



**KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE ON PUBLIC POLICY IN SCOTLAND:
PROMOTING BEST PRACTICE IN EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN SCOTLAND**

A KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMME SUPPORTED BY THE SCOTTISH FUNDING COUNCIL

***Immigration, Equality and Human Rights:
towards citizenship in Scotland***

Venue: Salisbury Suite, Dynamic Earth, Holyrood Road, Edinburgh

Date: Wednesday 3 December, 2008: 10.30 – 4.00

This is the second of our four ‘think-tank’ events, which aim to bring together individuals involved in the field of equality and human rights representing the academic community, policy-makers and the public, private and voluntary sectors. Five expert speakers with different perspectives on immigration, equality and human rights will be giving short papers, with ample time for discussion between policy-makers, practitioners working with recent immigrants and researchers. A briefing paper will be circulated to participants before the meeting, covering the legislative context. After the event, a publicly available briefing paper will be produced and widely circulated, contextualising the discussion and summarising the various inputs from speakers and participants.

The specific aims of this event are:

- To share knowledge on the topic of immigration in Scotland, involving a range of bodies including Scottish Government, local authorities, academics and third sector organisations
- To draw some international comparisons between Scotland, England and other European countries in relation to immigration, equality and human rights
- To reflect on the knowledge exchange process and draw lessons for future events
- To produce a briefing with a ‘state of the art’ assessment of the current picture and key issues affecting Scotland.

PROGRAMME

10.30-10.45 Registration and coffee

10.45-10.50 Welcome

Sheila Riddell, CREID, University of Edinburgh

10.50-11.30 Immigration policy

(Chair: Jo Shaw, University of Edinburgh)

Scottish and English Policy on immigration: some north/south comparisons

Sarah Kyambi, Independent Consultant, Integration and Immigration Policy

Exclusion not Equality: UK immigration and citizenship policy and its impact on refugees in Scotland

Gary Christie and Gareth Mulvey, Scottish Refugee Council

11.30-11.50 Discussion

11.50-12.30 The needs of immigrants

(Chair: Lesley Irving, Scottish Government)

Meeting the needs of new arrivals in Scotland: the challenge for local services

Derek Mitchell, COSLA, Strategic Migration Partnership

Creating thriving communities: immigration in rural areas

Philomena deLima, UHI Policy Web (UHI Millennium Institute)

12.30-12.55 Discussion

1.00-1.45 Lunch

1.45- 2.15 Immigration research and policymaking

(Chair: Lesley Irving, Scottish Government)

Using migration research in policymaking

Christina Boswell, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Edinburgh

2.15 -2.55 Discussion in groups

2.55-3.10 Coffee

3.10- 4.00 Implications for policy and for practice

Discussant: Kay Hampton, Scottish Commission for Human Rights

Input from discussion groups and closing plenary discussion.

If you would like to reserve a place, please complete the Booking Form and e-mail to Helen Christie:
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