

Promoting Rights of Migrant Workers

A North-South conference developing arguments and strategies for promoting the rights of migrant workers

Tuesday 23 May 2006

Venue: Lough Neagh Discovery Centre, Lurgan, Co. Armagh
Close proximity to railway: Dublin-Belfast Enterprise (Portadown Station)

Organised by:

Animate Project www.animate-ccd.net

South Tyrone Empowerment Programme (STEP) www.stepni.org

National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism (NCCRI) Synergy initiative. www.nccri.ie

Location: On the southern shores of Lough Neagh

Road: just off Junction 10 (Lurgan turn-off) M1 motorway

Well signposted – 30 mins from Dungannon or Belfast

Rail: proximity to Lurgan station (NI Railways) or Portadown station (enterprise) link transport provided.

How to register: You can register for the Conference by using the enclosed booking form or by contacting the Animate Project on: info@animate-ccd.net
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Conference Objectives:

Building capacity to respond to debates, policies and practices effecting migrant workers including:

- Informing the development approaches based on employment rights to tackle the exploitation of migrant workers and others
- Setting out the context of current policy, experience and impact in relation to employment/ economic rights; civil rights (housing, education, social assistance etc), gender, racism and anti-racism and human rights.

Who Should Attend?

The conference is specifically aimed at meeting the needs of practitioners involved in rights and equality work, particularly those in the community and voluntary sector NGOs, and the Trade Union movement.

Costs

There are no fees for attending the conference although a £5 charge will be levied to cover catering.

A limited number of set bursaries (grants) will be available for individuals working in a voluntary capacity and smaller NGOs working in this area.

(See booking form)

Conference Outline

9.30am Registration

10.15am Opening & Plenary

Chair: Anastasia Crickley ... NCCRI
 Nigel Harris University College London
 Bernadette McAliskey Coordinator, STEP
 Siobhán O'Donoghue Director, Migrant Rights Centre Ireland (MRCI)
 Dr Sonia McKay London Metropolitan University
 Peter Bunting Assistant General Secretary Irish Congress of Trade Unions
 Mike Jennings Regional Secretary SIPTU

Followed by Questions and Answers

1.00pm Lunch

1.45 Panel Led Discussion Groups

Economic & Employment Rights: Employment rights for migrant workers and trade union responses

Joe Lenaghan NCCRI (<i>chair</i>), David White (<i>former T&GWU Rapporteur</i>)	Panel : Tayra McKee, T&G Pamela Dooley, Unison
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Civil Rights: housing, children, education, services, entitlements gaps, impacts of the habitual residence condition,

Tim Cunningham CAJ (<i>chair</i>) Alvaro Silva (<i>STEP- rapporteur</i>)	Panel : Ricky Bamford, Council for the Homeless NI Jacqueline Healy, MRCI
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Gender: gender dimension to migrant worker rights

Bernadette McAliskey, (<i>chair</i>) Justyna McCabe (<i>Rapporteur</i>)	Panel: Siobhán O'Donoghue, MRCI Benedicta Attoh, Practitioner / Louth African Women's' Group
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Human Rights impacts of immigration control practices, ID cards, managed migration proposals on human rights

Ciarán Ó Maoláin NIHRC (<i>chair</i>) Abed Natur, STEP (<i>Rapporteur</i>)	Panel: Kate Jackson, Law Centre NI Barbara Muldoon, Immigration Solicitor, Anti Racism Network
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3.10 Feedback from Discussion Groups

3.30 Close
