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and Diversity

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**Muslim Families' Experiences of the Education System in England and Scotland:  
What are the key messages of the research for policy and practice?**

**Date:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013

**Time:** 14:00 – 17:30

**Venue:** Paterson's Land, Room G.21

**The Moray House School of Education, University of Edinburgh**

**Map:** <http://edin.ac/YI5SOs>

**Floor plan:** <http://edin.ac/11Wilh5>

The aim of this event is to discuss findings from a research project funded by the Alwaleed Centre at the University of Edinburgh. The research was conducted by researchers in the Centre for Research in Education Inclusion and Diversity, University of Edinburgh and ran from January 2010 to April 2013. The project explored the following issues:

- Muslim pupils' educational outcomes in England and Scotland
- Muslim families' educational aspirations
- Muslim families' negotiation of school choice and attitudes to faith schools
- Home/school negotiations of cultural practices

The event is in two parts. The first part of the afternoon considers policy issues. The second part of the afternoon focuses on the implications for practice in relation to the curriculum, religious observance and other aspects of school life such as food, uniform and school trips. People may wish to attend either the first or second part of the afternoon, or may attend both.

**Programme**

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| <b>14.00 – 14.20</b> | Coffee and registration   |
| <b>14.20 – 14.30</b> | <b>Welcome and Introduction</b><br><i>Professor Hugh Goddard</i><br><i>Director, Alwaleed Centre for the Study of Islam, University of Edinburgh</i>  |
| <b>14.30 – 15.00</b> | <b>Trends in the attainment of Muslim pupils in Scotland and England and the educational aspirations of Muslim families</b><br><i>Professor Sheila Riddell</i><br><i>Director, Centre for Research in Education Inclusion and Diversity</i> |
| <b>15.00 – 15.30</b> | <b>Muslim families' negotiation of school choice and attitudes to faith schools</b><br><i>Dr Elisabet Weedon</i><br><i>Deputy director, Centre for Research in Education Inclusion and Diversity</i>  |
| <b>15.30 – 16.00</b> | Coffee  |
| <b>16.00 – 16.30</b> | <b>Implications of the research for understandings of Muslim families and childhoods: a commentary</b><br><i>Professor Peter Hopkins, University of Newcastle</i>   |
| <b>16.30 – 17.00</b> | <b>Issues relating to everyday school practices and home/school relationships</b><br><i>Dr Elisabet Weedon</i><br><i>Deputy director, Centre for Research in Education Inclusion and Diversity</i>  |
| <b>17.00 – 17.30</b> | <b>Implications of the research for educational practice: a commentary</b><br><i>Dr Rowena Arshad</i><br><i>Director of CERES and Head of Moray House School of Education</i>   |