

Refugees and Migrants in Yorkshire and Humber

Creating a better place for all

A half day conference in Leeds on Tuesday 27 January 2009

This event brings together policy makers, support organisations and academics to discuss new developments and opportunities for further work in support of refugees and migrants in the Yorkshire and Humber Region

Venue: St George's Hall, Great George St, Leeds LS1 3BR

Sponsors: Yorkshire Futures, The Regional Skills Partnership, Learning and Skills Council, Yorkshire and Humber Regional Migration Partnership, Leeds Metropolitan University, Yorkshire Universities, Yorkshire Forward.

This event is free, but you must register.

For registration details and conference agenda see overleaf or visit www.leedsmet.ac.uk/refugeesmigrants

Refugee and Mentor collaborating at Leeds Met University.

Photo: Max Farrar



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Purposes: This event will be of interest to policy makers, education and skills providers, funders, investors, employer organisations and others working with refugee and migrants. It will:

- launch three reports and strategies relating to the situation of refugees and migrants in the region,
- promote the services that post 16 education, skills development, training and job-search organisations can provide for refugees and migrants,
- share information across business, post-16 education, public and voluntary/faith/community sectors on the educational and economic opportunities presented by the refugees and migrants in the region.

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Agenda

9.30 Registration

10.00 Introduction: Yorkshire and Humber Regional Migration Partnership Manager

Chair: Professor Max Farrar (Leeds Metropolitan University)

10.10 First poem (Lemn Sissay invited)

10.15 Presentations

(1) Refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in Yorkshire and Humber, 1999-2008, an overview. Professor Gary Craig (University of Hull) will launch the report commissioned by Yorkshire Futures

(2) The Refugee and Asylum Seeker Integration Strategy. Dave Brown will launch the draft report prepared by the Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Migration Partnership

Second poem (Lemn Sissay TBC)

(3) The Framework for Action for Employment and Skills for refugees in the region. Sharon Pickering, Director of the Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Skills Partnership, will launch the report commissioned by the Learning & Skills Council, Yorkshire and the Humber.

(4) The Council for Assisting Refugee Academics. Roisin Joyce will explain its work, and the possibilities for FE and HE in the region

11.25 Break to pick up refreshments

11.30 Workshops:

Arising from these presentations, what can we do in practice?

(1) What can Universities and Further Education do?

(2) What are the employment and skills development opportunities presented by refugees and migrants?

(3) What further research and policy development is needed?

12.30 Information and discussion led by a panel composed of:

- Michael Noble (Yorkshire Universities),
- Revd Inderjit Bhogal (Director of Yorkshire and the Humber Faiths Forum)
- Charlotte Cooke, Head of Operations (North), Refugee Council
- Learning and Skills Council nominee

Chair: Professor Max Farrar

13.10 Third poem by Lemn Sissay (TBC)

13.15 Lunch and networking.

Information stalls from all the major agencies in the refugee and migration sector in the region.

14.00 Disperse

To register, please go to www.leedsmet.ac.uk/refugeesmigrants and fill out the registration form or email c.mcosh@leedsmet.ac.uk or phone Cara McCosh on 01138129295 to ask for a registration form.

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