

## Race Equality Policies in Derby Schools

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- The Race Relations Act 1976 (as amended in 2000) requires public authorities to devise Race Equality Schemes.
- The Act also requires educational establishments eg. schools to draw up Race Equality Policies.
- It is important that schools in the City produce these policies in order to assess the
  extent to which schools are connecting with the communities and other relevant
  stakeholders.
- Race Equality policies are a practical measure of schools desire and commitment to relate to the communities which they serve.
- In order to encourage LEA schools to become models of good practice it is proposed that a mapping exercise of the schools be carried out as a joint LEA / REC project.
- It is hoped that this MECAC can agree to this in principle and, thereupon, be the spur to take the project forward.