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*Or, is your future worth more than a
pair of trainers?*

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Pure criminality?



"Its time we stopped hearing all this (you know) nonsense about how there are deep sociological justifications for wanton criminality and destruction of peoples' property.

"Whatever peoples' grievances may be it does not justify smashing up someone's shop, wrecking their livelihood and kicking them out of a job."

Boris Johnson, Mayor of London, visiting Clapham on Tuesday 9th August 2011; reported in national press and video link on BBC 2 Newsnight, Friday 12th August



Who were the rioters?

MoJ figures revealed that, where ethnicity was recorded, 33% of those appearing in the courts on riot-related charges were white, 43% were black and 7% Asian. The figures varied significantly from area to area, often closely resembling the ethnic makeup of the local population: in London, 32% of defendants were white, in Merseyside, the figure was 79%

Avery Gordon

“Almost everywhere and at all times poor people of colour, ethnic/religious minorities, migrants and dissidents are over represented in prisons.”



Mass imprisonment

In 2010 Black prisoners make up 15% of the prisoner population and this compares with 2.2% of the general population – there is greater disproportionality in the number of black people in prisons in the UK than there is in the United States.

The number of black people jailed in England and Wales is seven times larger than the amount they make up of the population.

Craig Haney On the supermaximum prison

The new social order that is emerging is defined by three deformed and dependent classes of people: a *prison class* housed in a network of prison, a *class of jailers* who service the network and a class of professional legal and administrative elites who decide into which of the other two categories the bulk of the population will be placed.

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An Active Dialogue between Young People, Local Schools and Academics

Responding to the Riots: A Sociological Dialogue

On 1 December 2011, [Reprezent 107.3 FM](#) volunteers were invited to present their views on the riots of Summer 2011 to Goldsmiths College Sociology Department, and the Centre for Urban and Community Research.

The workshop was not only an attempt to reconsider the unprecedented scale of the events and different interpretations on them, but also an active dialogue between young people, local schools and academics.

Young volunteers made a presentation that elaborated their experience of the riots and showcased [Reprezent 107.3 FM's](#) coverage. They also led a workshop through which the audience explored ten different causes of the riots. During a heated discussion, they explored the multiple elements that contributed to the riots, and how different people drew conclusions to the causes depending on their agendas.



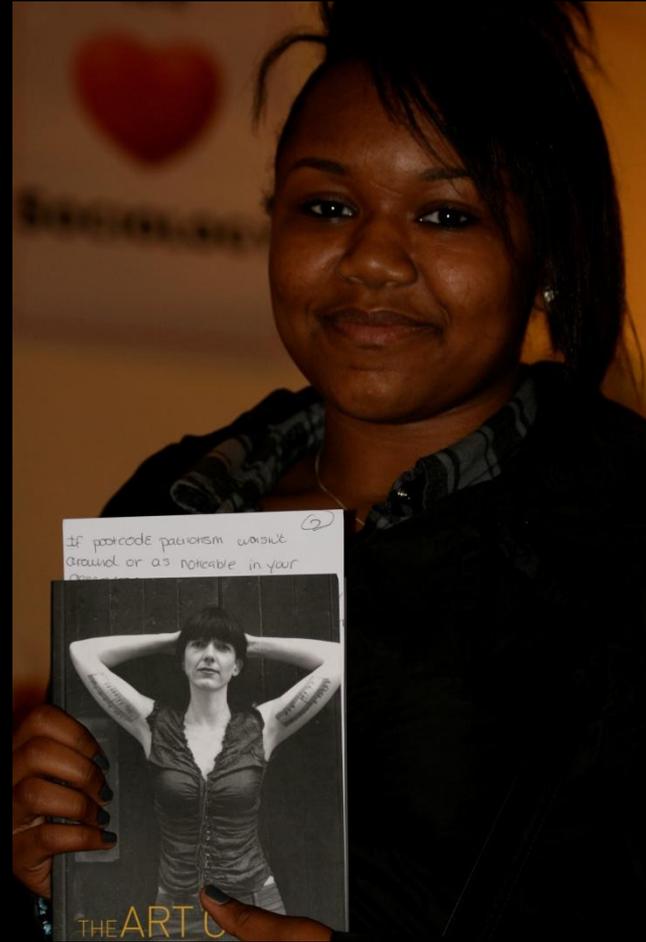
Marxsi, Okorie and Tarek at the workshop. Photograph: Jack Goffe

Marxsi, one of our presenters, says, "I found it very fulfilling. I got a chance to hear different views on what people thought about the riots as well as airing my own views. It was really interesting to see that there were a lot of people who shared the same views as me, and it









The gun

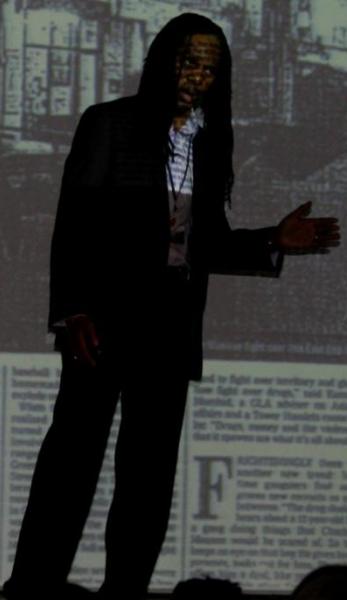
By Sha Kosvinar

ALL can feel the blood dripping to his ears, his piercing headlights tearing into him with the promise of his last. Several sweet spots, each one a target, are the way he has fought, a warrior from the wrong side of the street, the wrong gang, the wrong side of the street. He has survived a bullet grazing his neck and fought with a machete in the streets of London, a street that he has survived to tell the tale. He has survived to tell the tale. He has survived to tell the tale.

He has survived a bullet grazing his neck and fought with a machete in the streets of London. Enam, the son of an immigrant tailor, talks about his escape and why his friends...

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