

Enterprise Inclusion & Equality: The Role of Local Initiatives

A MAJOR CONFERENCE PROMOTED BY

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FREE EVENT

7 APRIL 2005 9.30am - 3.00pm

**ENTERPRISE
INCLUSION**



EQUALITY
The Role of Local Authorities

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REFLEX is a partnership led by the London Borough of Islington which is working with local communities to develop new ways of promoting equality in the support for enterprise development. REFLEX has been part funded by the European Social Fund Equal. REFLEX is now further developing its work so that it can be applied at a London wide level and later at a regional level.

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

- How can Local Authorities encourage enterprise support services to meet the needs of entrepreneurs from minority ethnic communities?
- What is the potential role of the voluntary and community sector in providing support to enterprise?

This one day event is an opportunity to consider the role of enterprise in overcoming social exclusion and promoting equality. The aim of the conference is to provide an opportunity for Local Authorities and those concerned with enterprise development as a wealth creation strategy, to consider the Equality issues involved in providing support for enterprise development, and find new solutions to meet these challenges.

The Equal Programme GB has much to offer local authorities. In particular new thinking and innovative practice has been developed which relates to inclusion strategies for groups, who have traditionally been excluded in the community.

To date, the lessons learnt by Local Authority Equality Units have not received a high profile. However, there is much innovative practice which could further the fulfilment of the obligation of Local Authorities under the amended Race Relations Act, to promote race equality in all its functions.

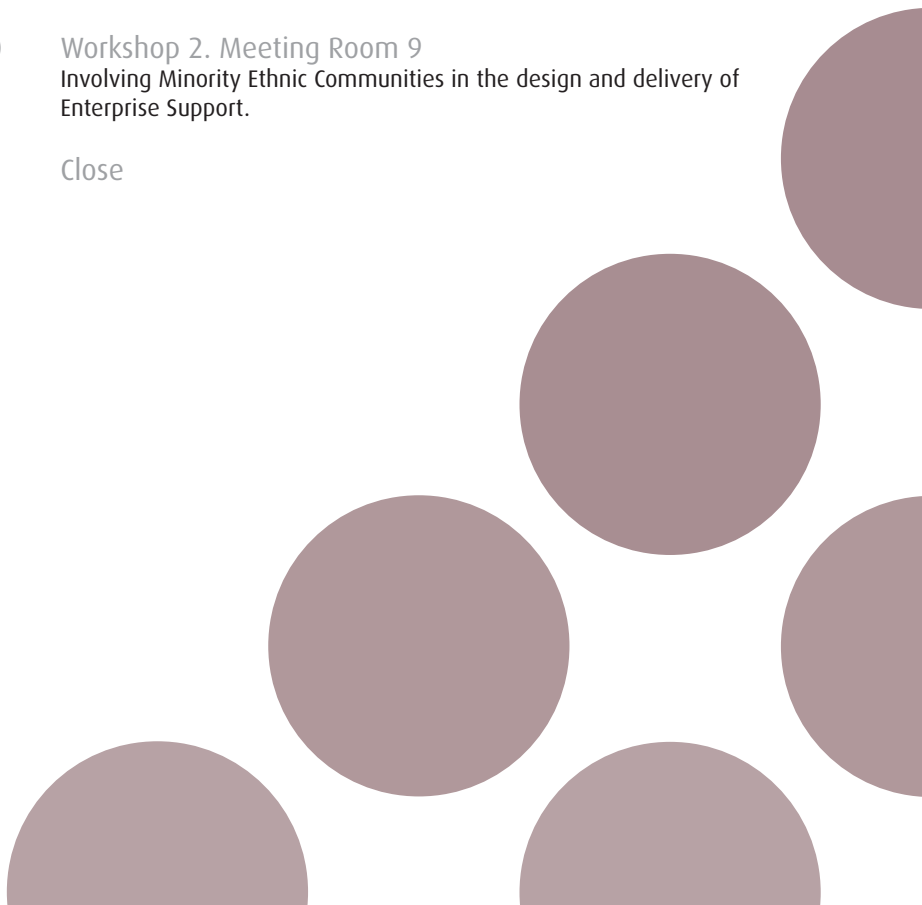
All ethnic groups have the right to expect services, which use public money, to meet their needs. Whilst neighbourhood renewal strategies have recognised the need for involvement of Black and Minority Ethnic Communities, their involvement in the delivery, monitoring and design of services to assist the development of enterprises has not received priority.

On the other hand Local Authorities have a history of support for the voluntary and community sector and equality units often have structures for consultation with minority ethnic communities. Traditionally these have not embraced support to enterprise.

WHO IS IT FOR?

This event aims to draw together Local Authority professionals working in Equality Units, the voluntary and community sector and those involved with Enterprise Support Services. The event would also benefit others concerned with enterprise development as a wealth creation strategy in minority ethnic communities.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

- 9.30 - 10.00 Registration. Coffee/tea/pastries
- 10.00 - 11.30 First session. Small Hall.
A policy overview.
Enterprise delivery and Equality issues: engaging with the equality issues to support enterprise and encourage social inclusion.
- 11.30 - 12.00 Coffee/Tea break
- 12.00 - 1.00 Second Session. Small Hall
What has been achieved so far in developing equality of access to enterprise development support? What could be done to stretch the boundaries?
- 1.00 - 2.00 Networking Lunch
- 2.15 - 3.00 Workshop 1. Small Hall
The Reflex model. What can it offer to progress equality?
- 2.15 - 3.00 Workshop 2. Meeting Room 9
Involving Minority Ethnic Communities in the design and delivery of Enterprise Support.
- 3.00 Close
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Getting There: Friends House is on the south side of Euston Road directly opposite Euston Station (BR main line, Victoria or Northern underground). It is a 10 minute walk from King's Cross and St Pancras main line and underground stations and five minutes from Euston Square underground station. Buses 10,18, 30, 73 and 205 pass the door; 59,68, 91,168 and 253 stop nearby.

If you would like to book online for this event please -

[click here to fill in the booking form](#)

We look forward to seeing you on 7 April.



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