TELL IT LIKE IT IS: A CHANGE IS GONNA COME

We challenge the Government to:

1 Bridge the black white gap in educational achievement. Urgently inject resources to meet the needs of children who have English as an additional language. Increase resources for disadvantaged areas. Introduce needs-led funding. This will lead to improvement for all working class children.

2 End the disproportionate exclusion rate for black pupils, and reduce overall exclusion rates. Introduce more rigorous appeals procedures which empower parents and pupils.

3 Ensure that every new teacher feels able and competent to respond to the needs of all pupils.

- **i.** Immediately Introduce anti-racism training for prospective and current teachers and integrate anti-racist education into the curriculum.
- **ii.** Have a strategy for increasing the number of BME teachers.
- **iii.** Every school should demonstrate they have an active equal opportunities policy

4 Take the focus off testing children to allow teachers to develop an enriching curriculum which reflects the backgrounds of all students. Free teachers to teach.

5 Introduce national, legally binding, standards for schools admissions policies that that don't discriminate and allow for a balanced intake. Halt moves towards a free-for-all for school places. Give all children the right to a well resourced, local comprehensive school.

6 Urgently review the decision to wind up the Stephen Lawrence Steering Group and to subsume the Commission for Racial Equality into a wider body. Tackling racism must be placed at the heart of social policy.

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