This conference explores how inequality, identity, and belonging intersect with race in Britain today.

In the wake of the Brexit referendum, a renewed debate on Britishness and British identities emerged, which challenged claims to belonging by long-established parts of the population. With the Windrush scandal and the creation of a purposefully ‘hostile environment’ for certain immigrant groups, the government faces ongoing accusations of racism. The experience of inequalities based on skin colour or ethnic (and other) identities continues to shape the lives of many people in Britain.

In partnership with the Runnymede Trust celebrating their 50th Anniversary, Cumberland Lodge hosts this conference on ‘Race in Britain’ as the first major event under the 2018-19 annual theme, ‘Identities & Belonging’. Participants will engage in deep discussion about the meaning of citizenship in post-Empire Britain, the language used to talk about diversity, and emergent forms of belonging that confront exclusion and inequality.

About The Runnymede Trust
Runnymede is the UK’s leading independent race equality think tank. We generate intelligence for a multi-ethnic Britain through research, network building, leading debate, and policy engagement.
www.runnymedetrust.org

About Cumberland Lodge
Cumberland Lodge, was set up in 1947 as an educational college to confront extremism and social division. Since its inception, Cumberland Lodge has specialised in facilitating constructive dialogue and creative thinking on pressing societal and ethical matters that have the potential to fracture communities.
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Identities & Belonging
Our 2018-19 theme ‘Identities & Belonging’ will address pressing social and political issues through a multidisciplinary exploration of the interplay between increasingly fluid identities and visions of belonging.

For more information about this event please email hbreeze@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk
Race in Britain: Inequality, Identity & Belonging

Programme

Thursday 1 November

10.00 Arrival and Registration
10.30 Welcome and introductions
10.45 Session 1: Race, Multiculturalism, Pluralism: What Are We Talking About?
12.15 Lunch
13.30 Session 2: Empire and Nation: The role of the past on race and identity in Britain today (part 1)
15.00 Tea
15.30 Session 2: From Windrush to Brexit: Race, Identity, and Citizenship in Post-Empire Britain (part 2)
17.00 Break
17.15 Session 3: The Runnymede Trust Report
18.30 Reception
19.00 Dinner

Friday 2 November

09.15 Session 5: Faith and Belonging in Britain
10.45 Coffee Break
11.15 Session 6: Race, Class, and Inequality
12.45 Lunch
14.15 Session 7: Covert Racisms: Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities
15.45 Reflection Session
16.30 Tea and Depart