

Know Your Rights Mapping

Summary:

StopWatch and The Runnymede Trust are looking to commission a researcher to undertake a mapping of informational material about stop and search, particularly that which is aimed at young people.

The research will focus on the 'Know your Rights' campaign - set up to help the public understand their rights when stopped and/or searched by the police.

StopWatch is aware of a number of examples of 'know your rights' workshops and digital and printed materials being provided by a range of stakeholders but is seeking a greater understanding of the style, accessibility, scope and effectiveness of these various materials and programmes.

Background:

Stop and search has been a controversial tactic in the UK for over thirty years. Young BME people face hugely disproportionate treatment at the hands of the police on a daily basis and yet many of them still report being unsure of their rights. A plethora of forums exist to inform young people about their rights from youth centres and schools to civil liberties groups - and even the police themselves. We want to try and understand why are so many young people who face being stopped and searched still unsure of their rights and responsibilities.

The mapping of 'know your rights' materials will seek to address this issue by looking into the variety of mediums through which young people are able to access the information - from internet sites and school forums, to targeted work with at risk young people.

The findings of this mapping exercise will be made available to the public on the StopWatch website and will inform StopWatch's approach to the education of young people on their rights in relation to the police.

Project Description and deliverables:

The successful candidate will conduct a detailed mapping of:

- Stop and Search information websites.
- Interactive or educational films available on YouTube and similar sites.
- Police educational resources on the issue including the MET, MPA, ACPO, BPA
- Know your Rights workshops, courses or classes being delivered in schools, youth clubs and community settings.
- Printed and online informational material.

The final outcome of this consultancy will be a 30 page comprehensive report, with appendices of all sources which have been reviewed. The report will go into detail about each project, website, or

information source mapped, looking at the strengths and weaknesses of this in relation to making young people aware of their rights. The report should draw conclusions, flag gaps in provision and point to promising practices. There will also be a short paper summarising the conclusions of the report which will be available from the StopWatch website.

It is expected that the consultant will conduct extensive desk-based research and will follow up on contacts with visits to a number of 'know your rights' courses and workshops, both in and outside of London. Where possible, the researcher will observe the sessions taking place and discuss with participants and providers their experiences of the work they're involved in.

StopWatch has already collected a number of materials and contacts in this area and these will be shared at the beginning of the mapping exercise.

The researcher will in close contact with Kamaljeet Gill, policy and research analyst at the Runnymede Trust, who will be able to offer support and advice through regular meetings as well as email and phone contact. The candidate will be required to report regularly on the progress of the work.

Person Specification:

The successful candidate will have:

- Knowledge/ experience of either youth work and/or criminal justice.
- Excellent research skills (experience of conducting desk-based research)
- Excellent writing skills and experience of writing in a clear and accessible style
- Excellent time management skills – experience of working independently and managing deadlines
- Good communication skills and experience of dealing with a wide range of people
- A keen interest in policing and stop and search
- A strong commitment to equality and social justice.

Compensation and terms

The research will be paid a flat rate of £3000 (inclusive of VAT) upon satisfactory completion of the project. The work should be delivered within 2 months of the agreed start date.

Administrative support and desk space are available at Runnymede's offices. Expenses for (standard class) travel and subsistence outside of London will normally be covered but should be agreed in advance with the Director.

Application deadline: Sunday 26 February
Interview dates: Week commencing 5 March
Start date: early to mid March

Please send a project proposal outlining relevant skills and how you would approach the project, CV and writing sample to Kamaljeet Gill, kam@runnymedetrust.org.

We also ask applicants to complete an equal opportunities form, this is for monitoring purposes only and will not be used on the selection process.