



**National Conference 2014,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, May 17th**

Action Foundation, The CastleGate, Melbourne Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 2JQ

PROGRAMME

- 10.15 Registration & Refreshments**
- 10.45 Welcome and Introduction** *Julian Prior, Action Foundation*
- 11.00 Keynote Speech** *Mike Kaye, Still Human, Still Here*
- Mike will be updating us on changes under the new Immigration Bill and other national campaigning initiatives around asylum.*
- 11.20 "Fulfilling Lives"** *Lindsay Henderson, Homeless Link*
- Lindsay will be speaking about the 'Fulfilling Lives' and 'Making Every Adult Matter' initiatives in Tyneside, and how the voluntary sector can engage.*
- 11.30 NACCOM Progress Report** *Dave Smith, Boaz Trust*
- Dave will be reporting on the progress over the past twelve months and the strategy for the future development of NACCOM*
- 11.45** *Comfort Break*
- 11.55 Workshop 1**
- 12.55** *Lunch, Stalls, Networking marketplace*
- 1.55 Great stories from great projects!**
- 2.15 Workshop 2**
- 3.15** *Refreshment Break*
- 3.30 Over to you – Group Session & Feedback Forms**
- 4.00 Close**

Workshops

Workshop 1: 11.45 – 12.45

- 1. Practical Housing part 1: ways of making housing work.** How can we accommodate the destitute in a sustainable way over the long-term?
Paul Catterall, Open Door Northeast + panel
- 2. Growing your project: practical tips for growth.** Starting a project is sometimes easier than growing it: what are the keys to growth?
Dave Smith, Boaz Trust
- 3. Managing the transition from asylum seeker to refugee status:** life doesn't suddenly get easy when Leave to Remain is granted – how can we help new refugees bridge that gap?
Julian Prior, Action Foundation
- 4. Campaigning: is it integral to your project?** Is it enough just to offer practical help or sign a few petitions? Should campaigning be an intentional, strategic part of what we do?
Mike Kaye, Still Human + Rachael Bee, Bristol Hospitality Network

Workshop 2: 2.15 – 3.15

- 1. Practical Housing part 2: A Modelling Tool for Sustainable Housing.**
What on earth is that?? *"The Refugee & Asylum Seeker Housing Costs Model is a modelling tool that allows you to model how to provide housing and support services for refugees and asylum seekers, what rent regime to apply, how to justify and present costs, and how to ensure that the budget for housing projects stack up."* In other words, a great resource if you are thinking of offering accommodation to refugees and destitute asylum seekers!
Mark Goldup, HGO Consultancy
- 2. Legal Issues *Interactive session***
This is your chance to ask all those questions that have been building up about asylum law, legal aid and new legislation!
Gina Clayton, ASSIST Sheffield
- 3. Giving back: seeing the client as part of the solution.**
We are all pretty good at doing things *for* asylum seekers, but is there a better way – doing things *with* them, and allowing them to use their gifts and talents for the benefit of our projects?
Sarah Taal, Hope Projects
- 4. Offering holistic support to those waiting for a decision.**
Life in our accommodation projects has got to be more than a roof over their heads. How can we offer support that helps our residents thrive whilst they are with us?
Julian Prior, Action Foundation