

Mohammed Dhalech is a pracademic working at the intersection of race, rurality, heritage, access, inclusion, and environmental and social justice (ESJ).

Based in Cumbria, his passion for the outdoors began in his teenage years and has shaped many years of work across equality, human rights, youth work, community engagement, outdoor inclusion and public service. His work has particularly focused on supporting ethnically diverse communities to access, enjoy and shape countryside, outdoor and protected landscape spaces.

He is a PhD researcher at the University of Leicester's School of Museum Studies, where his research explores race, rurality and historical memory in Britain. His work examines how racially diverse histories have been hidden, overlooked or erased across rural landscapes, heritage interpretation and dominant ideas of the countryside as a predominantly white space.

Mohammed is a 2019 Churchill Fellow who travelled to North America to explore approaches to engaging BAME/BIPOC communities in the outdoors. He continues to build on this work in the UK through research, writing, consultancy and sector engagement, with a focus on race equality, belonging, outdoor access, volunteering, governance and environmental justice.

Mohammed is a Secretary of State-appointed Member of the Northumberland National Park Authority and works with a range of heritage, landscape and outdoor organisations to promote more inclusive, representative and accountable practice. His recent research and writing examine walking, race, nature, belonging and racialised presence in the landscape, including work on Hadrian's Wall as a site of memory, place and contested heritage.