An illustrated resource for the consultation of the NI Executive Racial Equality Strategy.
This illustrated resource aims to benefit groups and organisations and assist in making a response to the racial equality strategy (RES) consultation.

It provides a summary of the vision, three strategic goals, six aims and questions.

The illustrations are a graphic interpretation made by Patrick Saunders (illustrator) with the support of Charo Lanao based on the following documents:
- NIE Racial Equality Strategy
- Synopsis drafted by Bernadette McAliskey, STEP
- Notes from the Belfast Friendship Club
VISION

“A society in which racial equality and diversity is supported, understood, valued and respected and where people of minority ethnic backgrounds have a sense of belonging which is acknowledged and valued by people from all backgrounds”
RACIAL EQUALITY STRATEGY
JOURNEY FROM 2014-2024
RES (Racial Equality Strategy) plans over the next 10 years to:

1. Tackle Racial Inequalities
2. Eradicate Racism
3. Promote good race relations and social cohesion
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2. ERADICATE RACISM
3. PROMOTE GOOD RACE RELATIONS AND SOCIAL COHESION
TAKE A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO TACKLE RACISM AND SECTARIANISM
CONSULTATIONS ARE IMPORTANT

WHY CONSULT?

WHY ASK US...?

OPINION

CONSULTATION

STORMONT
WHY ASK ME?
- The Government has a duty to consult the public – which includes you.
WHY ASK ME?
You know what needs to be done
WHY ASK ME?
The Government fails in its duty when it does not protect you
QUESTIONS....
What do you think the government should do?
How would these plans make things better for your everyday life?
How can government make sure their plans are actually carried out?

How can they be sure it really makes a difference?
To make the vision of belonging a reality, the government has identified six aims
AIM 1
ELIMINATION OF RACIAL INEQUALITY
AIM 2
COMBATING RACISM AND HATE CRIME
AIM 3
EQUALITY OF SERVICE PROVISION
AIM 4
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AIM 5
SOCIAL COHESION
AIM 6
CAPACITY BUILDING
The document also asks if there is need for a 7th aim.

This aim may seek to protect the right to maintain cultural identity. It suggests that this is a hard question, because there are some traditions and cultural practices that may lead to groups being targeted by others.

It suggests that sometimes cultural practices can lead to ‘barriers’ between groups. It states that there are some cultural practices which ‘should not be encouraged’, using the example of female genital mutilation.
PROTECTING CULTURAL IDENTITY?
What else would you suggest?

I CAN SEE....

BUT LOOK AT THIS TOO!

ANYTHING ELSE?
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