

## BBC Essex feature on Thurrock Community Relations Council ([SA 1/240/1](#))

A BBC Essex feature on Thurrock Community Relations Council, broadcast in April 1988. The presenter talks to Diana Wall about her involvement with the council and experiences of racism. Wall had moved to the UK from Guyana in the 1960s and worked in the area as a midwife.

“It involves taking care of mothers and their babies, preparing them for their labours and deliveries, and looking after them afterwards.

*And you're a good person to talk to about, perhaps, whether there are still problems with racism in the area. You're coming into contact with an awful lot of the community. Is racism still a problem?*

It is, sometimes. But generally, there isn't. I mean, the older people accept me as a person, in my field of work. But, um, the younger generation sometimes do cause a little bit of a problem, and quite recently, I experienced an incident where – they couldn't have been any older than 10 years old – were hurling abuse, and they were very, you know, unpleasant. And I was quite frightened. For the first time in twenty years living in England, I was frightened, you know. And I thought to myself, what is happening here?”