

REU and the SSRG
are holding the second

Inclusion and Exclusion Conference : 2005

Wednesday 9th November 2005

at London Voluntary Sector
Resource Centre
356 Holloway Road
London N7 6PA



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The Government Green Paper *Independence, Well-being and Choice* (DH, 2005) sets out to challenge discrimination and promote diversity. Yet the evidence is that progress to date has been sketchy.

Some have argued that this slow progress is in part the result of a lack of evidence on what works. Others have suggested that it is the result of a failure to exploit the evidence that already exists. Some users and potential users of services have expressed frustration with research and its inability to bring about change in the support they receive, noting that what is needed is more action not research.

This debate is taking place in the context of a growth in sources that allow the exploration of racism and ethnicity and a growth in funded research.

To engage and influence these debates SSRG and REU are holding their second annual conference on the theme of inclusion and exclusion. The conference is at the LVSC, 356 Holloway Road, London and will take place on Wednesday 9th November 2005.

The Programme

There will be two panel sessions and a range of workshops exploring research on the role of racism and ethnicity in public services delivered by researchers based in universities as well as the statutory and voluntary sector.

The opening panel will explore whether research has influenced policy and practice in health, housing and social services. Speakers already confirmed are:

- **Surinder Sharma**, Director of Equality and Human Rights, Department of Health;
- **Daphne Obang**, Director of Social Services, Bracknell Forest;
- **Matt Leach**, Director of Policy and Communications, the Housing Corporation.

The second panel, which will close the conference, will explore new directions in research on racism and ethnicity. Speakers already confirmed are:

- **Professor Margie Wetherell**, Director of ESRC Identities Programme;
- **Dr Daryl Crosskill**, Research Associate, REU.

The final programme with a list of workshops will be published on 1st October 2005 and will be available from www.reu.org.uk and www.ssr.org.uk. or phone **0207619 6220**.

Who should attend?

All those progressing equality in the statutory and voluntary sector will benefit from attending and we are targeting :

- practitioners;
- policy makers;
- researchers;
- carers and users
- and others involved in the area of service planning and improving public services.

Bursaries are available to allow users and carers assisted by public services to participate in the conference. Bursaries are also available for workers from small community organisations to participate. Please contact Bendu Walker for details **020 7619 6220**.

Equal Opportunities

The venue is accessible for wheelchair users and an induction loop is available. British Sign Language interpreters will be at the conference. We are offering a limited number of subsidised places for this workshop to users and carers assisted by public services. Delegates who need support in order to attend the workshop may bring personal assistants/carers at no extra charge. In addition, we may be able to assist with local childcare facilities, if notice is given by 14th October 2005. Please contact Bendu Walker for further information.

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About us

REU is a charity whose mission is to promote race equality in social support and social care. Since 1987, REU has been exploring evidence on discrimination and disadvantage, developing interventions that help overcome the barriers to achieving race equality and disseminating good practice through publications, training, seminars and conferences. REU has offices in London and Manchester.

SSRG, a non-profit making organisation, is the national network for research, information, planning and evaluation in social care and health services. SSRG members are drawn from a wide range of professional groups and organisations sharing a common interest in the work of the caring services. Members receive copies of the SSRG newsletter, the journal ('Research, Policy & Planning') and discounts on SSRG's programme of national and regional conferences, workshops and seminars

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Booking form

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Job title (if appropriate)

Organisation (if appropriate)

Address

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Please tick here if you require a British Sign Language Interpreter

Please state if you have any access, diet or communication requirements

Cost – please tick relevant box

Standard rate : £85

SSRG members and members of voluntary organisations : £65

I am applying for a bursary, please contact Bendu Walker on **020 7619 6220**

EITHER

I require an invoice sent to

OR

I enclose a cheque made payable to 'REU'

We regret that refunds cannot be made after 14th October, 2005

Closing date for bookings is: 1st November 2005

Please return the completed form to:

Bendu Walker, REU, Unit 35 Kings Exchange, Tileyard Road, London N7 9AH

Email: **bendu@reunet.demon.co.uk**

Please use one booking form per applicant, photocopy the form if necessary.

Copies of this flyer, the provisional programme and booking form are also available on the SSRG's website at **www.ssr.org.uk** and the REU's website at **www.reu.org.uk**