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Posted by katler - 2005/03/31 19:00

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Posted by LisaAtem - 2005/05/23 13:36

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Posted by filli - 2005/07/04 09:46

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Posted by chicken - 2005/09/05 12:51

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Posted by elaine3 - 2005/09/21 11:31

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Ta.

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Posted by suzanade - 2005/09/22 09:41

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## Re:ARE YOU A BLACK TALENTED DESIGNER

Posted by Betrikye - 2005/09/28 20:10

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hey Ya  
Love to get involed Please send info to my email address ;  
beatricekyekye@hotmail.com  
hope to hear from you soon

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## Re:ARE YOU A BLACK TALENTED DESIGNER

Posted by Tapiwa - 2005/09/29 09:11

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Looking forwardt o hearing from you.

Thanks

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## Re:ARE YOU A BLACK TALENTED DESIGNER

Posted by chicboutique - 2005/09/30 12:26

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Hi

Please can you send me more information on this event.  
my e-mail address is :  
natasha.grant@chic-boutique-ltd.co.uk  
I am a serios individual, who is looking to showcase my work.

I hope to hear from you soon!

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## Re:ARE YOU A BLACK TALENTED DESIGNER

Posted by Shoppingqueenbee - 2005/10/02 16:48

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## Re:ARE YOU A BLACK TALENTED DESIGNER

Posted by Nessmo65 - 2005/10/05 22:22

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Thanks  
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Posted by Shana - 2005/10/23 14:36

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Posted by cbud - 2005/11/28 16:52

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In response to the comments about racism, I feel very saddened by this discussion. Fashion should be about all people, races and cultures. The whole fashion process is based on influences from around the world, from all walks of life. Race should not become the central issue, as fashion is for everyone. Most of the fashion collections on our catwalks have taken inspiration from different cultures and countries - is the 'out of Africa' safari trend racist? No - it is embracing our love of different cultures. The sad part is that we have to label everything in this way - fashion is for people of any culture or race who share a passion for style.

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Posted by BradleyLowl - 2005/11/28 17:02

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## Re:ARE YOU A BLACK TALENTED DESIGNER

Posted by melanka21 - 2005/11/28 23:14

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I am not surprised with the offence felt by people as I sure was offended, and I am Asian! I think this was more a case of being naive and not thinking before writing up the advert. Imagine if this kind of advert was featured in the newspapers and Drapers??

I am a talented and an award-winning designer but have never felt that skin colour is an issue in any way to my failures and successes.

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## Re:ARE YOU A BLACK TALENTED DESIGNER

Posted by lisa1sofia - 2005/11/29 11:02

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I can't believe that a show can't just be a show for talented people? Why cut off applicants because they're white? This seems utterly ridiculous and if they the situation were reversed I doubt anyone would be allowed to post an advert for an all white show? The show wasn't aimed at culture, it was aimed at race. White people have culture too but would never be allowed to celebrate it in an all white show and I wouldn't want them too. The bigger the mix the greater the diversity. Talent should stand for itself regardless of ethnicity. To celebrate black culture is obviously a great thing but can't everyone celebrate their origins together rather than excluding other talent which surrounds us because they don't have the right skin colour to apply??????????

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## Re:ARE YOU A BLACK TALENTED DESIGNER

Posted by HowardP - 2005/11/29 19:05

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I am a non-religious Jew. It is a little known and often conveniently ignored fact that Jewish people are classed as Black and Minority ethnic. So under the various Race Relations/Humans Rights Acts I would be entitled to apply to participate in this event and kick up a stink if denied equal opportunity to take part.

I find any kind of discrimination, be it negative, positive or otherwise, deeply offensive. It is this kind of segregation (however well intended) that leads to ghettoisation, isolation and, looking back in history, concentration camps and mass-murder - over 6 million during WW2 not counting those rounded up and murdered for being disabled or gay.

Racism and anti-Semitism are unfortunately on the increase across much of Europe and so community cohesion and not separation should be the way forward to promote mutual respect, understanding and better cohesion of the entire population, particularly where public money is involved.

The Race Relations and as amended recognises the need to promote good relations between people of different ethnicities and cultures. I don't see how this initiative encompasses the spirit of the Race Relations Act and as amended.

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## Re:ARE YOU A BLACK TALENTED DESIGNER

Posted by mrlew - 2005/11/29 21:42

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I agree wholeheartedly with everything said by HowardP - this kind of 'positive' discrimination is what I think leads to greater segregation, and inadvertently gives legitimacy to such extremist groups as the BNP. By all means have a

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fashion show celebrating black culture and influences, but for such a show to be offered purely to black designers is outrageous, and surely is illegal?

In fact, in today's Telegraph there is an article on the legality of employing people for race reasons.

Surely fashion is the one industry where everyone, regardless of race/colour/background can take influences and inspiration from every culture around the world and where segregation does not exist.

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## Re:ARE YOU A BLACK TALENTED DESIGNER

Posted by Baddog - 2005/11/30 09:23

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I have read with some alarm the posts at the beginning of this thread and have to agree with original objection to this request. I am a black person, and a designer, but do not feel that one is relevant to the other.

If one is black, it will not affect the quality of the designs and fashion, refreshingly, is one of the few "colour blind" industries I have worked in.

There should be NO "Black" "Asian" or any other discriminatory/excluding shows... including "white" shows ! Can you imagine the outcry from black people if there was an advert posted: "are you a talented WHITE designer???"

I don't need to be black to be a good designer. I don't need "support" or "positivity" from the black community to be a good designer... I need to be left alone to be just a GREAT designer, regardless of my skin colour. :mad: and who needs to be pideon holed? If I can't make it as a designer in the UK, the last thing I will blame is my black skin...

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## Re:ARE YOU A BLACK TALENTED DESIGNER

Posted by simwill - 2005/12/19 15:01

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Hi Nadine,

Is this event still running?

Email [simonewilliams@fsmail.net](mailto:simonewilliams@fsmail.net) if it is.

Kind regards,

Simone

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## We keep monitoring the site

Posted by JenniferHolloway - 2006/10/11 15:24

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