



Welcome to the first LaDDER Newsletter

This is the new information newsletter for all those who were previously receiving updates to support ARC's BME work.

We hope to send out information every three months to share news and updates around learning disability and diversity. We will be very happy to hear from you and share any news that you have. Later we will be developing an interactive site for people to share their updates and ideas.

We realise that people have missed the updates they used to receive and ARC are happy to have this opportunity to share this information.

There are 8 updates in this review.

1. Here to Stay

Here to Stay is ARC's Big Lottery Research grant project to investigate the needs of new migrant communities and to look at how services have met the needs of people from minority communities so we can prepare guidance for the future.

We are working with Wolverhampton University and Leicester NHS Trust. We are just coming to the end of the second year and we are interested in talking to staff, family carers and people who use services about their experiences, therefore, please get in touch if you would like to be involved, contact heretostay@arcuk.org.uk

2. Are You Listening?

Learning Disability and Ethnic Minority Communities What Next Event.

Following on from the **Giving Us A Voice project**, which produced the National Charter

for Inclusion, ARC and Bild are co-hosting an event on Friday 9 November at the Department of Health, Skipton House, London.

This event is **free** and please register your interest by emailing **Liz.Soames@arcuk.org.uk** or call **01246 555 043**.

The aims of the day will be to review what on-going pieces of work are supporting people from ethnic minorities with learning disabilities. We want to take this chance to reinvigorate this agenda and share ideas for continuing to develop good practice.

ARC is keen to promote Think Local Act Personal and we hope at this event to see how the markers from that can be used to ensure best outcomes. By the end of the event we hope everyone will have contributed to a plan of action.

[Download the Are You Listening? programme for details](#)

3. Reaching Out

The Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities (FPLD) have published the results of their project 'Reaching out to families'.

[Download Reaching Out: to people with learning disabilities and their families from BME communities from the FPLD website.](#)

There are two further short pieces of work that support this report. They are a **[guide to culturally competent planning](#)** and a **[guide to culturally competent practice](#)**.

4. Framework for Action on Ethnicity

The revised Department of Health Framework for Action on Ethnicity for Learning Disability Partnership Boards (LDPBs) is now available to **[download from the FPLD website](#)**.

This gives guidance on how LDPBs can work effectively to ensure all learning disability work in their area takes account of people from all ethnic backgrounds and is an updated version of the Framework published by the Department of Health in 2004.

5. Forced Marriage

Work is happening on establishing a national forced marriage and learning disability group led by Nottingham University and Ann Craft Trust following on from their **[multi agency practice guidelines published by the government in 2011](#)**.

Meanwhile the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) has highlighted its work on **[ensuring forced marriage is covered in Local Authority safeguarding guidelines](#)**. Local Authorities across London and the West Midlands have signed up to this.

SCIE is doing further work on this to launch in September and has agreed to keep LaDDER

informed of progress.

6. Over-looked Communities, Over-due Change

Scope have published a report **Over-looked Communities, Over-due Change – how services can better support BME disabled people.**

It makes recommendations on how policy-makers, local authority commissioners, and service providers can improve BME disabled people's access to services.

7. Hft BME Guide

Hft have updated the guide of resources that support BME family carers and those that work with them. It is a comprehensive publication covering all aspects of the work and including examples of good practice. **Download it from the Hft website.**

8. Ethnic Monitoring - is health equality possible without it?

Better Health 21 has been published by the Race Equality Foundation

This paper argues that health equality across different social groups is not possible without improved ethnic monitoring. It concludes by stressing the need for politicians to respond positively to the need to mandate ethnic data collection across primary and secondary health care. More details can be found on the **Better Health website.**

We hope that you have found LaDDER useful and informative. Please let us have any news or information to share for the next edition by 1 November 2012. Please send to Here To Stay, ARC on email: heretostay@arcuk.org.uk

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