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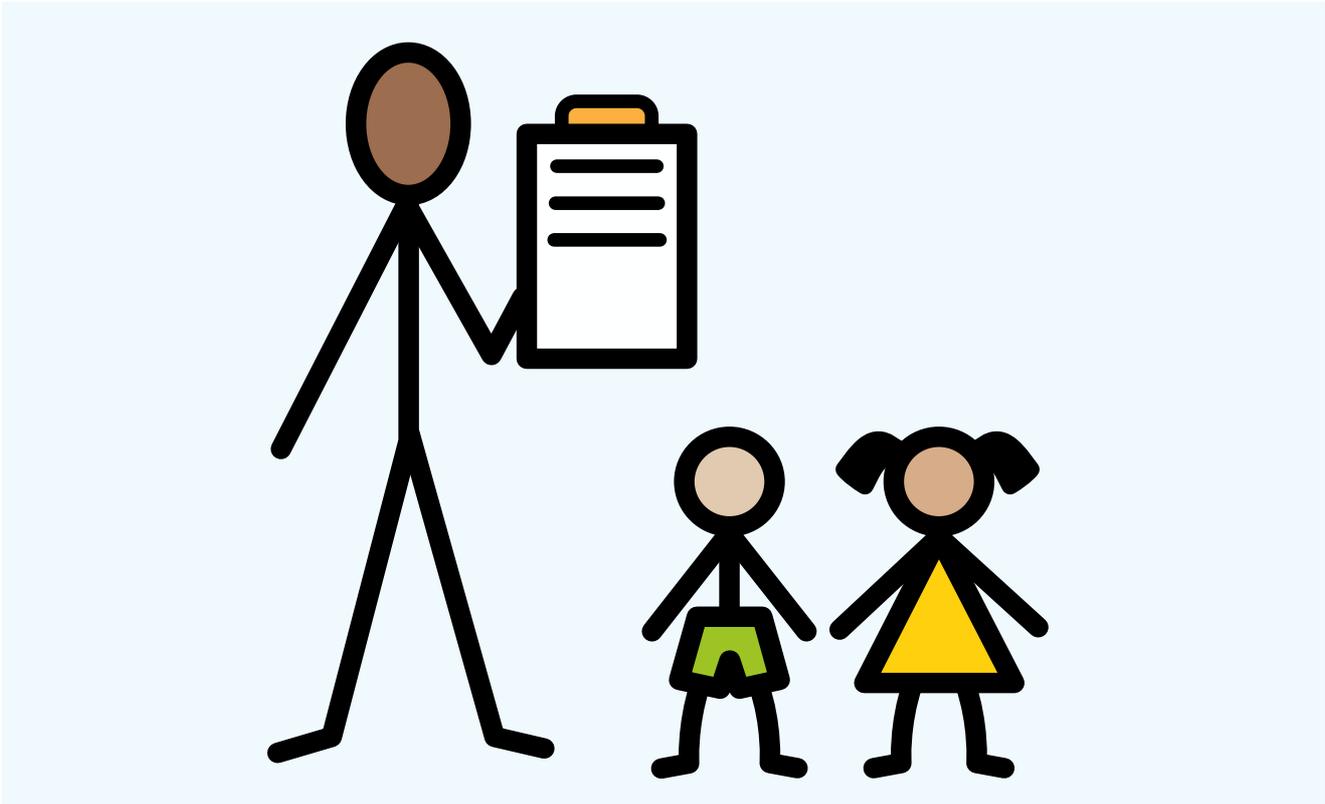


Paul Stephenson was born in England in 1937.

His father was African and his mother was British.

During World War 2 Paul was an evacuee.

At school Paul was the only black child.

