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Much has been written about the recent riots over the summer. In one of the articles I came across the writer make the point that "...this is no time for knee-jerk policies or reactive posturing, for as day follows night, there will be many. Let's not hide behind rhetoric of psycho- social babble and other philosophical and pseudo-sociological 'dark forces' of structural determinism which tells us that the 'youths' were roaming the streets, looting and damaging properties because they were 'venting their anger and frustration' at a corrupt and unjust system from years of disillusionment and oppression. Let's not make the mistake of giving the situation anymore gravitas than it deserves by claiming that the scenes witnessed over the past few nights were some how morally and socially justified. It is what it is, criminal actions pure and simple carried out by people who felt they could get away with it because they could."

What was witnessed in the criminal disturbances was a wake up call which provides an opportunity for us to lance the boil. The optimist in me believes it may well prove a blessing in disguise – but only if we take the time to work out what sort of society we want. Where now the *Big Society*?

Employability and enterprise

The Black Training and Enterprise Group's (BTEG) publication, *Challenges for BAME employment and enterprise in the new policy context (September 2011)*, indicate that ethnic minorities are over represented amongst Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) claimants (e.g. 19% of JSA claimants in England were ethnic minority whereas they make up 13% of the working population; in London, they represent 49% of JSA claimants though making up 36% of the working age population) and an under-developed self-employment culture. According to the Office of National Statistics (ONS, July 2011), self employment rates are particularly low for Black Caribbean people (4.8%) while the self employment rate is higher than average for Pakistani people (10.3%). Jeremy Crook, Director of BTEG, said, 'Youth unemployment is at a record high with 20 per cent of young people who are available for work currently unemployed. Among young black people, a shocking 40 per cent of those available for work are unemployed. The Government needs to step up the challenge to ensure that our collective efforts to end race inequality in the UK labour market achieve results. In the current financial climate we clearly cannot afford to lose out on the employment skills and high aspirations of many ethnic minority individuals and groups to start up a business. We all need to ensure that 'the decade of the entrepreneur' does not remain a slogan but is translated in successful businesses and economic growth for all our communities.'

Further details, contact: <http://www.bteg.co.uk>

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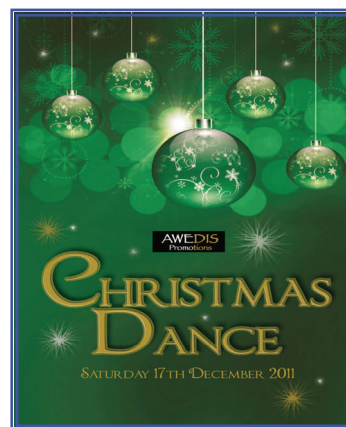
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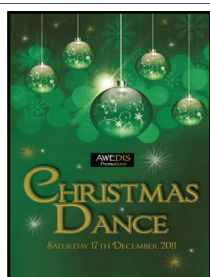


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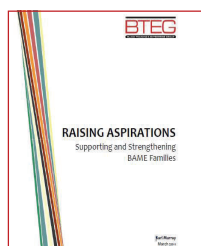
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Raising aspiration: supporting and strengthening BAME families

The report, published in March 2011 by the charity **Black Training and Enterprise Group (BTEG)**, conclude that parents are crucial in instilling inspirational attitudes which leads to success: **S = PE+A+H2+O**

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W: <http://www.englandnetball.co.uk/>



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Based in Edmonton, GYT is known for its hard hitting reality productions, including *Shank Town 1 & 2*, *Friends for Life* and *Jigsaw*. Watch this space for upcoming productions. Further information:

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