



Our Anti-racism journey at Dylan's Den, Treorchy, Rhondda Cynon Taf

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At Dylan's Den we strive to create an Anti-Racist practice. Our resources and displays reflect all nationalities and people from different backgrounds. Our home corner has recipe books from different cultures and cuisines and whilst learning about different global celebrations, we encourage the children to look at the books to choose recipes. Our dolls all have different skin colour as well as having some with a physical disability. We have visitors from the local community and my husband who is a South African Pastor often pops in to visit, bringing fun, diversity and talks to the children about his culture. We recently have had a refugee family access our provision. This was wonderful as previously this community had been a section of society that hadn't accessed out of school care. We made sure the setting reflected some of their culture and put head scarfs in our dressing up area and found ways to overcome the language barrier, we celebrated their religious holidays with them and supported the family as a whole.

I always challenge any discriminatory language and although things aren't said out of malice it is usually down to lack of education, I explain to the person why what they have said isn't right and educate them on the right terms to completely promote an anti-racist practice. I feel very strongly about this, and I am very passionate. I feel privileged to be a Playworker and have the opportunity to shape the children, encouraging them to challenge racism and to celebrate diversity. It starts with us.