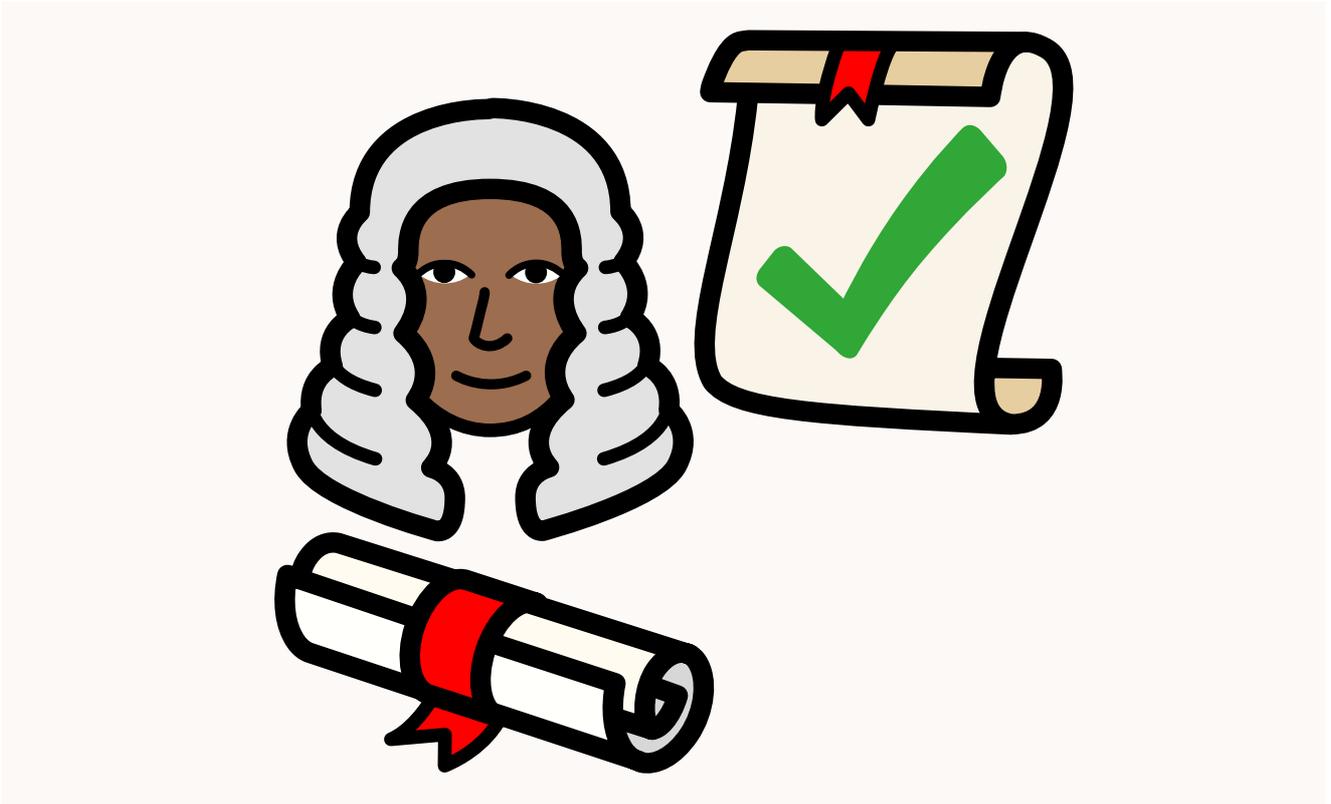


From 1953 – 1960 Paul served in the RAF.

In 1962 he qualified as a social worker.

He moved to Bristol and became a youth worker.

Paul was the first black social worker in Bristol.



Paul became a civil rights activist in Bristol.

The bus company did not employ black people.

Paul and other people thought this was wrong.

Not employing black workers was racist.

