

Irish deserve equality

□ CAMDEN Council's Equalities Unit arranged a conference last October which examined in detail the social needs and welfare of the Irish in Camden.

They are, after all, the largest ethnic minority in the borough by far, and recent statistical research has revealed

that they are more disadvantaged than any other established ethnic minority.

Under the heading of "Education", a list of proposals was drawn up. These vary from monitoring the achievements and skills of Irish children to developing adult education and cultural

links for the Irish elderly.

Unfortunately, my recent article in your paper has spawned the usual anonymous racist response.

In this 150th year of the Great Famine, let us remember that since that time most of Camden was built by the Irish.

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Chair, Irish Group of
Camden Councillors.

□ IN response to S Crookes' letter (CNJ March 6) I must ask: If Irish children's needs have to be met in Ireland does this also extend to Africans, Bengalis and other nationalities?

I am of Irish descent and proud of it, but when I mention this I and

my family are still the butt of Irish jokes.

My parents have been in this country for over 66 years, have worked hard all their lives, and so their taxes have paid in full for their children's education.

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