

**Faith in Social Action: Where Next?**

A day conference for faith based practitioners, third sector leaders, researchers and policy makers

Hosted by Third Sector Research Centre, University of Birmingham, the Faith based Regeneration Network and the Edward Cadbury Centre for the Public Understanding of Religion

10.30 – 3.30 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Collaboration House, 77-79 Charlotte Street, London, W1T 4PW.

Faith based social action faces a number of critical challenges in terms of both policy and practice. Faith organisations may have finite resources in terms of finances and time, but are confronted with increasing demands for services. They are, politically, expected to do more – but say less; to deliver on integration and cohesion agendas; to enhance community health and well-being and deliver asset based neighbourhood development.

These expectations, from within faith groups and beyond, raise a number of important questions for the future of faith based social action. What is the role of faith as the welfare state is ‘rolled back’? Can responses to community needs be sustained in the context of long term austerity measures? Can they deliver social justice – or simply fill the welfare gap? Can they deliver on integration in increasingly super-diverse localities?

This event will also see the launch of “Belief in Social Action? Exploring faith groups’ responses to local needs” This will be an active participatory event with short keynote presentations and an emphasis on group discussion looking to the future of faith based social action.

**Confirmed Speakers**

Heather Buckingham

Edward Cadbury Centre for the Public Understanding of Religion,  
University of Birmingham

Prof. Adam Dinham

Director of the Faiths and Civil Society Unit, Goldsmiths, University  
of London

Angus McCabe

Third Sector Research Centre, University of Birmingham

Steve Miller

Faith Based Regeneration Network

**Multi-faith activists panel**

This event is free and refreshments/lunch will be provided. Places are, however, limited so early booking is advised

Book through Eventbrite at

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Closing date: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016. For further information about the day contact – [stevemiller@fbrn.org.uk](mailto:stevemiller@fbrn.org.uk) or [a.j.mccabe@bham.ac.uk](mailto:a.j.mccabe@bham.ac.uk). Supported by Barrow Cadbury Trust.