Humanising the narratives of migration post-brexit – a one day workshop

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Whatever your views on Brexit, one thing we can all agree on, there will be forces who will seek to use Brexit to further divide communities and to scapegoat migrants for problems that they have no control over. The Ella Baker School of Transformative Organising is very proud to be running a one-day seminar (with our friends at Unite Community and supported by the ESRC) on how we respond. This seminar will take place in London on 16 February, just six weeks before Brexit is due to take place (assuming nothing changes). We will be bringing together migrant support groups, anti-racist campaigners, trade unionists, academics and community groups to discuss how we take control of the post-Brexit narrative.

This one-day seminar is for anyone concerned about the increasingly toxic scapegoating of migrants for the ills of our society, and in particular for those who want to think about how we can come together to change the 'hostile environment' that has been deliberately created.

The event will take place in a central London venue (details to be confirmed) on Saturday 16 February from 10am through to 4:30pm. It will be free, and lunch will be provided.

If you would like to join the discussion, then please email EllaBakerschooloforganising@gmail.com or complete our online registration https://goo.gl/forms/nfDtvwU20NU4h0GC2

AGENDA:

10am Intro/icebreaker

10:30am Roundtable discussion on the direction of migration narratives

Gracie Bradley Advocacy and policy officer at Liberty, leading their opposition to the Government's 'hostile environment' policies on immigration

Don Flynn, founder and former director Migrants Rights Network

Professor Ben Rogaly author of Moving histories of class and community: identity, place and belonging in contemporary England.

Frances Webber vice Chair of the Institute for Race Relations

11:30am The real lessons from Cable Street (looking at the patient community organising that undercut the fascists narratives of hatred.

12:30pm lunch

1:15pm Bridging communities through story, exploring how the stories we tell of our spaces can be inclusive and a bridge to real unity.

2:15pm Quickfire session on 'what we can do right now' with migrant support/advocate groups including: Migrant Resource Centre, the European Network of Migrant Women, Campaign Bootcamp, the Voice of Domestic Workers, and Citizens UK.

3:15pm what do we do next? A discussion about how we use the networks and energy of the day to effect change.

4pm Reflections on the day and close











