

Open letter to Tate re its relationship with Anthony d'Offay

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Dear Tate,

It has recently been reported that Tate has resumed contact with Anthony d'Offay, despite the fact that he faces unresolved allegations of sexual harassment and racism and is the subject of a related ongoing criminal investigation.

The Art Newspaper quotes a spokesman for Tate as saying "No formal investigation ensued and trustees have since resumed contact with Mr D'Offay, and informed relevant stakeholders accordingly." This is incorrect - the investigation is ongoing, and this can be verified if Tate contacts the Metropolitan Police.

We also understand that staff members have raised concerns about Mr d'Offay's conduct in the past.

We have two questions for the organisation:

Has it carried out an internal investigation into the allegations and into its own conduct?

Has its ethics committee considered the allegations?

A text by Tate Neighbour Khulud Benmoussa on the wall of Tate Exchange reads:

"We are committed to building a common language of civic responsibility and selfless actions to care for one another.

We all have some responsibility for the poor treatment of people around us and the hierarchies of power that divide us...In times when thoughts and words are not enough, actions must become our common language"

We ask Tate to embody the values so beautifully laid out in this text, to cut ties with Mr d'Offay and carry out a full internal investigation.

Yours sincerely,

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3. Larry Achiampong, artist
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