Social Action in an Age of Austerity

Tuesday 11th September 2012, 09.30-17.00
Rooms 8&9, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cambridge

We hope that the outcome of this event will include the creation of a network and a report which will summarise key themes in the discussion. The report will be produced after the event by the Centre of Islamic Studies and the Woolf Institute and distributed to participants and other interested parties. We hope that the discussion and the network can serve as the basis for future research. The event will be held under Chatham House rules, which means that no comments will be attributed to named people in the report, although participants will be acknowledged in the report. We plan to record the proceedings simply to help compile the report; if you have any objections to this or any questions, please contact Dr Jennie Doolan at cis@cis.cam.ac.uk.

Programme

8.45-9.30 Registration
09.30-09.45 Welcome
09.45-11.15 Panel One – Basic Welfare Provision. Each panellist will give a 5-10 minute presentation prior to group discussion, opened by the respondent.
   Chair: Mick Clarke, Director, The Passage.
   Panellists: Tunde Balogan, Social Action Group of the Redeemed Christian Church of God; David Maggs, Diocese of Bath and Wells; Sally Leigh, Housing Justice.
   Respondent: Jenny Phillimore, Third Sector Research Centre.

11.15-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-13.00 Panel Two – Support for Youth and Children. Each panellist will give a 5-10 minute presentation prior to group discussion, opened by the respondent.
   Chair: Malcolm Twigger-Ross, Financial Director, Cardinal Hume Centre.
   Panellists: Neslyn Pearson, Faith in Queens Park; Laura Marks, Mitzvah Day; Sughra Ahmed, Policy Research Centre.
   Respondent: Margaret Greenfields, for IDRICS, Buckinghamshire New University.

13.00-14.00 Lunch (Provided)
**14.00-15.30 Panel Three – Social and Economic Development.** Each panellist will give a 5-10 minute presentation prior to group discussion, opened by the respondent.

Chair: Andy Walkden, Engagement Officer, Bury 3rd Sector Development Agency.


Respondent: Richard Bridge, Community Matters.

**15.30-15.45 Coffee Break**

**15.45-17.00 Discussion Session – The Ongoing Role of Faith in Social Action**

Opening Remarks: Steve Miller, Executive Director, Faith Based Regeneration Network.

*The following discussion will be led by the Chair and cross-faith panel.*

Chair: Jenny Kartupelis, East of England Faiths Council.

Panellists: Abtisam Mohamed, YCA; Leonie Lewis, Jewish Volunteering Network; John Brown, Diocese of Chelmsford; Kate Housden, Sheffield Fairness Commissioner.