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### **Representing Identities: Re-configuring Diaspora in the Field of Sport**

This project uses sport as the site for an exploration of transformations of identity by taking an interdisciplinary approach to exploring aspects of the culture and representation of football in order to interrogate existing terminologies, especially the language of inclusion and diversity and the strengths and weaknesses of the concept of diaspora, with its emphasis on mobility and hybridity, in the context of the desire to belong and to be located. The empirical focus is upon the representations used by anti-racist organisations like *Kick it Out* and *Football Unites: Racism Divides* and those which seek to promote diversity, employing deconstruction of publicity material and interviews with activists. Anti-racist organisations offer spaces in which government policies and grass roots participation merge, where fans and policies meet and my aim is to examine how identity positions are configured and whether the concept of diaspora has any purchase within this space or whether new selves are emerging in the representational systems adopted by such organisations which combat racism.