

UK Actions and Resources #BlackLivesMatter

Last updated 18th June 2020. @ me on [Twitter](#) with anything to add (I'm USian and would appreciate help!). Use the left sidebar to navigate.

Please note that a lot of Google docs and web pages are struggling with high traffic, but if you think a link is broken, please let me know. If you need an academic PDF or non-Google access for whatever reason, also let me know.

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UK Actions & Resources

[How To Support Black Lives in the UK](#) is another resource sheet that I've just heard about! This includes:

- Script for contacting MPs
- Resources on racism in the UK
- Racial justice groups in the UK
- Donation pages, including UK-specific
- Petitions to sign

Petitions

Remember: do NOT donate to Change dot org.

- Have the UK government condemn the murder of George Floyd:
<https://www.change.org/p/boris-johnson-the-uk-government-must-condemn-the-murder-of-george-floyd>
- More protection for Black trans women in the UK:
<https://www.change.org/p/boris-johnson-more-protection-for-black-trans-women-uk>
- Justice for Shukri Abdi:
<https://www.change.org/p/manchester-police-justice-for-shukri-abdi>
- [Impact of Omission](#) has an active survey on UK education about colonialism, and will launch a petition soon: <https://impactofomission.squarespace.com/survey>

Writing to MPs

- Write to your MPs about the Public Health England BAME COVID-19 report: The report was [being withheld a second time due to "concerns"](#) about the "proximity" to issues in the US. [It was released](#) on 2/6, but see below for a template on writing to your MP about racism and COVID-19.
- Ready Made Letter Writing Resources:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sZ94FSYKE-zp-L-s9bChjXrddssyqfaD/view>. This includes four templates for writing the following letters:
 - to your MP re. the connection between racism in UK and the real cost of COVID-19
 - to your MP re. the death of Belly Mujinga

- to Sadiq Khan, London Mayor, re. the death of Belly Mujinga
- to Patrick Verwer of Thameslink transport, re. the death of Belly Mujinga
- A doc that includes another letter script for contacting MPs about racism in the UK:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/10ilz_pFB8DzPkwddc8dcmJdJ0ZMITfTs7lv_s4uyusZk/
- Impact of Omission's script for letters to MPs and schools about educating UK students about colonialism and Black history:
<https://impactofomission.squarespace.com/letters>

UK Fundraisers

- BAME COVID-19 bereavement fund:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/majonzi-fund-covid19-bereavement-fund>
- Black Protest Legal Support UK
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/black-protest-legal-support-uk>
- Black Minds Matter UK: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/black-minds-matter-uk>
- Belly Mujinga fund: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/rip-belly-mujinga>
- Jennie Sablayan fund:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/jennie-sabl原因-a-true-nhs-hero>
- [StopWatch](#) Campaign for Fair and Accountable Policing:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/StopWatch-Campaign-for-Fair-Accountable-Policing>
- UK QTIBIPOC Emergency Relief & Hardship Fund:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/nepjh-uk-qtibipoc-emergency-relief-amp-hardship-fund>

UK organizations

[Masterlist: UK Black Racial Justice and Community Orgs & Networks](#) (Google Sheets)

- Black Lives Matter UK: GoFundMe (<https://www.gofundme.com/f/ukblm-fund>), ActBlue (may be outdated?)
https://secure.actblue.com/donate/ms_blm_homepage_2019)
- Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust: <https://www.stephenlawrence.org.uk/>
- National Memorial Family Fund UK, to support families who have lost people to police violence in the UK:
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/nationalmemorialfamily/>

- [Southall Black Sisters](https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/donation-web/charity?charityId=1012780) fund:
<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/donation-web/charity?charityId=1012780>

No/mixed donations pages (?) but resources & support options:

- Community Action on Prison Expansion: <https://cape-campaign.org/>
- London Campaign Against Police and State Violence: <http://lcapsv.net/>
- The Monitoring Group: <http://www.tmg-uk.org/>
- Race Equality First: <http://raceequalityfirst.org/about-race-equality-first/>
- Patients Not Passports: <https://act.patientsnotpassports.co.uk/>
- Coalition of Race Equality: <https://www.rota.org.uk/CORE>
- Unis Resist Border Controls: <https://www.unisresistbordercontrols.org.uk/>
- Black community organizations (curated by Guap Mag)
 - Brixton Soup Kitchen: <https://brixtonsoupkitchen.org/donate/>
 - The Reach Out Project: <https://www.reachoutuk.org/donate-to-reachout/>
 - Kwanda: <https://kwanda.co/>
 - Milk & Honey: <https://milkhoneybees.co.uk/>
 - Generating Genius: <https://generatinggenius.org.uk/>
 - Pem People: <https://twitter.com/pempeople>
 - Step Now: <https://www.stepnow.co.uk/>
 - More Talk More Action: <https://www.moretalkmoreaction.com/>
 - The 4Front Project: <https://www.4frontproject.org/>
 - Black Ballad: <https://blackballad.co.uk/>