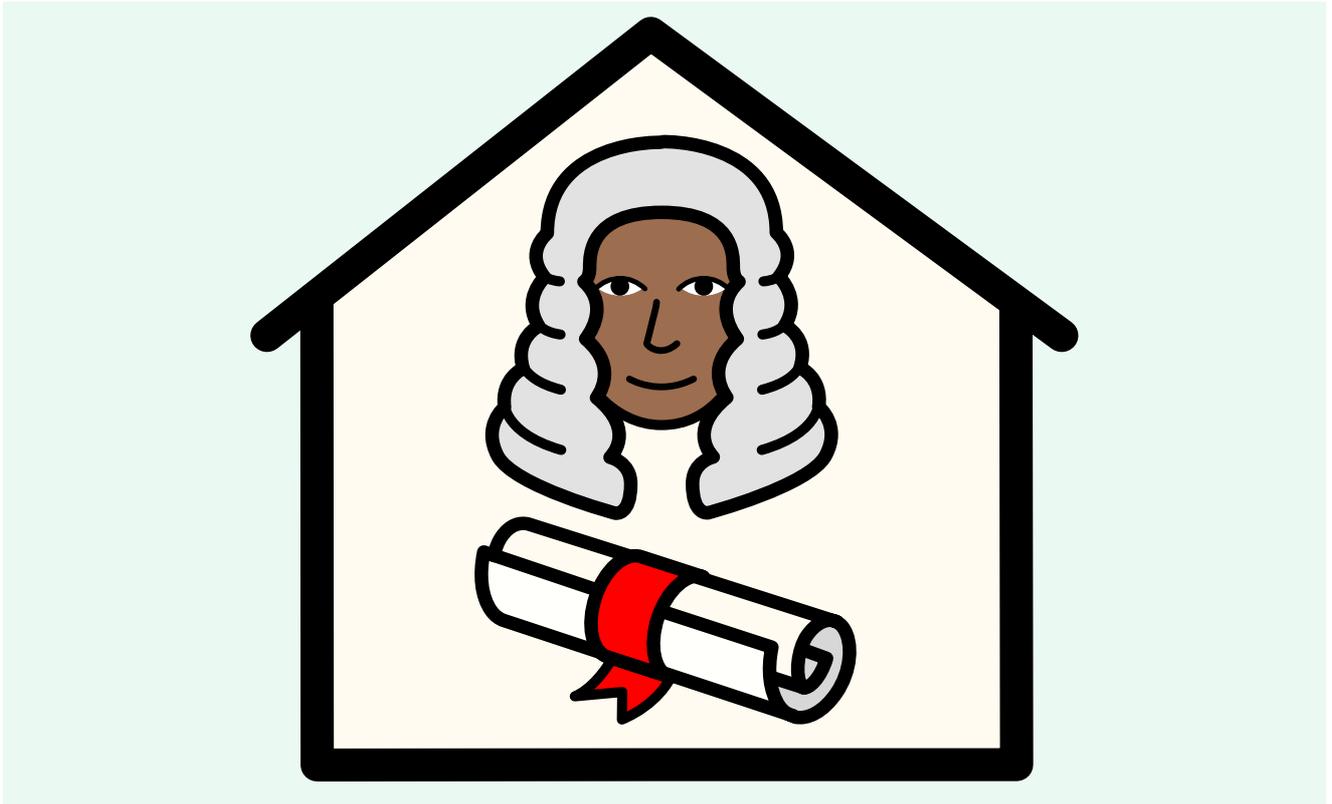


Paul organised a bus boycott in Bristol in 1963.

He had been inspired by the success of Rosa Parks.

Paul wanted to pressure the bus company like Rosa.

He succeeded and the company changed the rules.

