



*Support for Community
Action Programme*



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Invite you to a 'Big Conversation' to share and exchange experiences, perspectives, challenges and ideas about what works in supporting the development of Refugee led Community Organisations (RCOs)

**Thursday September 9th
from 09.30 to 15.30**

At The Royal Station Hotel,
Neville Street, Newcastle
NE1 5DH

What we want to achieve

RCOs across the UK play a unique and vital role in supporting the settlement and integration of people who came to the UK in need of asylum. Their spirit of voluntarism, achievements and contribution in the North East have been widely recognised by all sectors, and have been supported by many charitable trusts and funding bodies.

Our joint commitment is to share learning, discuss practical realities and ideas for the challenges faced by all, so as to help maximise RCOs' uptake of local development support to enable them to realise their potential and maximise the impact of funding.

Who will be there

- Representatives from the Regional Refugee Forum's membership of RCOs
- Frontline workers and managers from Local voluntary and public sector development agencies
- Workers from 'specialist' development projects, delivering support to RCOs within the North East, North West, and Yorkshire and Humberside

What will happen on the day and afterwards?

No speeches, no presentations - just RCOs and development workers talking together, listening, sharing, learning and problem solving.

Associates from the Learning Team Consultancy Ltd will facilitate tailored workshops to ensure everyone has a chance to actively contribute. And all participants will receive a copy of the workshop notes, to share learning with colleagues.

If you would like to participate and contribute.....

There are only 50 places for this event, and we wish to ensure balanced participation from the region's RCOs, local voluntary and public sector development agencies, and from specialist RCO development projects working in the North East region and beyond. So if you would like to participate, please complete the attached Expression of Interest form and return to Herbert Dirahu **by Friday 6th August 2010**. A full programme will be sent out before the day.

Best regards

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