[Please avoid SWP/SUTR.](#)

Protest Resources

- [Legal rights during a protest](#) (Google Doc with linked resources)
- [Numbers and addresses](#) in case you are arrested or witness an arrest (Green & Black Cross)
- [Riot Medicine](#)
- [Protest Protection Carrd \(US\)](#) - please note that the “if you get arrested” and some other points are US-specific

Mental Health Resources

- Black Mental Health Matters: <https://blackmentalhealthmatters.carrd.co/>

US Resources

There are comprehensive lists of resources for US (& North American) support, some that include international links & tips for non-US donations and support. PLEASE click through and sign & donate.

Black Lives Matter Carrd: <https://blacklivesmatters.carrd.co/>

- The donate page has info for which fundraisers accept international donations: <https://blacklivesmatters.carrd.co/#donate>
- The petitions page includes zip codes you can use to sign US petitions: <https://blacklivesmatters.carrd.co/#petitions>

More BLM Info Carrd: <https://moreblminfo.carrd.co/>

- Protestor safety
- Black history and theory
- Other donation sites
- Other carrds

Mutual aid funds:

- Carrd with funds organized by state: <https://mutualaid.carrd.co/>
- Twitter thread of US mutual aid funds: <https://twitter.com/thegirlwithfood/status/1267572248149442562>

Say Their Names Carrd with further petition links and resources:

<https://saytheirnames.carrd.co/>

A longer list of petitions and links to donate, readings, scripts for emails, which includes many international causes including for Belly Mujinga:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vSrT26HMWX-_hLfyy9s95erjkOZVJdr_oXYkU-miaHRk58duAnJIUWKxImRkTITsYhwaFkghS8sfIF/pub#h.8wu49328zdvg

Readings

Please consider sourcing texts from Black-owned bookshops; here is a list of UK shops: <https://ukblackwritersforum.wordpress.com/black-book-shops/publishers/>

US shops: https://twitter.com/Bookshop_Org/status/1267846208237776904

Reading Lists

Curated reading lists (usually with links) & lessons

- [Abolitionist Reading List](#) from Abolitionist Futures (UK)
- [Reading Towards Abolition: A Reading List on Policing, Rebellion, and the Criminalization of Blackness](#) from The Abusable Past
- [Anti-Racism Reading List](#) by Dr. Foluke Adebisi @folukeifejola
- [Readings on Womanism](#), from GoldWomyn
- [Critical Race Theory graduate course](#) by Dr. Adrienne Keene
- [School lessons on Black US history](#) by Zinn Education Project
- [Reading and Talking about Racism at Home and in the Classroom](#) by Hatchette Book Group
- [Schomburg Center Black Liberation Reading List](#)
- [Institutionalized Racism: A Syllabus](#) from JSTOR
- [Indigenous resistance, history, theory, ecology, and futures reading list](#) from the IAF

Curated reading lists on Twitter (usually full PDFs or web articles)

- [75 readings & books](#) curated by Devyn Springer
- [Lectures by Kwame Ture](#)
- [Cite Black Women reading list](#)
- [Abolitionist Readings](#)
- [Angela Davis writings](#)
- [NUS Black Students thread of readings and tips](#)
- [Texts for white people self-educating](#)
- [Black & Asian history of solidarity in the UK](#)
- [Updating list of reading lists](#)

- [Children's books that discuss racism & race](#)

Google folder reading dumps

- [Master List of Black Revolutionary Readings](#) (linked via Google Doc)
- [A folder of pdfs of books & writings](#)
- [Extensive critical reading library](#)
- [Texts and zines on race & capitalism](#) (linked via Twitter)
- [Black History Month Library](#)

Individual Readings

Full books (please note that most of the above lists link directly to full books, too, so I won't link absolutely everything! Please look at those!!)

