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Invitation to participate in a focus group session

Here to Stay: people with learning disabilities from new migrant communities

Dear …

I am writing to invite you to participate in a focus group session that is designed to obtain perceptions on care provision for people with learning disabilities across England.

We need to increase our knowledge of **people with learning disabilities from ethnic minority communities including new migrant communities in England**. The ***Here to Stay*** research project addresses this problem. The Big Lottery Fund has commissioned researchers from the University of Wolverhampton to find out more about the extent of help that is needed for people with learning disability and what is available. As a result of this we are collecting information from the public and voluntary sectors.

What do we mean by New Migrants?

New migrants are defined as individuals who are not British citizens but resident permanently or temporarily in England; this includes asylum seekers, refugees, seasonal workers and travellers, from all ethnic groups from within and outside of the European Union.

What do we mean by Learning Disability?

Learning disability includes the presence of:

- a significantly reduced ability to understand new or complex information, to learn new skills (impaired intelligence), with;
- a reduced ability to cope independently (impaired social functioning);
- which started before adulthood, with a lasting effect on development.

Invitation to a Focus Group Session

We need your help to make this research a worthwhile undertaking. We would like to ask you to participate in a focus group session and share your knowledge,

experiences and comments about the problem. The focus group session will take about one hour and we will inform you soon about the meeting arrangements should you wish to attend. Please contact us if you agree to participate.

Yours sincerely

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