

Struggling to breathe: Air Pollution and Racial Injustice

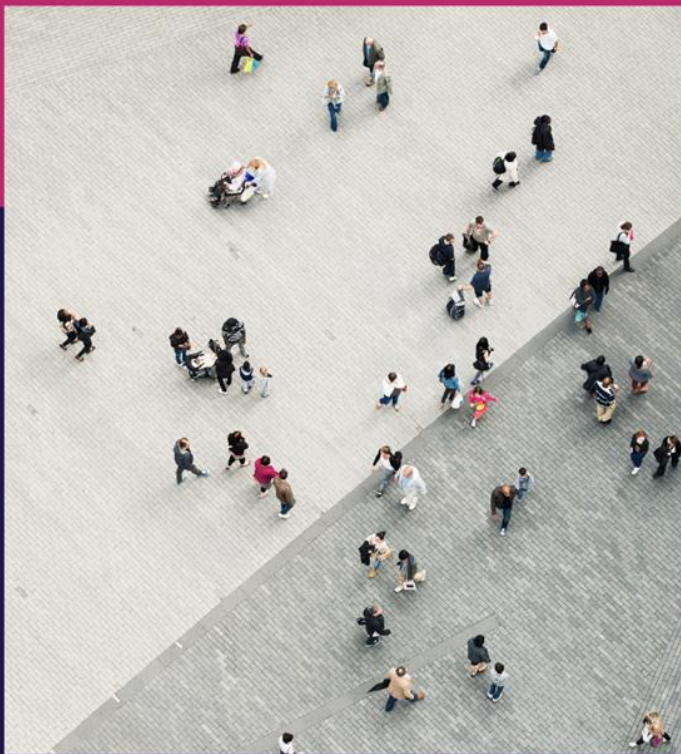


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Today's Session

- The work of Runnymede,
- Air Pollution and Racial Inequality: Key statistics and themes
- Solutions and Policy suggestions





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Research

We Build reliable evidence on racial inequalities and develop intelligence on issues of racism

Collaboration

We believe in working collaboratively with grassroots organisations, academics and thought leaders and businesses to effectively challenge racist injustice

Influence

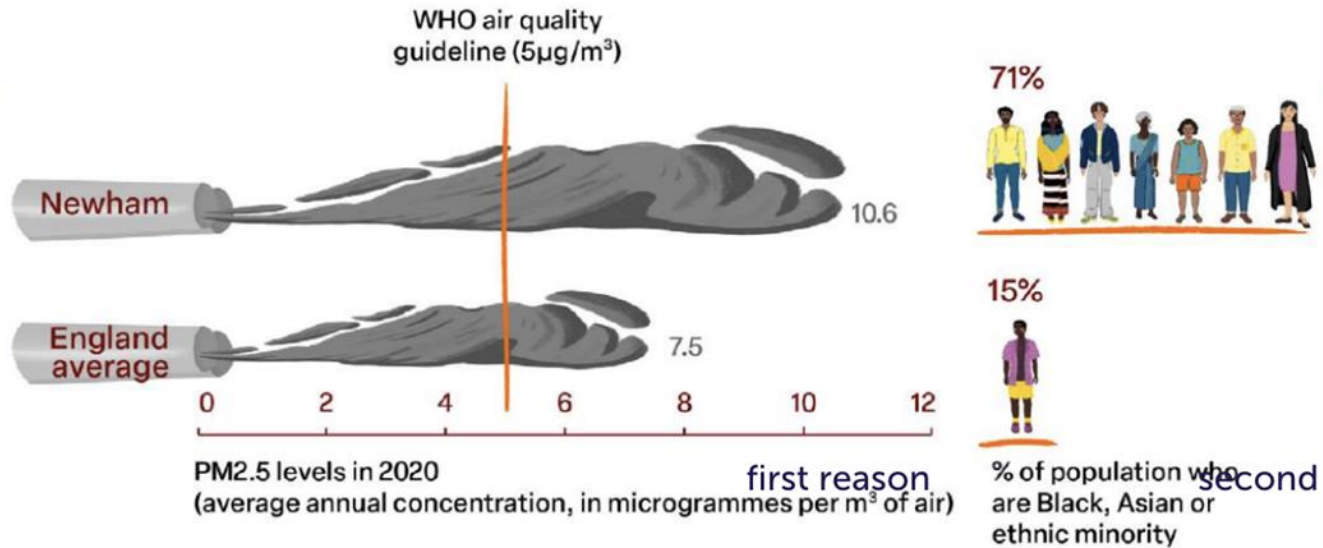
We use the evidence we generate to inform decision makers and the wider public of how we can dismantle structural barriers and build a Britain in which we all belong



**Confronting injustice: racism and
the environmental emergency**

A report from Greenpeace and the Runnymede Trust.





Ella Adoo-Kissi-Debrah: Air pollution a factor in girl's death, inquest finds

🕒 16 December 2020



| Ella Adoo-Kissi-Debrah lived 25 metres from the South Circular Road in south-east London

**POLLUTION
ZONE**



Breathing kills

People of colour are
more likely to live in
an area with illegal
air pollution levels

Clean air for all



Susceptibility and Air Pollution

Differential Exposure

Across the UK, BME people are disproportionately exposed to air pollution

Differential susceptibility

BME people are also more susceptible to the resultant health effects of air pollution





'People of colour across the globe are disproportionately losing their lives and livelihoods as a result of the environmental emergency'



'People of colour are currently facing the consequences of an environmental emergency which they are much less likely to have created than people in the Global North.'

