

# Booking Form

Name Delegate 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Name Delegate 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Name Delegate 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Tel No \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special requirements: ie food, interpretation etc.

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Please tick which event you would like to attend:

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<b>Bristol</b>	<b>Manchester</b>	<b>York</b>	<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>London</b>

Please complete the form and return with payment of £90 per person (cheques made payable to "ARC LTD") to:

Wendy Adamson, ARC, ARC House, Marsden Street, Chesterfield, S40 1JY  
Tel: 01246 555043 or email: wendy.adamson@arcuk.org.uk

Confirmation will be sent together with map/directions nearer the event.

**"The Valuing People Support Team will be reviewing with Partnership Boards how they are progressing on this issue, including how they are spending the Learning Disabilities Development Fund. The VPST will be running a series of workshops to focus on the issues and obstacles to service improvement." -**  
From Liam Byrne MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Health.

## Making Things Better for People From Minority Communities

New Work on Improving Services for People with Learning Disabilities from Minority Ethnic Groups



Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities



VALUING PEOPLE Support Team

# Workshop Programme



9.30 Refreshments

10.00 Welcome and Aims of the Day

10.10 Improving Services for People with Learning Disabilities from Minority Ethnic Groups - A brief update on recent national developments.

10.30 Action Planning Workshops - Session 1, Learning from Successful Initiatives

## CHOOSE ONE FROM THESE 3 - REPEATED IN THE AFTERNOON

**Topic 1: Developing Strategies and Plans** - on the basis of agreed values and principles and following through with change.

**Topic 2: Overcoming Obstacles and Making Links** - many BME voluntary organisations have been set up as a result of poor experience of service. They have valuable experience/knowledge to share.

**Topic 3: How Partnership Boards Might Engage with Local Black and Minority Ethnic Communities** - many PB's reported inability to engage with communities. This means a shift in ways of thinking and working.

11.15 Break

11.30 Development of Person Centred Planning and Individualised Budgets with Minority Groups

12.15 Table Top Session - An opportunity to raise any related topic with anybody present

1.00 Lunch

1.45 Review of Partnership Boards - Consideration of recent findings in small groups

2.15 Action Planning Workshops - Session 2

3.00 Statutory Duties and People with Learning Disabilities from Minority Ethnic Groups

3.45 Concluding Remarks

4.00 Close

# Dates and Locations

1	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2006	9.30am - 4.00pm	Southville Centre, Bristol
2	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2006	9.30am - 4.00pm	Mechanics Inst, Manchester
3	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2006	9.30am - 4.00pm	Priory Street Centre, York
4	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2006	9.30am - 4.00pm	BVSC Centre, Birmingham
5	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2006	9.30am - 4.00pm	Isaac Newton Centre, London

Recent reviews of action by Learning Disabilities Partnership Boards to improve services for people from minority communities has shown progress to be slow and patchy. Some areas are making real changes and are working well with local communities.

The Valuing People Support Team have therefore decided to continue this work by holding regional workshops to enable participants to learn about successes and to action plan next stages for their partnership board.

Prof. Chris Hatton of Lancaster University will be doing further research with partnership boards on their progress.

At each workshop event there will be an action pack for delegates and a chance to meet with lead representatives from areas of interest such as Person Centred Planning and legal requirements.

These events are full day learning experiences, which are being subsidised by the Department of Health through the Valuing People Support Team. The cost of the event is therefore only £90 per delegate.

The days will be intense and learning focused. As far as we can, we will make information easily understood for everybody. There will be no charge for people with a learning disability or their supporters. Places are limited to 50 people per venue, so please book as early as possible.

**The Government's Annual Report on Learning Disabilities 2005 - "Valuing People: Making Things Better" said:**

- "some people are missing out
- People from ethnic minority communities and people who need lots of help are still not benefiting from the changes to services for people with a learning disability. The Government is working to make sure that these people's needs are met".