

BME LEADERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

SHAPING THE FUTURE:

SHAPING STRATEGIES & ENGAGING REFUGEES & MIGRANT COMMUNITIES WITH PUBLIC & CIVIC INSTITUTIONS ACROSS LONDON



A Series of Seminars

Seminar Three

DATE:

Tuesday 27th October 2009
1pm - 5pm

VENUE:

The Oxford House,
Derbyshire Street,
London E2 6HG

A partnership between

**Tower Hamlets Somali
Community Network,
Kayd Art & Culture and
The Asian Health Agency**



SHAPING THE FUTURE:

Delivering equality for Refugees & Migrant communities

Seminar Context & Aims:

The public debate on refugees and asylum seekers is often emotive, usually fuelled by media hysteria and intolerance. Yet no one would argue that anyone seeking protection from danger should be able to live in safety, with dignity and treated with equality. Indeed many official sources agree that most refugees face exceptional barriers to integrate in the main stream life? How can we ensure that the new arrivants - refugees and migrants - to the capital belong to the mainstream of London's development?

To encourage further debate and to develop a critical understanding on the Refugee involvement and representation, The Asian Health Agency in partnership with Tower Hamlets Somali Community Network & Kayd Art & Culture is organizing this seminar on this important issue to bring leading refugee organisations, policy makers, voluntary organisations, service providers and members of the refugee communities together to discuss how to improve refugee communities representation through community involvement and engagement.

The Seminar aims are

- Promoting critical understanding of the issue affecting refugee communities
- Building an alliance & links between and across refugee community groups and diverse communities and public sector bodies.
- Empowering refugee and diverse BME communities to have their voice heard.
- Tackling barriers to engagement.
- Improving Refugee communities representation in working groups, forums etc that shape local services for refugee communities and highlighting opportunities & supporting Refugee communities in getting involved in local organisations, forums, services etc.
- Bringing policy makers, voluntary organisations, service providers and service users together to discuss how to improve service provision.

COST PER DELEGATE
FREE*

** Please use the booking form overleaf as places are limited*

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Programme

1.00 Arrival, Registration & Refreshments

Speakers

2.00 Introduction: *Aymero Gebremeskel, TAHA BME Leadership and Engagement Project*

2.30 *Fazil Kawan, Head of Development, Refugee Council*

2.50 *Ermias Alemu, Community Development Coordinator, South West London & St George's Mental Health Trust*

3.10 Break

3.40 *Isman Warsama, Tower Hamlets Somali Communities Network*

4.00 *Jan Shaw, UK Refugee Programme Director, Amnesty International*

4.20 *Question and answers, discussion and summary of the day, action points for next event.*

5.00 Close

FREE one-day consultancy to one R&M community organisation per seminar to improve leadership skills, improve representation, engagement with mainstream agencies, strategic partnership, forums etc.

Shaping the Future: Seminar

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BOOKING Form

First Name(s) _____ Surname _____

Position Held _____ Organisation _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Contact Name _____

Tel _____ E-mail _____

Please state any particular requirements e.g. food, disability access, language etc.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Photocopy and complete for each additional participant

COMPLETE and post this form to:

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