pamphlets, reports, manuals and website (www.compowernet.org).
- Organises conferences, seminars and workshops.



JUSTICE

OUR VISION

- Adult-child interaction based on effective consultation and negotiation.
- Adults recognising their duty to prepare the next generation for responsible citizenship.
- A society free of harassment, bullying, violence and conflict.
- Shared human values based on self-discipline, mutual respect, cooperation and a sense of community.
- Freedom, equality and justice as both rights and responsibilities for all.
- Equality of access, equality of treatment and equality of outcome.
- Transforming institutions into accountable learning communities.
- Social inclusion, community integration and personal integrity.