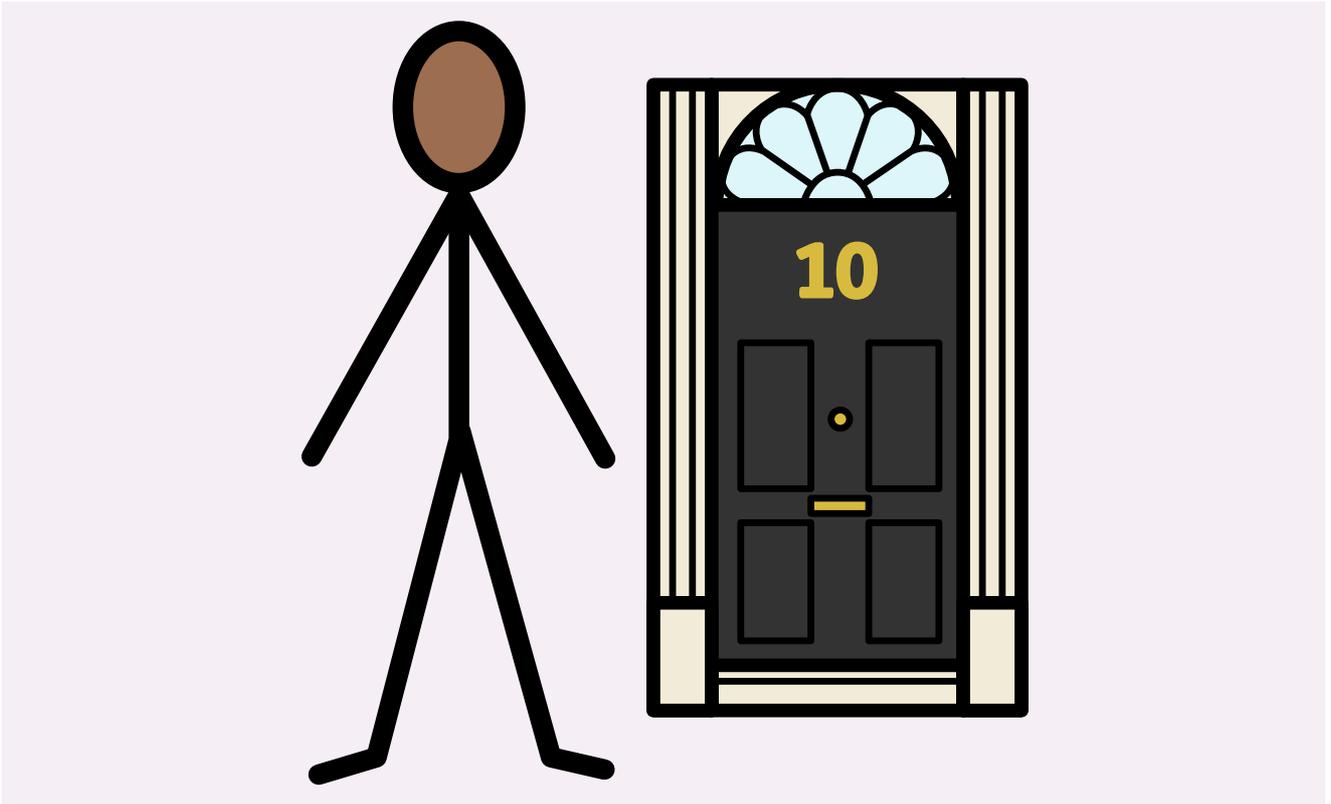


Paul was refused service in a pub because of his race.

He was arrested and charged for refusing to leave.

The case was dismissed, and the barman was sacked.

The court case was reported in the national news.

