



The Bristol Bus Boycott

WEST OF ENGLAND CIPD EVENT

Yesterday I attended a CIPD event about Race and Equality where I learnt about the Bristol Bus Boycott in 1963.

I hadn't heard about it before which surprises me now if I'm honest. I also wasn't aware of the potential link between that action and the passing of the Race Relations Act either.

Through the evening, we listened to people as they talked. People who said "When Rosa Parks sat down, we stood up."

I was particularly struck by Joyce. She was 14 at the time. Joyce shared her story and talked about what drove her to get involved. As part of that, she took time to stress that we are all human. And, for change to happen, it's important for us to develop connections and take time to build our understanding of each other.

It was a good reminder... we don't always know what others have been through, the journey they've had or the experiences that have shaped them. But by being curious and taking time to listen to people we can learn so much.