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Statement from the Pankhurst Trust

We have delayed in putting out a statement because we are educating ourselves and taking the time for a real and informed reflection.

The past few weeks have shown that society still has a great deal to learn from the lived experiences of those enduring racism and discrimination on a daily basis; that much is to be done in order for everyone to have access to the same opportunities, freedoms and fair treatment.

We understand that we have a role in contributing to change and of working together to achieve this.

We recognise that one of the first steps in influencing change is to demonstrate it, by the values and practices that we live by and the reflection of these through the organisation. In this we are committed to listening and learning everyday, always seeking to improve the way we work, and working with others to ensure that we strive to achieve our vision.

We work at the heart of marginalised communities, alongside organisations led by black people and other people of colour, where we meet some of the most vulnerable women in society. We understand we can also be a voice for these women.

We stand in solidarity and support with those who are demanding change for women experiencing No Recourse to Public Funding and with those amplifying the message #BlackLivesMatter

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