

Conference, 6th June 2009

Holy Apostles Hall Cumberland Street Pimlico SW1V-4LY

From Asylum.....to Sanctuary

-restoring wholeness: refugee journeys to social integration

Churches Refugee Network with Migrants Resource Centre



New Ideas

State and Faith On Asylum: a Dialogue of the Deaf , or Thinking Together?

The Church's response to asylum in the UK: Revd. Canon Ruth Worsley, General Synod

Tools for communicative action: Understanding the legislative process and policy, setting community priorities. Frank Cranmer; Constitutional lawyer, ex Parliamentary Clerk of Bills, civil lobbyist

Legal present, legal future: parliamentary and policy perspectives.

Steve Symmonds; Legal officer, ILPA Immigration Law Practitioners' Association

New Good Practice

Regional reports on Advice-, Housing and Support work in Nottingham and Swansea

National report: Citizens for Sanctuary: 'Strangers into Citizens' ('earned citizenship')

New Contacts - Workshops

Asylum seekers' mental and physical health care; with HIV /mental health expert input

Strategic action skills for policy and media work; MRC and 'Citizens for Sanctuary

Asylum destitution; NASS and welfare, Section 4, S.95 ; ASAP legal expertise and

judicial input S.Verity Smith IJ.

Music and worship

The Acholi Choir will perform Ugandan music at the start of the afternoon programme.

The Revd. Maggie Hindley will lead final reflections and prayers.

Photo exhibition Isabelle Merminal

Refugee journeys to social integration'

Lunch is free: prepared and served by MRC volunteers. Contributions welcomed.

BOOKING FORM

Churches' Refugee Network Conference - Saturday 6 June 2009

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Timetable

10.30-10.55 *Coffee and registration*

10.55 Welcome....Revd.Rosemary BIRD; Chair, Churches Refugee Network

11-11.20 ‘State and Faith’: The Churches’ voice on asylum /migration in the ‘civic political space’:

Canon Ruth Worsley, Southwell / Nottingham Diocese; and proposer of the 2009 General Synod asylum motion on the treatment of asylum seekers.

11.20-11.40 Questions

11.40-11.50 Coffee

11.50-12.10 Can you hear me? : Tools and skills for churches’ policy participation:

Frank Cranmer

12.10-12.30 Questions

12.30-12.50 Legal present, legal future; Steve Symonds

12.50-1pm Questions

1.00-1.30 Lunch

1.00-1.31

1.30-1.45 **Music:** The Acholi Singers, directed by John Oyet.

1.45-2.15 **Good Practice:** Regional Project reports;

- 1) Asylum Justice Swansea
- 2) Nottingham: Rainbow Drop-in + Arimathea Housing Trust
- 3) ‘Cities for Sanctuary’, eg. Progress of follow-up actions/ campaign for IAC recommendations

2.20-3.10 4 Workshops, each with expert input:

a) Accessing health care; medical and mental health care in and out of detention.

b) How to persuade; using the media to support asylum seekers, the IAC and Cfs.

c) Church and Politics

d) Accessing advice; NASS and the AST, asylum legal procedure, Civil actions

3.10-3.30 Plenary

3.40 Closing meditations, led by Revd.Maggie Hindley and the Acholi Singers.

4.00 Tea and Byes.