Over the last 150 years, taking population size into account, countries in the global North have been responsible for 92% of emissions- with only 8% coming from the global South

In the UK, the average person will have emitted more CO2 in two weeks than a resident of Malawi, Ethiopia, Uganda, Madagascar, Guinea and Burkino Faso will in a year

**"Climate Change is
the legacy of
extraction of
colonialism, of
slavery"**

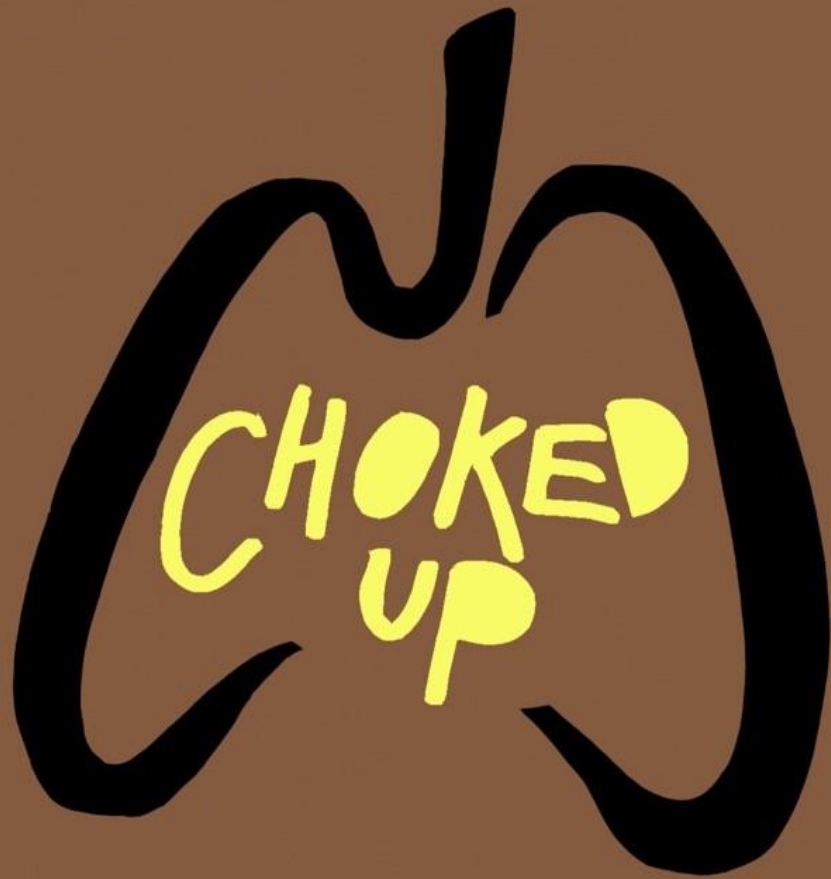




'Neocolonialism'

Recent evidence shows that richer countries have drained a total of US\$62 trillion from the global South since 1960, leading to lost growth of \$152 trillion

Six major oil corporations, based in the global North, account for two-thirds of the world's investment in exploration, profiting hugely at the expense of people living in communities where oil is extracted



Ella Kissi-Debrah death: Mum continues clean air fight 10 years on

🕒 13 February



| Rosamund Adoo-Kissi-Debrah spoke to the BBC ahead of the 10th anniversary of her daughter's death

A London mother who is campaigning against air pollution 10 years on from her daughter's death has said she will not "apologise" for her work.

A future built on environmental justice?

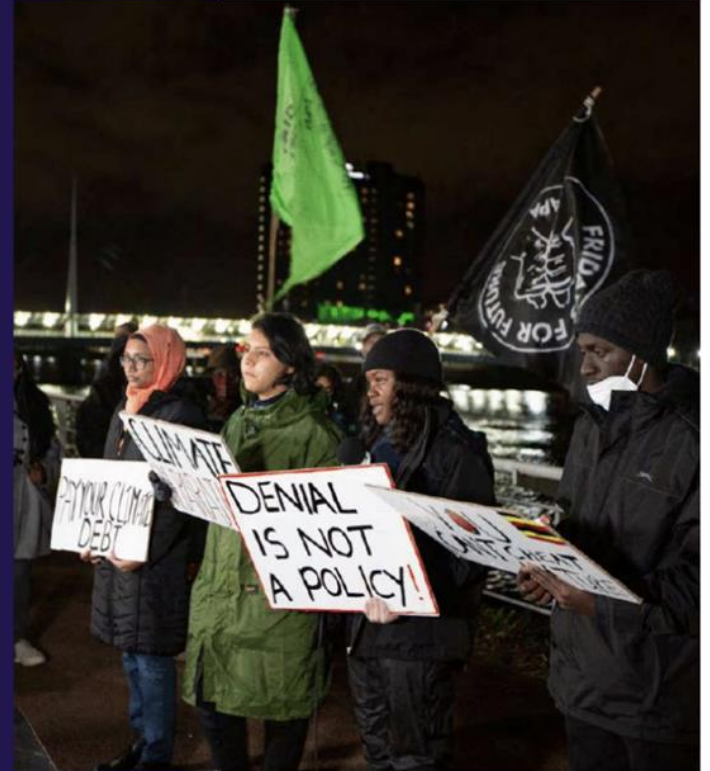


Those most responsible for the environmental emergency must be held accountable and pay their fair share of the loss and damage caused.

Vulnerable countries must be provided with the finance already promised by developed countries for loss and damage caused by climate impacts, as well as support for adaptation.

FAIR DISTRIBUTION OF POWER AND WEALTH

- Debt cancelation,
- Reforms to international institutions,
- Taxation that makes polluters pay
- Enabling greater power or access to leaders, experts and activists from impact communities in international negotiations,
- Enactment of land rights Patent- free sharing of green technologies with the global South







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