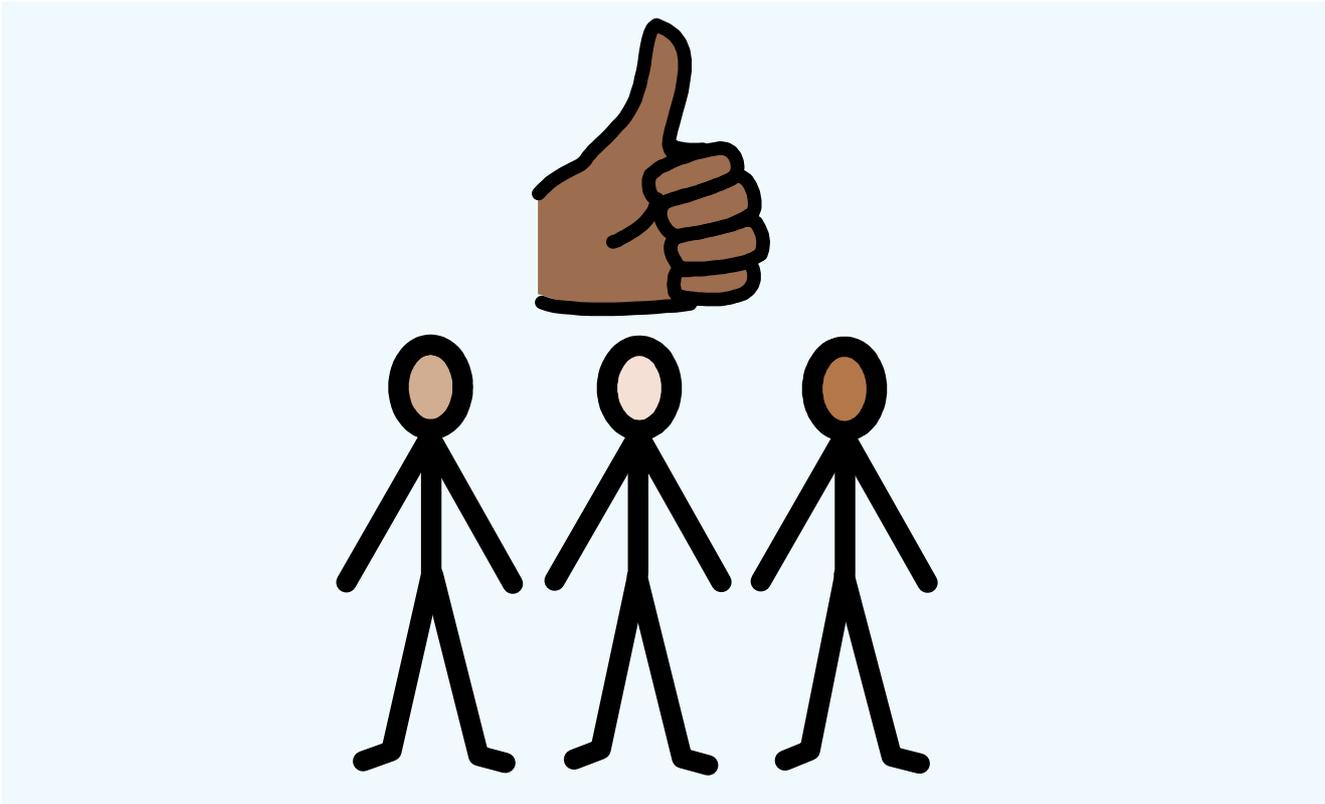


After the court case the Prime Minister wrote to Paul.

The Prime Minister promised to change the law.

In 1965 Britain's first Race Relations Law was passed.

It became illegal to discriminate in a public place.

