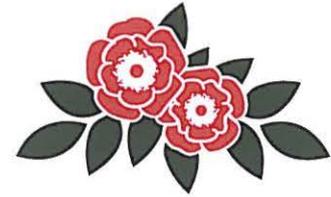


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Giving racism the boot: Preston hosts Euro-wide student project

Student journalists from all over Europe are invited to join the campaign to kick racism out of football.

The University of Central Lancashire is setting up a website on behalf of the European Journalism Training Association, where student journalists can send in stories, both good and bad, involving racism and football in a multi-racial Europe.

The project is being launched to tie in with this week's 'Kick It Out' campaign, which involves all 92 English and Welsh clubs in a series of events designed to combat racism in our national sport.

Journalism lecturer Alan Rawlinson is co-ordinating the website: "Preston North End, the Football League and UEFA all agree that football can have an effect on racism, and they're taking action to make it a positive one. But football and racism hasn't always been good news, and in some places it still isn't. I want student journalists to investigate the good and the bad, and share the stories they discover with other European students, academics – perhaps the rest of the world. They can do it if we publish the stories on a website and we can all learn from that."

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Note to Editors:

1. For more information, please contact Alan Rawlinson, Dept of Journalism, University of Central Lancashire, tel: 01772 894757 agrawlinson@uclan.ac.uk
2. More details of 'Kick It Out' 2003, including a list of events in the north west, can be obtained from www.kickitout.org