



## programme of events

**6th February - 17th February**

# Active Diversity



## Conferences

### Inspirational Women Conference

**Tuesday 7th February 9.30am – 4pm Riverside**

Back by popular demand following the success of last year's conference, this exciting event will celebrate inspirational women and provide advice for motivated women who want to be successful and further develop their careers.

The event will include keynote lectures and workshops on finding and making the most of opportunities, getting the best from your team, gaining credibility, and more!

Designed for female staff, students and visitors, this is an event not to be missed!

### People and Planet Student Group – Women and the Workplace

**Thursday 9th February All day**

**Binks Foyer and Chrithcley (CCR015 from 2pm)**

A full day event looking at women and work globally. This will be a student led event asking for students to participate in a number of awareness raising initiatives.

There will be a workshop at 2pm facilitated by Dr Dave Perfect of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, on the most recent research on Gender pay gaps.

The workshop is aimed at those interested in knowing more about gender differences in the labour market and about equal pay between women and men.

### Gender and Sexuality Conference

**Monday 13th February All day**

**Binks**

An exciting event of keynote speakers, including Prof Stephen Whittle OBE, professor of law at Manchester Metropolitan University and the country's most prominent campaigner for transsexual rights and Kieran Bohan of the Michael Causer Foundation, exploring gender and sexuality in varied and surprising ways

### The Value of Cultural Awareness

**Tuesday 14th February 9.30am – 1.30pm**

**Binks**

Cultural awareness can cover differences arising from differing nationalities, religions, beliefs and language, even the differences of languages used in the UK, such as British Sign Language.

With a number of workshops delivered by University of Chester staff as well as contacts from the local community, this event is a must for anyone who deals with colleagues, customers or other stakeholders from other cultures.

### BME student experience symposium

**Thursday 16th February All day**

**Westminster**

Researchers from the University of Chester's Law School have recently completed a funded research project into the experiences of BME students within the host institution. The recognised need for research in this area is particularly compelling in relation to the experience of ethnic minority undergraduates on a campus (the research site) with a low proportion of BME staff and students. The aim of the day is to bring together academics, educational professionals and students to discuss some of the key themes which have emerged from the research. See the website and facebook page for more information.



### All About Disability: Olympic Dreams and Positive Representations

**Friday 17th February 10am – 3pm**

**Binks (various locations)**

This event will highlight some truly inspirational Paralympic athletes. The event commences with a Keynote address from Jane Jutsum, Director of Strategic Partnerships followed by Stuart Boreham who holds the distinction of being the first person in history to row an ocean single-handed, unsupported and unassisted, with a physical disability. The event also include a question and answer session with a number of inspiring athletes who will represent Team GB in the London 2012 Paralympic games.



## Networking

### Disabled Staff group drop in lunch

**Wednesday 8th February** 12-2pm

**Chester:** Binks CBK010 & **Warrington:** Martin WMA216

An opportunity for anyone who has a disability or with an interest in disability matters to meet the University's Disabled Staff Group, ask questions or seek support.

### LGBT Staff Network Lunch

**Tuesday 14th February** 12-1pm

**BINKS CBK106/1**

Come along to this informal lunchtime meeting to find out more about Stonewall and the re-establishment of LGBT staff network.



Email [equality@chester.ac.uk](mailto:equality@chester.ac.uk) to book onto an event now

## Food

### Healthy Indian cookery demonstration

**Tuesday 14th February**

**Lunchtime**

**Cloisters: Food laboratory**

Watch an expert demonstration from Bhupinder Virdee Lace on healthy ways to cook Indian food and sample the delights for only £3.



### Moroccan Cookery demonstration

**Thursday 16th February**

**Lunchtime**

**Cloisters: Food laboratory**

Watch an exciting Moroccan menu demonstration from Becky Maitland-Titterton and sample the delights for only £3.

### Bring and Share

**Friday 17th February**

**6pm – 8pm**

**Binks**

The finale to the Diversity Festival! This event will incorporate delicious food and entertainment. Bring food to share with others and dress to impress. All welcome!



## FILM

### FILM: Show Me Love (1998)

Tuesday 14th February

1pm

**Beswick CBE017**

Directed by acclaimed indie director Lukas Moodysson, *Show Me Love* tells the story of two teenage girls in small-town Sweden. Elin is beautiful, popular, and bored with life. Agnes is friendless, sad, and secretly in love with Elin. (Swedish with English Subtitles).

### FILM: Waltz With Bashir (2008)

Wednesday 15th February

1pm

**Beswick CBE017**

This extraordinary animated documentary by Israeli film-maker Ari Folman guides us through his interviews fellow veterans of the 1982 invasion of Lebanon to reconstruct his own memories of his term of service in that conflict.

### FILM: Boy Don't Cry (1998)

Wednesday 15th February

3pm

**Beswick CBE017**

The story of the life of Brandon Teena, a transgendered teen who preferred life in a male identity until it was discovered he was born biologically female.

### Persepolis (2007)

Thursday 16th February

1pm

**Beswick CBE017**

An animated Poignant coming-of-age story of a precocious and outspoken young Iranian girl that begins during the Islamic Revolution.

