

RUNNYMEDE LIA

Summer 2022 - 15/07/22 - 16/09/22

Who are Runnymede?

Runnymede Trust is the UK's largest race equality NGO, which looks at everything from Education, Justice, Employment and Economy, the Environment and Policy Development. I have really admired the landmark work they do throughout my university degree and was really keen to work with an organisation that was so aligned with my own values.

My Goals for the LiA

My goals for the summer were to develop my professional voice and knowledge, as well as develop my understanding of the work around race equality and education, and how I can facilitate and contribute to more good work being done.



My Time at Runnymede

During my 6 weeks at Runnymede I worked with the Engagement Team to organise the We Move Summit, which was a team of only 3-5 people. I also supported the Administrative Team, the Policy Team and the Research Team, and was able to attend staff training days. I worked mostly remote but went to the office a few times.

What I Gained

One of the things I most appreciate from the Summer working at Runnymede was working in such an amazing team with such passionate, intelligent, motivated and supporting people. I really felt like I was part of the 'Runnymede Family' and that made leaving incredibly bittersweet! I have gained some incredible tools for the working world and for working in Race Equality Work.

Conclusion

I would feel incredibly lucky to work at Runnymede again and am so thankful for the staff who supported me and all the amazing connections I made. They were a really amazing choice for an LiA and I am so glad they took a chance by letting me work with them. I gained so many skills and connections from my time.

FINAL REFLECTIONS

OUTCOMES

Helped to organise a Race Equality & Migrants Rights Summit over the weekend of the 2nd-4th of November that was attended by over 500 people. There was 50+ sessions, over 100 speakers, a one man show and lots of incredible connections and networks formed.

I spoke on a panel titled 'Decolonising: Does it Deliver or does it Disappoint', where I was able to contribute to a panel discussion with academics/experts on the topic.

Ran a Networking Session for 'Yorkshire and the North East' with over 60 people, facilitating regional connections to bring people together and work towards a more equitable future.

Wrote a blog on the Summit bringing together the reflections of the events Foundational Partners

