

AFRUCA

Africans Unite Against Child Abuse
Birmingham Regional Conference

Safeguarding African Children in the UK



Jury's Inn
245 Broad Street
Birmingham B1 2HQ

Wednesday 12 January 2005
9:00am – 4:30pm

Conference Brochure/Programme

Held in partnership with:
Birmingham Area Child Protection Committee

Conference Background

AFRUCA – Africans Unite Against Child Abuse is the UK's premier organisation promoting the welfare of African children in the country. The Birmingham Conference on Safeguarding African children is the second in a series of regional events to be held across the UK. Taking place as a follow up to our successful National Conference: "Safeguarding African Children in the 21st Century", held in Leicester in July 2003, these regional events will focus on key issues affecting the welfare of African children in the UK. They will also examine how the child protection/welfare system and regulations can be enhanced to meet their needs and priorities.

Conference Aims and Objectives

- Enable discussions and information exchange on the needs of African children and families.
- Identify barriers in policy and service provision for African Children.
- Develop an action plan for ACPCs to help address issues facing children of African origin in the West Midlands area.
- Develop recommendations and strategies for policy and practice to ensure the safeguarding of African children.

Conference Key Outcomes

- A regional plan of action for ACPCs to address key issues affecting African children in their areas.
- An online network of professionals working with children of African origin.
- Networking and information sharing opportunities for professionals working in the fields of Child Protection and Child Welfare, African groups and others working with children.

Keynote Speakers

- Hilton Dawson MP, Co-Chair, All Party Parliamentary Group on Children (tbc)
- Peter Hay, Strategic Director of Social Care and Health, Birmingham City Council

Conference Venue

Jury's Inn, 245 Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2HQ

Conference Fee

£80.00 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

9:00 – 9:45	Registration and Coffee
9:45 – 10:00	Welcome and Introductions (Conference Chair Bob Awuor, Executive Director, African Community Development Foun- dation)
10:00 – 10:10	Keynote Speech: Hilton Dawson MP
10:10 – 10:20	Keynote Speech: Peter Hay, Strategic Director, Birmingham City Council Social Care and Health Directorate
10:20 – 10:50	Working With African Families: Culture and Child Protection (Debbie Ariyo, Director, AFRUCA)
10:50 – 11:20	Female Genital Mutilation: The Implications for Child Protection (Mary Kanu, Director, Develop- ment Support Agency)
11:20 – 11:35	Questions and Answers Session
11:35 – 11:45	Coffee Break
11:45 – 12:15	Profiling and Supporting Child Victims of Trafficking (Lynne Chitty, Independent Consultant)
12:15 – 12:45	Private Fostering and kinship care: The Implications for Local Authorities (Debbie Ariyo, Director, AFRUCA)
12:45 – 13:00	Questions and Answers sessions
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:35	Meeting the Needs of Refugee and Asylum Seeking Children (Selam Kidane, British associa- tion for Adoption and fostering) and Q and A
14:35 – 15:35	Parallel Workshops
15:35 – 15:45	Tea Break
15:45 – 16:05	Reports from Workshops
16:05 – 16:20	Questions and Answers session
16:20 – 16:25	Conclusions and Summary
16:25 – 16:30	Next Steps
16:30	Conference Ends



Conference Workshops

Workshop One

Policy and the Needs of BME Children

Facilitator – Cheryl Hopkins, Assistant Director, Children and Families, Birmingham City Council

Workshop Two –

Working with Diversity

Facilitator – (tbc)

Workshop Three

Working Together to Safeguard Children

Facilitator – (Andrea Hickman, Chair, Birmingham ACPC)

Conference Booking Form

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

Fee: £80.00 per delegate

Name.....

Organisation.....

Address.....

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

Email.....

Please select workshop by preference

(1 most preferred to 3 least preferred)

- Policy and the Needs of BME Children
 Working with Diversity
 Working Together To Safeguard Children

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 £80.00

I enclose a cheque/postal order payable to: *Africans Unite Against Child Abuse*

Please invoice my organisation for £.....

Address if different from above.....

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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