### MILK (2008)

Thursday 16th February

3pm

**Beswick CBE017**

The story of Harvey Milk ad his struggles as an American gay activist who fought for gay rights and became California's first openly gay elected official.



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## Fun

### Singing Music from Around the World

Tuesday 7th February

1pm-3pm

**Kingsway CKW007**

Join the University of Chester's Performing Arts Choir to sing music from around the world.

### Chinese Fan dancing workshop

Thursday 9th February & Thursday 16th February

12.30pm – 1.30pm

**Small Hall & Warrington Sports Hall**

The Art of Chinese Fan Dance conveys the hue, extravagance and splendour of the Chinese culture and is mesmerized by spectators all over the world. The Chinese Fan Dance highlights delicate movements with constantly changing rhythm, which is dynamic and graceful. Come and learn how to do it!

### Olympic Poster

#### Exhibition

Throughout the Festival  
Castle Park Arts Centre,  
Frodsham

Exhibition of Olympic posters depicting a complete history if the Games and the changing graphic styles and social context of the host cities and cultures they represent.  
<http://www.castleparkarts.co.uk/?q=visiting>



## Workshops

### Exploring Cultural Identity

Tuesday 7th February

1pm – 2pm

**Riverside CRV016**

In this interactive session, Dr. Chandrika Devarakonda, Senior Lecturer in Education, will invite students and staff to showcase and discuss items and objects representing their culture. These items could be unique to their culture, or families, ethnicity, religion, or even country. This session will highlight how the concept of culture is interpreted by individuals.

### Lecture: The Art of the Olympics

Tuesday 7th February

7pm

**Castle Park Arts Centre, Frodsham**

A lecture, taking place as part of a wider Olympic Art exhibition, on the diversity of art associated with the Olympic Games. Phone 01928 735832 to book a place

### The University's mission statement: Ink on Paper or our Ethos & Culture

Wednesday 8th February

9.30am – 11.30am

**Binks CBK013/1 & /2 TBC**

This workshop is to examine, through those who attend, the extent to which the mission statement is currently intergrated into the daily work and life of the University. This if for all students and staff , spanning the full range of knowledge and opinions of the mission statement.

## Keynote event

### The Destitution Roadshow

Tuesday 6th February 11am – 1pm

**Best CBB012**

This lecture will discuss the asylum and immigration process, the reasons why an individual will leave his/her country and family to come to a foreign land seeking Humanitarian Protection. An emotional, thought provoking workshop and opportunity to ask questions.

### Schools Stand Up 2 Racism

Tuesday 7th February 9am – 10.30am

**Riverside CRV119**

Mandy Roberts, Project Officer at Cheshire, Halton & Warrington Race & Equality Centre (CHAWREC) will speak about the progress and findings so far of the current research project undertaken into racism in Cheshire Schools.

### Building Good Interfaith Relations

Wednesday 8th February

10.15 – 11am

**Hollybank CHB002**

Anjum Anwar, MBE, Dialogue Development Officer at Blackburn Cathedral will speak about her unique role and the importance of building good interfaith relations.



### 1.4 Billion Reasons

#### University Tour

Wednesday 8th February

2pm – 3.30pm

**Beswick CBE017**

1.4 billion people around the world now live in extreme poverty, surviving on less than £1 per day. Malaria No More UK and The Global Poverty Project are coming to the University of Chester as part of a nationwide tour to promote a vision for a world without extreme poverty. This is an exciting event not to be missed! See the website and facebook page for more information.

### Surprising the Enemy with Professor Patricia Duncker

Friday 10th February

3pm

**Binks 011**

How can we think differently about gender, sexuality, and the moments when our behaviour is elaborately policed? Professor Duncker reveals some of her deliberate strategies for displacing the expected and surprising both the enemy, cliché – and sometimes the reader.

### Supporting Disabled Staff training

Tuesday 14th February

1pm – 5pm

**Riverside CRV250**

As a manager, you may be responsible for staff who are, or who become, disabled. How can you ensure you support them adequately? What sort of reasonable adjustments might you need to make? How can you create an environment where staff feel able to disclose concerns around barriers they face? Come along to this interactive session to find out.

### Planning your funeral

Tuesday 14th February

12.30am – 2pm

**Hollybank HB008**

Everyone deserves the means to be able to say goodbye in their own way, according to their own culture, beliefs, and values. Whether you are young or old, whatever your religion or culture, if you want to plan your own funeral (or that of a friend) then come along to this session.

### Centrefold

Tuesday 14th February

3pm - 4pm

**Beswick CBE017**

International award-winning film maker Ellie Land uses digital methods and traditioanl animation techniques to make films that explore issues such as femininity, gendre, politics, education and identity.

### Diversity Essentials

Wednesday 15th February

1pm – 3pm

#### Careers base

An Introduction to Equality and Diversity concepts and the basics of the Equality Act 2010. Places are limited, contact Estee Tsang e.tsang@chester.ac.uk to book a place.

