

**CONFERENCE – MAKING A DIFFERENCE:
Working with diverse families**

**Monday 27 February 2012, School of Oriental and
African Studies, London, WC1, 10-4**

This year the Action for Prisoners' Families annual conference will focus on how practitioners, service providers and policy makers can meet the diverse needs of prisoners' and offenders' families. Speakers and workshops will look at government policy, current legislation, good practice, and the findings of the latest research. Sessions will consider how race, disability, age, culture, religion and mental health impact on families, and will aim to offer practical solutions.

Conference Chair: **Ratna Dutt**, Chief Executive of the Race Equality Foundation

Speakers include: **Tim Loughton MP** (invited) Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Children and Families, **Dreda Say Mitchell** writer, broadcaster, education consultant and family member, **Rex Bloomstein** award-winning documentary director, who has recently directed 'Dying Inside' – a Radio 4 programme about older offenders, **Dr Debra Baldwin** Head of Women and Equalities Group, National Offender Management Service (NOMS), **Celia Hannon** Head of Research and Policy Programmes, Family and Parenting Institute (FPI), and **Leander Neckles** of Necko Consultancy on implementing the Equalities Act.

Workshops (attendees can choose from the following)

1. **Age** – how to meet the needs of older offenders and their families.
2. **Black, Asian and minority ethnic families** – from diversity policy to practice.
3. **Foreign national prisoners** – helping non-resident families to keep in touch.
4. **Romanies, gypsies and travellers** – providing support from visits to resettlement
5. **Muslim families** – the issues for Muslim families
6. **Mental health** – helping families to access support and services.

Cost £100 per place, including lunch. The conference is free for family members and former prisoners/offenders. Bursary places are available to unfunded groups and individuals. The charge for stands in the exhibitor area is £50.

Venue School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG (15 minutes walk from Euston and Kings Cross mainline stations. Nearest tubes Russell Square and Holborn).

Who should attend? Criminal justice and family welfare organisations, local authorities, social workers, health visitors, law firms, family members, probation officers, volunteers, children's centres, schools, prisons, policy makers, parenting organisations, visitors' centre staff and all those working with prisoners' and offenders' families.

To register please complete the booking form attached and return to
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BOOKING FORM
MAKING A DIFFERENCE: WORKING WITH DIVERSE FAMILIES
10-4, 27 FEBRUARY 2012, LONDON

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Workshops 1st choice _____

2nd choice _____

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