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REU and the SSRG are organising the second one-day conference exploring the messages for policy and practice of research on racism and ethnicity

Thursday 10th November 2005
at King's College London



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A call for papers

The Government Green Paper *Independence, Well-being and Choice* (DH, 2005) sets out to challenge discrimination and promote diversity. Yet the evidence is that progress to date has been sketchy. The SSI and Audit Commission reported that while there had been some progress in the promotion of race equality and the elimination of discrimination:

'... overall progress was frequently disappointing, with people often struggling to get access to services that would meet their needs well' (SSI/Audit Commission et al, 2003).

At the same time a review of the Government's initiatives to end social exclusion has noted that groups such as 'ethnic minorities' are less likely to benefit from these initiatives (Social Exclusion Unit, 2004).

While some have argued that this slow progress is in part the result of a lack of evidence on what works (Audit Commission, 2004), others have suggested that it is the result of a failure to exploit the evidence that already exists (Butt, 2005). In addition, some users and potential users of services have expressed frustration with research and its inability to bring about change in the support they receive, noting that what is needed is more action not research (Butt and O'Neill, 2004).

This debate is taking place in the context of a growth in sources that allow the exploration of racism and ethnicity, for example the *Citizenship Survey* carried out by the Home Office and the *English Longitudinal Survey of Ageing*. At the same time there has been a growth in funded research, for example a significant number of the projects in the ESRC Identities project are directly addressing issues to do with ethnicity. Also some funders, such as Joseph Rowntree Foundation, are directly addressing how to influence practice and policy in challenging racism and ensuring support is ethnically sensitive.

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SSRG and REU are organising a conference in November and are now calling for papers that are centred on the following topics:-

- exploring recent findings from quantitative and qualitative research on racism and ethnicity;
- messages from research for policy and practice;
- effective methods for bringing about change and putting research into practice;
- effective inclusion of black and minority ethnic users in research;
- exploring linkages between the experience of discrimination on grounds of race, gender, disability, faith, age, sexuality;
- methodological issues in researching racism and ethnicity;
- the role of black and minority ethnic researchers in public/voluntary services; and
- securing funding for inclusive research.

We wish to receive papers that draw on research across the public services, including housing, education, health and social care. Priorities for all papers will be to address user involvement and the implications of research for policy makers and practitioners.

How to submit a paper

If you would like to submit a proposal then please fill in the details on the next page. Where additional copies of this form are required please photocopy or download from the SSRG's website at www.ssrp.org.uk or the REU's website at www.reu.org.uk.

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Proposal submission form

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Job Title (if appropriate)	<input type="text"/>
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Please provide the following information on additional sheets of paper:

- the title of your contribution;
- a 300 word summary of the paper being submitted;
- the names, job titles and organisations of all the people who will be presenting with the main contact – Please underline the main contact person;
- brief biography of the main presenter/s;
- the issues that you will raise for discussion;
- what people might learn from the workshop;
- please indicate whether the format of the workshop will be a presentation followed by discussion or a more interactive event.

When you have completed the form please return it with all other attachments to the following address by **Monday 12th September 2005**.

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About the organisers

REU is a charity whose mission is to promote race equality in social support and social care. Since 1987, REU has been exploring evidence on discrimination and disadvantage, developing interventions that help overcome the barriers to achieving race equality, and disseminating good practice through publications, training, seminars and conferences. REU has offices in London and Manchester.

The Social Services Research Group (SSRG) is a non-profit making organisation, the purpose of which is to provide a network for research, providing a range of research information, planning and evaluation in social care and health services. SSRG members are drawn from a wide range of professional groups and organisations sharing a common interest in the work of the caring services.

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