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Linking Ethnic Minority Groups

Friday 8 April 2011

@ City Hall

Programme

2.00 Introductions

The European Social Fund (ESF)

Ray Phillips, Director, LVSTC

The ESF London Programme 2011-2013, including Community Grants Programme, is taking shape and is about to launch.

2.15 London Enriched

Simin Azimi, Director, Refugee Women's Association

The Mayor's vision for integration in London is one of equal life chances for refugees and migrants to have a decent quality of life and contribute fully, in safety and dignity, to London and its development.

3.15 Refreshment break

3.30 The Challenge for Informal Adult and Community Learning and Adult Learners' Week

Simon Beer, Regional Programme Director – London, NIACE

NIACE is a key player as the Government develops proposals for reforming informal adult and community learning and reviews the effectiveness of basic skills training in delivering economic and social outcomes, to support the development of the Big Society and progression of formal learning.

4.30 Next Steps & Close

Workshop Description:

Linking Ethnic Minority Groups

Friday 8 April 2011, 2.00-4.30pm

@ City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA

This event is being held to look at issues around linking ethnic minority groups to the ESF in London, and how providers can involve those furthest from the labour market and those at greatest risk. We will look at London Enriched, the Mayor's Strategy for Refugee and Migrant Integration. This vision sees refugees and migrants living in security and dignity, sharing with all Londoners the same chances for a decent quality of life and the opportunity to contribute to London and its development. The meeting will also have input from NIACE (National Institute of Adult Continuing Education). NIACE projects have highlighted the impact adult learning provision can have to help refugees and migrants. Also, as a champion of race equality, NIACE challenges those policies which adversely affect black and minority ethnic (BME) groups and works to raise the profile of learning for BME adults.

In particular the workshop will look at:

- working with people from BME communities who are furthest from the labour market
- the place of ESOL in developing employability skills
- critical approaches to 'active citizenship'
- networking BME groups with the wider third sector
- opportunities during Adult Learners Week, 14-20 May 2011

Workshop Objectives:

1. To understand how the European Social Fund (ESF) can support projects to promote the integration of migrant and refugee communities.
2. To review the Mayor's Refugee and Migrant Integration Strategy.
3. To explore how informal adult and community learning opportunities promote social inclusion.