

Education and minority ethnic pupils

Finding and using evidence to improve educational outcomes for minority ethnic pupils

Friday 21 April 2006 @ The Black Development Agency, Bristol

The fourth in a series of **FREE** events being held around the region to identify key issues and support the development of an evidence-based approach to local regeneration and Neighbourhood Renewal across a wide range of policy areas.

The workshop will explore the evidence available, identify gaps, showcase practical examples and provide an opportunity to meet and share experiences and ideas with other professionals involved in finding and using evidence to better address education and the engagement of minority ethnic groups..

9.30 Welcome & Refreshments

10.00 Introduction

Nick Harrison, Senior Analyst, Supporting Evidence for Local Delivery (SELD)

10.15 Using data to support a strategic approach to raising BME attainment in Bristol schools

Anne James, Equalities and Social Inclusion Officer, Bristol City Council and Ruth Pickersgill, Equalities and Inclusion Manager, Bristol LEA

Anne and Ruth will demonstrate how a close working partnership and good sharing of data between the Neighbourhood Renewal team and the LEA informed the LEA's BME attainment strategy, NRF and EMAG investment and the impact this has had on results. They will highlight how using different indicators of pupils' social and economic background (ie free school meals or living in a neighbourhood renewal area) produced different patterns of BME achievement.

11.00 Using evidence to support the achievement of Black Caribbean pupils in Gloucestershire

Giles Diggle, Head of Race Equality & Diversity Service, Gloucestershire County Council and Dee Russell-Thomas, Head of EMA Secondary Team, Gloucestershire County Council

Giles and Dee will present and discuss lessons Gloucestershire has learned from initiatives aimed at raising attainment of minority ethnic pupils through a partnership between the local authority, schools, parents, pupils and the community.

11.45 Getting and using information to support the education of pupils from minority ethnic groups

Ken Fyfe, Director of Community Engagement, City Academy (Bristol) Azmina Mitha, Supplementary Schools Project Manager, City Academy (Bristol)

Ken and Azmina of the City Academy in Bristol will explain how they have used the information they have and the help of the people they know to make a real difference to the educational achievement of disadvantaged minority pupils. Through their work with the academy, they have developed a model for additional support which has made a huge difference to the achievement of minority ethnic young people attending Bristol schools. They will discuss the hard and soft evidence of how partnerships between communities and mainstream schools can transform the prospects of underachieving groups.

12.30 Lunch

13.15 Discussion workshops and tours of Bristol City Academy

Afternoon workshops will provide the opportunity for delegates to explore solutions and improvements to their own work through comparing experiences and exchanging good practice in finding and using evidence.

15:00 Close

The event is FREE but places are limited, please email nick.harrison@swo.org.uk to book. See www.seldsw.org.uk for further details about Supporting Evidence for Local Delivery.