

Social Mobility

Sir,

As a former barrow boy made good who floods with my fellow (almost exclusively white) diaspora into Liverpool Street on a daily basis, I take issue with Anthony Dunn ("Class ceiling", Letters, Eye 1524). While very few of us have managed to trade our way to the very top tables, very few is still more than none. What I don't see at the junior levels starting in the City's financial institutions is a proportionate number of black youngsters compared with population numbers in London boroughs.

While we can ask businesses to open graduate schemes to GCSE and A-level passing entrants, to allow a better mix of "class", this doesn't necessarily convert into follow-up interviews and job offers. I think I can use my own eyes as sufficient statistical evidence, even at graduate level BAME¹⁾ numbers appear low. Without appropriate numbers at the start of their careers, promotions to board levels will not happen.

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not 1 BAME = Blacks, Asians and minority ethnics