UK-specific

- [BAME, Refugee, and Migrant Custody Deaths in the UK](#) from the Institute of Race Relations
- [What would abolishing police powers in the UK look like?](#) by Faima Bakar
- [Police in schools: Black Lives Matter protests raise urgent concerns](#)
 - Runnymede report: [Race and Racism in English Secondary Schools](#) by Dr Remi Joseph-Salisbury
- [4Front Project: Rest in Power](#) - "We have dedicated this page in memory of Black people who have been killed by state violence in the UK."
- [Why the Protests in the U.S. Are an Awakening for Non-Black People Around the World](#) by Yassmin Abdel-Magied (about the UK & AUS contexts)
- ["From Minneapolis to London: who polices the police?"](#) by LCAPSV (UK)
- [Who polices the police \(video, no captions\)](#) by Jody McIntyre interviewing Benjamin Zephaniah (UK)
- [Justice \(Documentary, no captions\)](#): "The struggles for justice by the families of people that have died in police custody." (cw: photos of people dying/dead in hospital, and graphic descriptions)

General

- [Free eBook: The End of Policing](#) by Alex S. Vitale

- [Free eBook: Who Do You Serve, Who Do You Protect? Police Violence and Resistance in the United States](#)
- [Free eBook: If They Come in the Morning ... Voices of Resistance](#), Ed. Angela Y. Davis
- [Free eBook: Civil Rights and the Making of the Modern American State](#) by Megan Ming Francis
- [Free eBook: Black Anarchism: A Reader](#) from Black Rose Anarchist Federation
- Audre Lorde:
 - [The Uses of Anger](#)
 - [Sister Outsider](#)
 - [Age, Race, Class, and Sex: Women Redefining Difference](#)
- Angela Davis:
 - [Abolition Democracy: Beyond Empire, Prisons, and Torture](#)
 - [Are Prisons Obsolete?](#)
 - [Women Race & Class](#)
 - [Angela Davis: An Autobiography](#)
 - [The Meaning of Freedom](#)
- W.E.B. DuBois
 - [Black Reconstruction](#)
 - [The Souls of Black Folk](#)
 - [Why I Won't Vote](#)
- Kwame Nkrumah:
 - [Consciencism](#) (h/t socializm_)
 - [Necolonialism: The Last Stage of Imperialism](#) (h/t lightbluelights)
- [Assata: An Autobiography](#) by Assata Shakur
- [How Europe Underdeveloped Africa](#) by Walter Rodney
- [Request a free copy of Superior](#) by Angela Saini
- [The End of Diversity](#) by Rinaldo Walcott

Articles and videos

- [Nobel Lecture \(Audio\)](#) by Toni Morrison
- [The Ballot or the Bullet](#) by Malcolm X
- [Y'all Better Quiet Down speech \(video\)](#) by Sylvia Rivera
- [Malcolm and Martin](#) by James Baldwin
- [The Master's Tools Will Never Dismantle the Master's House](#) by Audre Lorde

Articles and videos: Policing & Abolition

- Angela Davis:
 - [Chapter 5: The Prison Industrial Complex](#) from Are Prisons Obsolete?
 - [Race and Criminalization](#) from The House That Race Built
 - [Racialized Punishment and Prison Abolition](#)
- Mariame Kaba
 - [Mariame Kaba and Prison Abolition](#) with Justice in America (audio with transcript)
 - [Towards the horizon of abolition: A conversation with Mariame Kaba](#) with The Next System (text)
 - [Transformative justice in an era of mass criminalization. Mariame Kaba and Victoria Law](#) with Center for Constitutional Rights (audio with transcript)
 - [Towards the horizon of abolition: a conversation with Mariame Kaba](#) with Transform Harm (text)
- [Ruth Wilson Gilmore Makes the Case for Abolition](#) (audio, no transcript)
- [Abolish the Police \(podcast\)](#) with Sandy and Nora (no transcript)
- [Survived and Punished](#) (great organization, site includes resources and publications)
- [Abolitionist Futures](#) (website)
- [US Prison Culture](#) (blog)

Anti-racism, organizing, guides

- [Organizing Resources](#) (linked via Google doc)
- [Combahee River Collective Statement](#)
- [Who is Oakland: Anti-Oppression Activism, the Politics of Safety, and State Co-optation](#)
- For white people specifically:
 - [Noel Ignatiev: The Point Is Not To Interpret Whiteness But To Abolish It](#)
 - [Anti-Racism for White People](#) (Google Doc)
 - [Dear White People, This Is What We Want You To Do](#)

Twitter threads

- [Police brutality in the UK](#), a thread of articles covering anti-Black police violence

- [In the UK and feel powerless?](#)