



# Keyboard Trust - Bristol

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# Racial Justice



## Racial Justice

As racial justice continues to be a pressing issue in our society, it has become increasingly important for the Keyboard Trust and Together4Bristol to contribute to promoting equality and combating discrimination.

Here are some outcomes of Keyboard Trust:

- **Increased awareness and education:** We've provided opportunities for learning about the history and present realities of racism and discrimination, both within the church and in society at large. Engaging with Catherine Okoronkwo Racial Advisor to the Bishop of Bristol. This has included hosting events to have those difficult discussions, sharing relevant books and articles, and engaging in discussions and training.
- **Advocacy and activism:** Keyboard Trust has used its influence and resources to advocate for policies and practices that promote racial justice, such as supporting Colse Leung of For Diversity - Racism and the Church, Christian Action Bristol, promoting diversity and inclusion in engaging with key leadership, and partnering with community organizations like Bristol Cathedral, National Churches Leadership Forum that work on racial justice issues.
- **Community building:** Keyboard Trust has created opportunities for building relationships and community across racial and ethnic lines. Networking with the Maclom X Centre regarding vaccination within the Black community. Being a part of the Faith Manifesto, with Christian Action Bistol. This can involve intentionally reaching out to diverse groups within the church and in the broader community, hosting events that celebrate and promote diverse cultures, and working to break down barriers and stereotypes.
- **Spiritual growth and transformation:** Finally, Keyboard Trust has created spaces for spiritual growth, prayer and transformation around racial justice. Engaged in bi-monthly prayer meetings with Bristol Mayor Marvin Rees. This has also involved grappling with racism and discrimination perpetuated within the church's framework for centuries. It has also involved seeking to live from an updated perspective and from renewed values for justice and equality in all aspects of life.

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## Keyboard Networker Statement

The Keyboard Trust is currently transitioning into the second phase of its mission. In the past 3 years, significant progress has been made in networking with faith leaders, individuals, and organisations across the city, as well as outside the city. Various programmes organised by Keyboard Trust have helped in educating churches and people on various platforms on different topics including the church and racial justice, mental health, and well-being to mention a few.

Regrettably, due to funding constraints, the Keyboard Networker position will end in April. However, the work of Keyboard Trust will continue under the supervision of Together4Bristol. Thank you for walking with me, encouraging me, and participating in our activities during this time.

Although I have been in the post for three years, it has also been rewarding and challenging. There is, however, a season for everything. As with any job, whether based in an office or a hybrid position, I've developed my network of support and relationships with my peers. During this time another colleague joined T4B, Ian Taylor, who was the Enabler for Mission and Unity, joined in with the work for about 1 year and has since left the organisation. There has been an increase in exposure, networking, support, and guidance during the past three years.

The steering committee is guiding the keyboard trust and role into phase three. We have established the foundation for growth, direction, and accomplishments. It is encouraging to see progress in raising church awareness of racial justice issues. We must confront these problems to solve them, and if we all do our part, we can make a difference. Over the past three years, we have organized several successful events and projects and provided helpful resources. However, there is still much to do.

The past year has had its challenges and changes; the leadership of Keyboard Trust has seen some internal changes with the baton being passed from Pastor Eric Adioo onto the newly appointed Chair Pastor Fatima Sibanda and Vice Chair Derick Mulubwa. With the Rev. Chris Dobson's departure from the steering committee.

We will occasionally monitor the keyboard networker email inbox, so if you need a response more quickly, please contact Paul Hazelden by emailing him on [cafo@together4bristol.org.uk](mailto:cafo@together4bristol.org.uk)

## Development ideas for the future:

These are some suggestions for moving forward:

- In order to secure future funding and sponsorship, as well as to hire future employees.
- To create a donation option on the website, alongside the benefits.
- For the organisation to implement annual reviews of its aims and objectives.
- To undertake collaborative work.
- To have an adequate HR & logistic system in place.
- To have systems in place to support staff development.
- To have a more diverse ratio of males and females on the Steering Committee.
- To host an annual conference for all Church and Faith Leaders
- Keeping up with current events and news related to racial justice to stay informed and identify ways to move forward.



## Standing in the Midst of Change Conference

As part of its end-of-year celebration event, the Keyboard Trust is hosting its first conference. Please find further details below.

**On:** Saturday 14 October 2023      **Time:** 10.30am - 3.00pm

**At:** Salvation Army, Hassell Dr, Easton Bristol BS2 0AN

Get inspired and receive practical tools to help you adapt to change.

The event is open to all ages.

There will be no childcare faculties available.      Light refreshments will be available.

### SPEAKERS & SEMINARS :

**Rev. Dr Charles Buckman** - Travels extensively exhorting people to realize their dreams by obeying God's principles in order to receive God's favour, wisdom and courage. He exposes the myths and substitutes of life and addresses the full range of human needs, including the areas of marriage, finance, friendship, success, failure, parenting, and spirituality. As the founder and president of THE FATHERS HOUSE and a frequent speaker at conferences, his message has changed lives.

**Clare Thompson** - Associate Pastor & Prayer Ministry Lead. Teacher of the Wholeness course, That shares how we can access a whole life and live free from our past, free from anxiety and fear, free from irritation and annoyance.

**Ashlee Brailsford** - Ministry Apprentice - Prayer Ministry - Who will share her powerful testimony.  
**Colse Leung** - Colse Leung - Is an Associate Consultant at The Diversity Trust. Director of For Diversity and Racism and The Church.

**Gifty Markey** - NHS Mental Health Nurse - An experienced Mental Health Nurse with a demonstrated history of working in inpatient mental health wards, Crisis teams, psychiatric liaison services, forensic inpatient services & the general health care industry.

**Michael Earle** - Wellbeing Champion & Trainer. Able to work with individuals, organisations and groups.



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## Standing in the Midst of Change Conference

**Zoe Taylor** - Just Love Bristol - Works for Just Love – a national charity which exists to equip students and support graduates to pursue Jesus and justice. She promotes the work throughout the South-West, specifically the work of Just Love Bristol and Just Love Bath university groups. Zoe is born and bred in Bristol and loves living as part of a Christian community house.

**Rebecca Kishtainy** - Is the Debt Centre Manager for South Bristol. Alongside her husband, they also lead Lighthouse Vineyard Church. She has lived and worked in South Bristol for most of her adult life and the area and the people really have her heart. She loves to see how her two jobs come together to see people set free from the chains of debt through a network of local churches working together to serve those most in need in the community.

**HUB SESSIONS:** They have been organised to provide our visitors with an opportunity to talk to a professional about various areas of life covering. Your facilitators have been selected from locally based organisations and practitioners. Each hub will provide a holistic approach so we hope you enjoy them.

### **SPIRITUAL HEALTH: -**

- 1.A. Prayer - Get some prayer from Andy Biddlecombe and the Wildfire team.
- 1.B. Prophecy - Get an encouraging word from members of the Wildfire team.

### **BODY & WELLNESS HEALTH: -**

- 2.A. - Get your Blood pressure or BMI taken by a trained Nurse.
- 2.B. - Talk to a Wellbeing Champion & Trainer Michael Earle.

### **MONEY HEALTH: -**

- 3.A. - Talk to trained (C.A.P) facilitators with Rebecca Kishtainy and the team. Everyone who attends the conference will have the opportunity to take part in any of the hub sessions.

Hubs will be available from :- 10:15am-12:30pm & 1:30pm-3:00pm. We have allotted a minimum of 5mins for each session. So please be aware of the timing.

### **DIRECTIONS: -** Bus 6, 7, 48 & 49

There will be no Creche facilities available.

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## Thank you



Kind Regards

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