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University of Birmingham opens new Centre for Research in Race and Education

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On Thursday 21st February 2013, the School of Education launched the Centre for Research in Race and Education (CRRE) at the University of Birmingham. Professor James Arthur, Head of the School of Education and Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor Adam Tickell introduced our guest of honour Doreen Lawrence OBE who spoke about the importance of the centre's launch which coincides with the 20th anniversary of her son Stephen's murder.

CRRE's Directors, Professor David Gillborn and **Dr Nicola Rollock (/staff/profiles/education/rollock-nicola.aspx)** welcomed over 200 staff, students, alumni, partnership schools and external guests to celebrate the country's foremost academic centre dedicated to the study of racism and race inequality in education. David Lammy MP sent his best wishes ahead of the event, which was attended by local media. Guests were treated to a performance by Birmingham's Poet Laureate, Dreadlock Alien who shared a selection of his inspirational poems.

The event was coordinated by the Centre for Research in Race and Education, the School of Education and the College of Social Sciences Web and Marketing Team.

Watch **highlights (http://vimeo.com/60650297)** from the event courtesy of Routledge.

The launch generated a great deal of media interest. Some notable examples include:

The Observer
http://www.theguardian.com/uk/2013/feb/16/doreen-lawrence-minority-students-prospects (http://www.theguardian.com/uk/2013/feb/16/doreen-lawrence-minority-students-prospects)

BBC News Online
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-21531925 (http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-21531925)

The Voice Newspaper
http://www.voice-online.co.uk/article/doreen-lawrence-open-race-and-education-research-centre (http://www.voice-online.co.uk/article/doreen-lawrence-open-race-and-education-research-centre)

Birmingham Mail
http://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/local-news/mum-murdered-teenager-stephen-lawrence-1343419 (http://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/local-news/mum-murdered-teenager-stephen-lawrence-1343419)

World This Weekend, BBC Radio 4
Coverage of the launch, interviews with key staff
http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qnz4/broadcasts/2013/02 (http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qnz4/broadcasts/2013/02)

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