INSPIRING EDUCATION ABROAD

The special edition newsletter from your friends at Academic Solutions



Over the course of the past few weeks, the world has responded to the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and numerous other Black Lives and to generations of social and racial injustices in societies around the world with protests, cries, observation, reflection, dialogue and action steps. It is now clearer than ever before that deep self-reflection, collective discourse, and ultimately action is urgently required in order to dismantle the injustices of systemic racism that exist in the United States and globally. At Academic Solutions, as members of the global academic community, we feel that the field of international education is a particularly important place to do our part in dismantling the systemic racism – the root cause of the recent events and of so many other inequities and disparities in daily life.

We believe in the Black Lives Matter Movement.

We will not remain silent while structures that perpetuate systemic racism are in place.

We recognize this is a global problem and a global movement.

We commit to being intentionally antiracist every day.

We must listen, stand, speak out, and be compassionate.

We recognize unity in this fight is long overdue; we take responsibility.

We believe that the road ahead is a difficult one and is best travelled together.

We commit to an antiracist culture even after the dust settles.

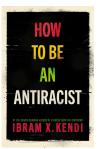
We encourage our community of International Educators, friends and family to reflect on some of the questions we have been asking ourselves while finding your own path toward antiracism and effective allyship.

- What Black and Brown voices can I listen to in order to understand Black and Brown experiences better?
- What are the inequalities and injustices that oppress Communities of Color that I have ignored?
- What biases do I hold? How can I change my behaviors that might oppress and hurt others?
- What privileges do I have and how can I use them to dismantle systemic racism?
- How do I support and amplify Black and Brown voices of students, colleagues, friends and family?
- Where and how can I learn more about transforming the way we collectively view and treat one another?

The following collection of resources from the US, UK and Spain may support you on your path. Resources will be regularly updated:

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EDUCATE YOURSELF



Books/Articles

<u>How to Be an Antiracist</u> by Ibram X. Kendi <u>Between the World and Me</u> by Ta-Nehisi Coates <u>Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race</u> by Reni Eddo-LodgeInvisible <u>Girl, Woman, Other</u> by Bernardine Evaristo <u>Freedom is A Constant Struggle</u> by Angela Davis <u>Americanah</u> by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche <u>Hija del Camino</u> by Lucia Mbomío <u>Ser Mujer Negra en España</u> by Desirée Bela-Lobedde <u>Atlantic Articles on Racism</u> by Ibram X. Kendi <u>Afroféminas Articles</u> by various Black Spanish Speaking Voices <u>White Fragility</u> by Robin DiAngelo



Podcasts Code Swit

<u>Code Switch</u> <u>Black Gals Livin'</u> <u>1619</u> <u>Pod Save The People</u> <u>The Diversity Gap</u> <u>Intersectionality Matters</u> with Kimberlé Crenshaw



<u>13th</u> When They See Us Dear White People The Hate U Give If Beale Street Could Talk Hidden Figures Do The Right Thing

Interviews/Videos

<u>TEDtalk: The difference Between Being "not racist" and being antiracist</u> with Ibram X. Kendi (51:06) <u>Black Feminism & the Movement for Black Lives</u> (50:48) <u>How Studying Privilege Systems Can Strengthen Compassion</u> (18:26) <u>White Fragility</u> – Robin DiAngelo speaks at Brown University (1:12:05)

Courses

<u>Seeing the Racial Water</u> - Robin DiAngelo's Half Day Workshop (July 18) <u>Anti-Racism Training</u> by Diversity and Resiliency Institute of El Paso <u>Unconscious Bias</u> Training by Udemy





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<u>The Conscious Kid</u> <u>Ibram X. Kendi</u> <u>Rachel Cargle</u> <u>Check Your Privilege</u> <u>Munroe Bergdorf</u> <u>Akala</u> <u>BLM UK</u> <u>Desirée Bela</u> <u>Ramia Channel</u> <u>Lucia Mbomio</u> <u>Miriam Hatibi</u> <u>Silvia Albert Sopale</u>

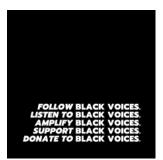
CONNECT & SUPPORT

initiatives with Black Communities and Organizations in your local community. Build relationships to create spaces where you can engage, listen and learn.



USA <u>Diversity Abroad</u> <u>Color Of Change</u> <u>Dream Defenders</u> <u>Black Lives Matter</u> <u>NAACP</u> **UK** Show Racism The <u>Red Card</u> <u>ROTA</u> **SPAIN** <u>Xarxa BCN Antirumors</u> <u>Black Barcelona</u> <u>Afroféminas</u>

AMPLIFY Black and Brown voices of your students and colleagues.



- **CALL OUT** discrimination when you see it and hear it in the spaces you occupy. Whether it be conversations between friends, colleagues or family members. Stay brave and engage in difficult conversations that bring change.
- **COMMIT** to being and Antiracist and Effective Ally each day in your own way. Here are a couple of links that will offer you more resources that can help you build your own path toward antiracism and allyship.

<u>Anti-Racism Resources for All Ages</u> <u>21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge</u> <u>75 Things White People Can Do For Racial Justice</u> <u>Training & Education</u> <u>Dismantling Racism: resources</u>

