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"Combating Racism - The Need for Swift and Decisive Action"

"There is no doubt but that the Patrice Evra and Luis Suarez racism incident was one deserving of utter condemnation not just for the incident itself but for how it was dealt with in the days and weeks that followed. The aftermath of this event shocked our class to the core when we discovered that the incident went beyond the sidelines of the soccer pitch and affected many ordinary people's lives in the city of Liverpool. Ironically, Liverpool holds the distinction of having the oldest black community in Europe. It brought home to us the domino effect that racist events like these can have if they are poorly dealt with and more importantly, it highlights the real importance of taking immediate and decisive action should such an incident occur.

Liverpool F.C. is a club that is worshipped by children from Malin Head to Mizen Head from John O' Groats to Land's End; by impressionable young people whose minds are easily shaped and influenced. Demonstrating the club's stature in the city, many people of minority groups reported to be on the receiving end of abusive and racist comments all attributable to the on - pitch controversy. Many of the victims said they received a sustained, verbal and highly racist onslaught; the common denominator for each onslaught being Luis Suarez. The perpetrators of these vicious comments, these threatening taunts believed that they were defending their idol. The much used colloquialism "two wrongs don't make a right" springs to mind and if there ever was a situation that this phrase was accurate then this is the situation. One of a sizeable number of abhorrent, anti - Evra Facebook pages referred to him as "scum". This page received thousands of "likes". We can assume many of the people responsible for these pages and the thousands of racist comments made about Evra online were doing so out of a need to act. After all, the clubmates of Luis Suarez were wearing t - shirts supporting him. If supporters didn't show their support for Suarez in some way then it gave an impression that their level of loyalty to the club was in question.

We believe that had management acted in a more definitive and swift manner then the breath of air that became a hurricane could have been minimised. Liverpool has experienced serious racist related crime before. This experience should have taught management the need to set an example to its followers and to deal decisively with any inappropriate behaviour carried out in support of any questionable action perpetrated by those representing the club. This incident demonstrates how people feel racism is an acceptable way of expressing their reaction to a situation. It is terrifying to think how a moment of foolishness on the pitch spiralled out of control to affect people who may never have heard of Luis Suarez or Patrice Evra before.

WORDSEARCH.

Find all the words connected with the theme of racism below:

DISCRIMINATION, PREJUDICE, SLAVERY, RACISM, XENOPHOBIA
ROMA, STEREOTYPES, INTEGRATION, SEGREGATION

D	Z	N	X	R	M	D	K	B	X	H	F	H	O
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Advice on Racism

What is racism?



Racism is when someone is discriminated against (singled out) because of their race, the colour of their skin, their nationality, their accent or first language, or their ethnic or national origin. Racism is a hate crime, and is illegal.

What should I do if I think I am a victim of racism?



- Don't try and get back at the racist: you could get hurt or even get into trouble with the Gardaí yourself.
- Do tell someone about it. Racists should not be allowed to get away with it. If there's an adult you trust, ask for their help.
- Go straight to the Gardaí. If you don't want to walk into a Garda station, there are many ways you can report a crime, you can even do it online or anonymously

Acrostic Poem

Be yourself, no matter where you're from
Love your fellow- men
Act nice and tolerant and be
Considerate to others
Klansman attitudes, hatred, should be a thing of the past

And all other things that stop us getting on...
Negative ways should be no more
Don't pass on hate to our future generations

Who want the future to be happy and bright
Harmonious, peaceful day and night
Ignorance, prejudice, must not destroy
The dreams of every girl and boy
Eternally, we must always strive for a beautiful and peaceful
world.