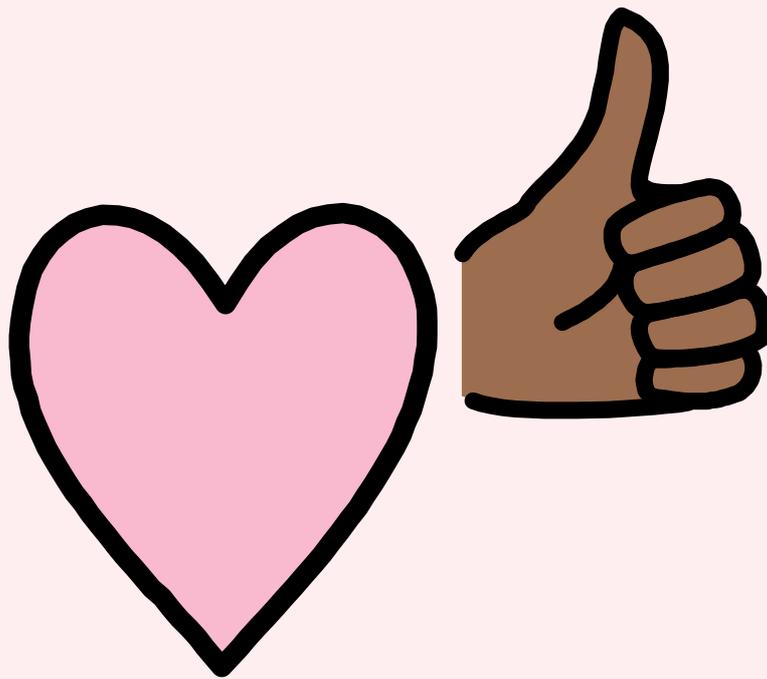


Paul worked for the Commission for Racial Equality.

He worked with the boxer Muhammad Ali.

In 1975 Paul was appointed to the Sports Council.

He campaigned against apartheid in South Africa.



Paul has been given many awards for his work.

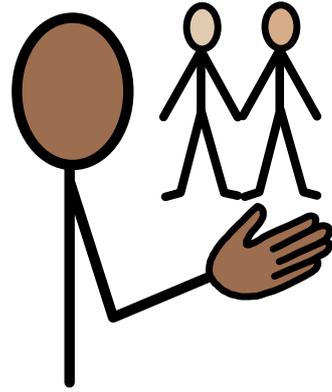
He was given the freedom of the city of Bristol.

In 2009 he received an OBE for race relations work.

Paul has worked to make Britain more tolerant.



Paul Stephenson



social worker



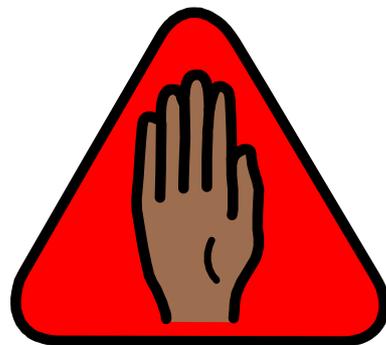
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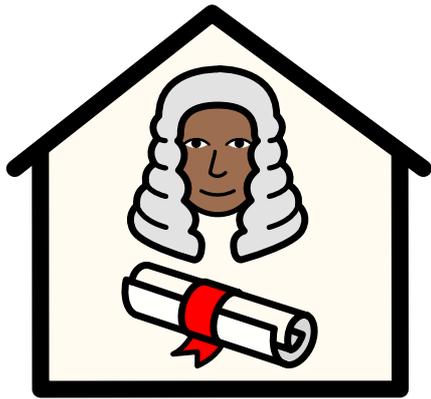
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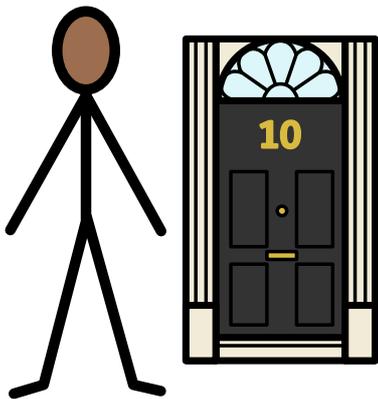
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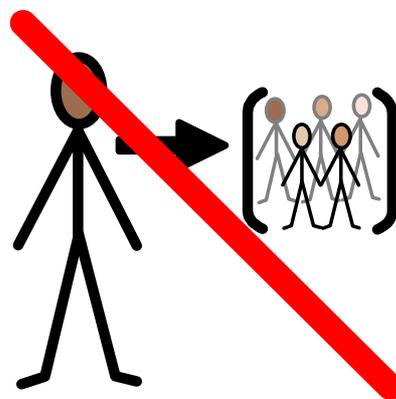
Prime Minister



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