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Welcome to the January 2017 edition of the Elevation Networks Research Bulletin.

EMPLOYMENT

Unemployment fell by 52,000 to 1.6 million in the three months to November 2016. The unemployment rate remained at 4.8%. The number of people in work fell slightly, falling by 9,000 to 31.8 million. The employment rate remained unchanged at 74.5%.

→ ONS: <http://ow.ly/T10G3089Rg6>

Youth Unemployment

Youth unemployment (16-24 year olds) fell by 52,000 to 573,000 for the three month period to November 2016. The youth unemployment rate remains at 12.7%.

→ <http://ow.ly/82Ju3089R2i>

Youth Unemployment by Ethnicity

The overall unemployment rate for ethnic minority groups was 9% July to September 2016.

Black people aged 16-24 face the highest unemployment rate of this age group, with 30% unemployment (June 2015 - June 2016). Bangladeshi groups had the second highest at 26%.

Unemployment by ethnic background: UK; July 2015 to June 2016 (16-24 year olds)	%
White	13
Black	30
Bangladeshi/ Pakistani	26
Indian	22
Other ethnic backgrounds	21
TOTAL	14

→ <http://ow.ly/NTbl308x6j0>

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GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Year's Honours 2017

A total 1,197 people received an award in the 2017 New Year's Honours list.

Around 9.3% of award recipients were from BAME backgrounds, up from 5.7% in 2016 (see ENRB Issue 10) the highest ever level of ethnic minority recipients. Notable BAME awards included:

- A Knighthood for Professor Shankar Balasubramanian – Professor of Medical Chemistry at the University of Cambridge.
- A Damehood for Professor Elizabeth Anionwu – Emeritus Professor of Nursing.
- A CBE for Cecilia Anim - President, Royal College of Nursing.
- A CBE for the Artist Chris Ofili.
- A Knighthood for Olympic medallist Mo Farah.

Seventeen year-old campaigner Jeremiah Emmanuel founder of social justice charity One Big Community (1BC), a London-wide youth-led coalition aimed at tackling youth violence by allowing young people to engage with decision makers, was awarded a BEM.

Over half of the award recipients were female, with 603 women receiving awards, up from 48% in 2016.

- Cabinet Office Press Release: <http://ow.ly/Z6Is307FKtx>
- Full List: <http://ow.ly/iSOW307FKFq>

DIVERSITY

No Black Senior Academics in Higher Education 'For Three Years'

Data published by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) reveal that there have been no black university academic staff in the category of managerial, directorial or senior positions for the past three years.

In 2015/16, 510 were recorded as white, 15 as Asian, 10 were of other or mixed race while 30 were of unknown ethnic origin. Figures of less than

5 are suppressed, hence Baroness Amos' appointment as Director of SOAS in 2015 would not be shown in the data. In 2012/13 the HESA recorded between 5 and 7 black academics in this category.

The statistics revealed that universities employed 3,205 black academic staff, equivalent to 2% of the total, compared to 158,405 (79%) who identified as white, 16,750 (8%) who identified as Asian and 6,980 (3%) from mixed or other backgrounds.

- The Guardian: <http://ow.ly/TX4n308wJpg>
- HESA: <http://ow.ly/lqT4308wJzi>

EQUALITY

Asian Muslims and Black People 'Do Better In School, Worse in Work' – Social Mobility Commission

A new report published by the Social Mobility Commission has found that young people from Black and Muslim backgrounds are being disadvantaged during their transitions from education to employment.

The Commission identified that minority ethnic groups outperform their white peers during primary education. Young people from disadvantaged black or Asian backgrounds were also more likely to attend university compared to white people from disadvantaged backgrounds, yet they were more likely to face unemployment in later life.

The report also found that young people from Pakistani and Bangladeshi backgrounds had more change of educational success, however these ethnic groups face the highest rates of unemployment and are the least likely to secure positions in managerial or professional occupations.

- Report: <http://ow.ly/SOCq308x2Ly>

YOUTH SERVICES

Politics and jobs 'swell youth anxiety' - Prince's Trust

Over a quarter of young people (28%) do not feel in control of their lives, amid concerns over job prospects, self-confidence and political events, according to the [Princes' Trust Macquarie Youth Index](#). A third of young people (36%) said that they do not feel in control of their future job prospects, while 1 in 5 did not think that they had the ability to change their circumstances.

The index which measures levels of young people's happiness and confidence is now at its lowest level since it was first published in 2009, falling from 71 to 70 points. The overall score for those that were NEET was 61, compared to 71 for those in education and employment.

- <http://ow.ly/x3cn308xcji>

Prime Minister Announces Mental Health Reforms for Young People

The prime minister have announced a number of measures to support young people with mental health issues. Figures show that over half of mental health problems begin by the time young people reach the age of 14 and 75% by the age of 18.

Every secondary school is to receive additional mental health first aid training to help staff identify and support pupils who may be having mental health issues. There will also be a trial to strengthen links between NHS mental health staff and schools.

- <http://ow.ly/PSAS308xi08>

Cuts to Youth Services

A report by Unison estimates that local government cuts to youth services amounted to £38 million in 2015/16, with the loss of 244 youth centres and 97,909 provisions for young people.

- Full Report: <http://ow.ly/vfAb308xmiE>