



North East
Anti-Racism
Coalition

Finance Committee Chair (Voluntary)

The North East Anti-Racism Coalition, NEARC, is a growing movement that came together in response to the unrest in summer 2024. We are a broad-based coalition united by the belief that embracing our diversity strengthens the region—economically, socially, and culturally.

With new funding secured to support our mission, we have established a **Finance Committee** to ensure strong financial oversight. We are now seeking a chair of this committee.

NEARC is in the process of becoming an independent organisation, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, so it is envisaged that the Chair would eventually become a Director and Treasurer on the Board of Trustees.

We have raised approximately £200,000 to get going over the next two years. We have established some financial management processes and rules in collaboration with the organisation that is currently hosting the organisation's activities whilst it becomes established; Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency, itself a registered charity.

More information about the organisation can be found on our website: <https://northeastantiracism.org.uk>

Who We're Looking For

We welcome applications from individuals who:

- Share our belief in the purpose and activities of the organisation
- Have relevant financial qualifications or experience (e.g., accountancy, financial management, charity finance)
- Are capable of chairing a finance committee
- Lived experience of racism is a preferred but not essential criterion
- Have a strong connection to the north east of England and can attend face to face meetings in the region occasionally

Time Commitment

- One meeting per month (approximately one hour, plus preparation)
- Occasional contact or follow-up work between meetings

Expenses

- The role is voluntary, but out-of-pocket expenses can be reimbursed

Why Join?

This is an exciting opportunity to help shape a movement committed to real, long-term change in the North East. As a Finance Committee member, you'll play a key role in ensuring that our resources are used effectively, ethically, and with maximum impact. The existing members of our governing body are experienced, well networked and respected individuals from the public, private and voluntary sectors. We have achieved a lot in a short period. In September 2025 the North East Anti-Racism Coalition won a 'Special Recognition Award' at the North East Charity Awards. You will be joining an effective and ambitious organisation.

Interested?

To arrange an informal conversation, please contact:

- **Sahreen Safdar** – <https://www.linkedin.com/in/sahreen-safdar-fcca>
- **Peter Deans** – peterdeans@icloud.com

To apply, please email a copy of your CV and a covering statement explaining why you would like to take on the role and the what you would bring to it, to:

hello@northeastantiracism.org.uk clearly marking your email as 'Finance Committee Chair'.