

## About Us



**GLEN BERLEY** I am a black British born male with Jamaican parents. I met Sue in 2003 and we began working together. Fortunately, by selling my home and moving in with Sue, I was able to fund the launch of Starlight Enterprise Limited and focus on our commitment to promoting equality of opportunity for all. Since our work with local young men and fathers in the summer of 2006, we have realised that by offering practical courses we are most likely to help others to move on positively, having begun to recognise their own ability and talent. I have experienced racism in my working life and I recognise the need to challenge others' negative stereotypes about what we might or might not be. We were pleased to be able to set our own aim and objectives so that we can ensure that every aspect of our business reflects this genuine and deep felt commitment. We have organised a number of events, workshops and conferences all designed to create an atmosphere of tolerance and harmony, encouraging an environment of trust, respect and honesty. I also began studying for a Law degree with Open University in 2004, an ambition of mine for many years and with Sue's support and encouragement, I am finally beginning to realise my own dream. I personally believe that our approach gives us a perfect grounding to engage with people who may still lack confidence in their own ability and support them to become positive members of society.



**RORY CAMPBELL** My mum has always taught me to be proud of who I am and helped me to feel positive about myself even when teachers or other people did not value or encourage me. She sparked my interest in British black history and I would have been pleased to have had the opportunity to learn about these important people at school. I am also interested in finding out why there is still so much division between our communities. In the twenty-first century you would think that the issue of 'race' should no longer cause anyone heartache. All ethnic groups have started to merge their cultures on this small island. Admittedly some more than others, and the number of mixed race children born in the UK proves this point as the number has been steadily increasing over the years. Inevitably the influence of mixed race members of society will also grow. This can surely only be a good thing as mixed race people (whatever the mix), are more likely to see the perspective of both their ethnicities. I believe that if this trend continues Britain will become a more diverse and equal society which has got to be good. Soon we will not be discussing the differences between the 'races' but the similarities that we share and realise that when it comes down to it we are all human, just different shades. I am proud to be a part of Starlight Enterprise Limited and know that our work can really help to make a difference to people's lives.



**SUE FUNGE** I was a single white mother until I met Glen in 2003. Rory was born in 1983 and as a black child of mixed heritage I wanted to ensure he had a strong identity and was proud of who he is. His birth signified the start of my journey back into education, focusing on the history of racism and finding out about black history. I studied for my B.Sc. (Hons) degree in Education and Sociology from 1988 to 1991 and my PGCE in 2001. I have been a part-time lecturer at Oxford Brookes University in the School of Education for four years, from 1996 to 2000; an Open University tutor from 2001 to 2005; an 'A' level tutor in Sociology and Psychology between 2000 and 2002, and an Achievement Officer for EMAS between September 2002 and 2005. I also worked as a specialist youth worker, developing courses and activities for young people who were not in education, employment or training. I edited and co-wrote a resource manual known as *Celebrating Identity* which was published by Trentham Books in October 1996. I set up Oxford's Black Child Mixed Parentage support group in 1994 and have organised workshops and conferences related to our children and the need for all children to grow up feeling valued and with a positive self identity. I passionately believe in challenging negative stereotypes of any individual or group and sincerely believe in people's ability to do well if they are offered the opportunity. Everyone has unique skills and talents but unfortunately life isn't a smooth path for many of us and offering renewed opportunities to develop these skills is important. I myself was born on a council estate in Hampshire to uneducated working class parents, attending a local secondary modern school where we were 'written off' almost from the point we walked through the school gates. It may have taken becoming a mother to give me the confidence to go for a degree but it only helped to make me realise how far social structures can limit our opportunities and our view of our self and our capabilities. Given the right encouragement I believe if 'I can do it' so can others. We need to appreciate how issues like where we are born, the school we went to, how far our parents were equipped to encourage us, and so on, can all impact on us not achieving our potential. In today's fast-moving society, too many can get left behind and without stepping in to help to change these circumstances, deprived areas remain their own self-fulfilling prophecy.

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