

AFRUCA

Africans Unite Against Child Abuse

Safeguarding African Children in the UK



REGIONAL CONFERENCES 2006

London & South East

Wednesday 25 January 2006

8:45am – 5:00pm

Venue:

London Voluntary Service Council
356 Holloway Road
London N7 6PA

Conference Brochure and Programme

Conference Background

AFRUCA - Africans Unite Against Child Abuse is the UK's premier charity promoting the welfare of African children. Following the successful holding of the first series of Safeguarding African Children regional conferences in London, Manchester, Newcastle and Birmingham throughout 2005, AFRUCA is commencing another round of regional events in 2006 to raise awareness of key issues affecting the welfare of African children in the country.

These events will take place in London, Liverpool, Glasgow and Cardiff. They will also examine how the child protection/welfare system and regulations can be further enhanced to meet the needs and priorities of African children across the country.

The 25 January 2006 London/South East Regional Conference is first in the series.

Conference Aims

- Enable discussions and information exchange on the needs of African children and families
- Identify barriers in policy & service provision to African Children
- Explore future strategies to improve service provision to African Children
- Develop recommendations & strategies for policy & practice to ensure the safeguarding of African children.



Keynote Speakers

Beverley Hughes RT HON MP,
Minister for Children, Young People and Families (tbc)

Conference Chair

Dapo Oyewole,
Executive Director, Centre for African Policy and
Peace Strategies

Conference Venue

London Voluntary Service Council,
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Conference Fee

£159.99 per delegate

Who Should Attend

Social work practitioners, policy makers, academics, refugee and asylum seekers groups, voluntary sector groups, health sector practitioners, education sector workers, sure start programme staff, crime prevention officers etc

Conference Programme

08:45 – 09:30	Registration and Coffee
09:30 – 09:40	Welcome and Introductions
09:40 - 09:50	Chair's Opening Speech
09:50 – 10:00	Keynote Speech Beverley Hughes RT HON MP, Minister for Children, Young People and Families (tbc)
10:00 – 10:30	Debbie Ariyo Director, AFRUCA: "Africans in Britain: A General Overview"
10:30 – 11:00	Jane Dykins Head, Children's Panel: The Refugee Council: "The Plight of Refugee and Asylum Seeking Children"
11:00 – 11:10	Q & A Session
11:10 – 11:40	Peter Spindler Head, Child Abuse Investigation Command, The Metropolitan Police: "Child Migration to UK: Operation Paladin Child – Next Steps"
11:40 – 11: 50	Tea Break
11:50 – 12:20	Dr Mbololwa Lewanika Trustee, AFRUCA: "Child Protection Issues and Faith Groups"
12:20 – 12:50	Mary Kanu Director, Development Support Agency: "Female Genital Mutilation as a Child's Rights Issue"
12:50 – 13:00	Q & A session
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH
14:00 – 15:00	3 Parallel Workshops (round one)*
15:00 – 15:15	Tea Break
15:15 – 16:15	3 Parallel Workshops (round two)*
16:15 – 16:45	Panel Session: Way Forward and Next Steps
16:45 – 17:00	Female Genital Mutilation - A Dramatic Interpretation by Red
17:00	Conference Ends

* Workshops will be repeated to provide the opportunity for participants to experience two of interest.



Conference Workshops

Workshop One

Working with Trafficked Children

Facilitator: Lynne Chitty,
Independent Trainer

Workshop Two

Child Protection and Faith Groups

Facilitator: Dr Mbololwa Lewanika,
Trustee, AFRUCA;
Debbie Ariyo, Director, AFRUCA

Workshop Three

Female Genital Mutilation

Facilitator: Awino Okech,
Kenya Female Advisory Organisation

Conference Booking Form

Fee: £159.99 per delegate

I would like to book a place (1 booking form per delegate)

Name.....

Organisation.....

Address.....

Tel No..... **Fax**.....

Email.....

Please select workshop by preference

(1 most preferred to 3 least - There are to be 2 workshop sessions held)

- Working with Trafficked Children
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Child Protection and Faith Groups

Lunch will be provided

Please tick one dietary requirement:

Mixed inc. meat Vegetarian

Please advise us if you have any additional needs

Terms and conditions

Payment is required in advance with your booking

- One place £159.99
- I enclose a cheque / postal order
payable to: **Africans Unite Against Child Abuse**
- Please invoice my organisation for £
Address if different from above:
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A receipt will be dispatched with the confirmation of your booking details

Cancellations: Must be made in writing and will be subjected to an administration charge of 50% if cancelled up to 2 weeks before the date of the conference. We regret that no refunds will be made after this date, but we are happy to accept a substitute delegate.



Return your booking form with payment to:

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