

The colour of my skin – Real stories of racism (Reihe)
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I'm Celine, I come from North East of England and I've faced racial discrimination in my community.

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My childhood was quite normal. I played with kids on playground. I read books. Listened to music.

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I was a little bit different from kids because I wasn't white. I was Chinese. I mean, I am Chinese.

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We always celebrated the Spring Festival. We used to go out and play at the funfair.

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Have Hot Pot, and there'd be a parade of the Red Dragon floating across the streets of Chinatown. It's honestly lovely.

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There was a song on the playground 'Chinese, Pattenese, Hong Kong, something something' and they would pull a fox eye,

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Which is when you pull back your eyes and make fun of people with small eyes I guess.

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I just laughed along I guess until it happened a couple more times and I was really uncomfortable.

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There were so many occasions that this happened to me. I remember that teachers were around and they did nothing.

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My friends were sticking up for me. But then they would just come up with a excuse saying, 'Oh, it's a joke. You should laugh along to it.'

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I kind of felt like there must be some reason why I'm in that position. Did I do something wrong? Did my community do something wrong?

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I moved house to a different area hoping it'll be more accessible to public transport for my school. I moved to a mainly white area, so we felt quite singled out there.

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When I was in Year Seven, they were in Year Four. They were calling us slurs, swearing at us.

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Telling me to go back to my own country when I was born here. Making me feel overall very uncomfortable.

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Their parents would just stand there and act like nothing's wrong. Nothing has happened.

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They threw empty crisp packets. They threw empty chip boxes in our front yard. The second time they did it again.

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Third time they tried to throw a rock at our window. After that they tried to egg our house

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It's almost like they're telling me that 'Oh, I hate you. Because you're Chinese.'

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Every time I go back from school at 4.30 they'll be there, just sitting there.

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Sometimes they would yell random slurs so it gave the impression that they were better than me, that they were looking down on me I guess.

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I'm always on alert. If they were to try to do something I would need to run away.

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I just never really went out. I never really did all the things that my classmates would do like going out to play in the local field or something. Like I never got to do that.

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And that really affected my work and like how I was, how I behaved in school. My friend suggested for me to go to the counsellor.

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I vented about my feelings and then she got in contact with the head teacher and they tried to sort this out.

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I did contact the police and I listed out all the things that they said, all the things that they'd done.

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I even went on the school website and found some pictures of them. But then they just randomly texted me and said that they'll drop the case because they can't identify who it was.

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I thought that the police in that situation just didn't care enough about racism.

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I was going from school to home. We sat near the back of the bus. They were being obnoxious, they were being loud.

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They were screaming and it went on like this for seven stops until they said the word 'chinky'.

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I turned my head around, looked at them. They tried to justify their actions by saying, 'Coronavirus came from China, therefore, all Chinese people are bad'. I had enough.

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So I decided just to tell them to shut up. The two girls and a boy there all started screaming at me.

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Everyone else was just looking at me. My friend, who was terrified, didn't dare to look back.

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I decided to shout at them more and they decided to shout at me more and everything was a whole mess until loads of people stepped in and the whole bus were standing up for me.

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My friend dragged me off the bus. We started crying and had a little hug and then we were just talking about how crazy this world is and how messed racism is.

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Friends and family are definitely one of the most important people to go to. Also school. Depends on the school but in my experience school has been one of the best helps there is.