Getting on in the UK: migrants, ethnic minorities, networks, social mobility and integration

London, Nuffield Foundation, 28 Bedford Square, London, WC1B 3JS. 
11-1pm 4th November 2013

Council Chamber, School of Social Sciences and Law, Cardiff University 
Glamorgan Building, King Edward VII Avenue, Cardiff, CF10 3WT. 
1.30-3.30pm 6th November 2013

Birmingham, Room 417, Muirhead Tower, University of Birmingham, 
Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2TT 
11-1pm 8th November 2013

You are invited to join us to discuss our recent research findings on:

- What types of social network do ethnic minorities and refugees possess?
- Do social networks facilitate social mobility?
- What is the role of social networks and capital in integration and inclusion?

This event brings together researchers from two project teams: the Nuffield Foundation funded Refugee Integration, Social Networks and Social Capital project (Birmingham and Cardiff) and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation Poverty, Ethnicity and Social Networks research (Third Sector Research Centre, University of Birmingham) to co-present findings focusing on social network, social media and social capital in minority ethnic and refugee communities.

The role of social networks and social capital in both new migrant and established minority ethnic community integration and social mobility has been the focus of much debate. Whilst some commentators claim that within-group contacts may prevent integration and potentially lead to self-segregation and even extremism, others argue such capital provides a foundation for the development of broader social relationships. Questions around the nature, role and impact of different types of capital continue to capture the attention of politicians and practitioners. Our latest research findings in relation to these questions will bring you up to date with the current policy debates.

This event aims specifically at policy makers, service providers, voluntary sector professionals, and equality advocates. They will be participatory in nature and allow time for discussion and action planning/reflection.

This is a FREE event funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) [Grant Ref: 066] and is part of the Festival of Social Science programme. Places are limited and registration is essential. Please book your ticket according to which event you plan to attend:
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