

Practitioner Research Programme (PRP)

Working together to understand new migration and superdiversity in the West Midlands: issues, challenges and policy solutions

The Institute for Research into Superdiversity's (IRiS) Practitioner Research Programme brings together key organisations and professionals working with new and established migrants to develop better information about population change and its impact in the West Midlands in order to try and influence policy. The programme builds on a decade of experience working with community and practitioner researchers from new migrant communities. This year's cohort of trainee practitioner researchers will work together to create hubs of expertise focusing on two important policy areas in relation to:

Theme 1: Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) and the National Transfer Scheme.

Theme 2: Migrant maternity and the impact of NHS charging.

You may be interested in getting involved if:

- You work with or manage people working with UASC or pregnant migrant women?
- There are particular issues or concerns that your organisation would like to know more about in relation to UASC or migrant maternity?
- You are interested in accredited training in social research?
- You have time to dedicate to being involved in a research project



Individuals who become involved in the PRP will work with IRiS to develop their research strategies around these key themes. All practitioner researchers will work alongside a mentor based at the Institute and at the end of the process will be registered to receive National Open College Network (NOCN) accreditation in social research.

Practitioner researchers will also become part of a regional network which will allow them to share information and ideas as well as become involved in joint funding applications for further research about UASC and migrant maternity. They will learn new skills that will enable them and their organisation to better understand and develop responses to the experience and issues facing UASC and pregnant migrant women in the West Midlands.

Find out more:

An information event where you can hear more about this year's PRP programme will be held on Wednesday 12th October, 12pm-2pm, at the University of Birmingham. If you are interested in taking part in this year's PRP programme or would like to know more about the programme, please register your interest with Ann Bolstridge, IRiS Manager – a.bolstridge@bham.ac.uk or 0121 414 4967.



Participation in the PRP programme is free to individuals working with UASC and pregnant migrant women e.g. social workers, foster carers, midwives and other health care professionals. Places are limited so please register your interest ASAP.