

Launch Event

Bonnie Greer, OBE **Youth as the Future**

Bonnie Greer speaks about her views that the West needs to give priority to young people if its ageing society is to avoid being overtaken by the economically powerful and demographically youthful east. She attacks government schemes to tackle youth unemployment and calls for a reprisal of the widespread counter-culture thinking of the 1960s. This promises to be a critically aware, thought provoking and engaging lecture.

Bonnie Greer OBE is a Chicago born playwright and critic. She studied theatre in Chicago with David Mamet and in New York with Elia Kazan. She has lived in the UK since 1986, where she has worked mainly in theatre with women and ethnic minorities. She has won a Verity Bargate Award for Best New Play and has played Joan of Arc on the Paris stage. She has had many plays produced by BBC Radios 3 and 4, including a translation of *The Little Prince*. Until fairly recently, Greer was a regular panellist on the BBC's *Newsnight Review*, and is the author of the novel *Hanging by Her Teeth* (1994). Currently she is working on a play for the National Theatre Studio. She is an occasional contributor on *Question Time*, most notably when she appeared against Nick Griffin, BNP. On 1 April 2005 she was appointed to the British Museum's Board of Trustees for a period of four years. In 2008 she was reappointed as a Trustee for a second period and on 26 March 2009 she was promoted to Deputy Chairman. She was appointed OBE in the 2010 Birthday Honours for contribution to the arts.

The event is free but booking is essential! Email equality@chester.ac.uk to book your place on what promises to be an exciting, engaging and interesting start to this year's Diversity Festival!

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1pm - 3pm
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