

## **LGA statement on local government's commitment to tackling racism**

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Fairness, equality and social justice flows through everything local government does. The diversity in our country is what brings the richness to all of our communities.

The Local Government Association stands with all of our councils in the UK and across the world in their work to tackle racism.

Local government is wholly committed to equality, diversity and inclusion, reflecting the communities we serve and we will do all we can to ensure we continue to be at the forefront of confronting racism and discrimination in whatever form it shows itself.

It's vital that we are all part of the much-needed conversation on how we can all confront and end racism. Local government is listening.

Racism has no place in our communities or in our lives.