

## What works in supporting Refugees to transfer, utilise, and build on their prior skills and experience in the North East labour market & enterprise economy

# Agenda

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011 10.00 – 13.00

At The Stockton ARC (Arts Centre), Dovecote Street, Stockton on Tees. TS18 1LL

**09.30**      **Arrival and registration**

**10.00**      **Welcome and Contextualisation**

- Georgina Fletcher, Regional Refugee Forum North East
- Ian Dodds, Cabinet Office

**10.30**      **Group Discussions : Session 1**

Questions for each table to consider:

*What can we learn that is transferable and generalisable?*

*What can be done at the level of practice, and what do we need others to do?*

Table	Theme	Table leads
1	Careers & Employment support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edward Ralston, North Team Manager, Refugees Into Teaching Project (RiT)</li> <li>• Dr David Chappel, Assistant Director, NEPHO. Refugee Health Professionals Programme 2001-2011</li> </ul>
2	Self Employment & Enterprise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Norbert Konga, Director, ITID Ltd Computer Recycling</li> <li>• Trish Lilley, Business Education and Support Team, HMRC</li> </ul>
3	Volunteering & Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roger Mundangepfufu, Regional Volunteer Co-ordinator, North of England Refugee Service</li> <li>• Michele Stewart, Volunteer Centre Manager, Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency</li> </ul>
4	Work Placements & Apprenticeships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hilary Brockway, Assistant Manager, JET (Jobs, Education &amp; Training) and previously Co-ordinator of the Refugee ILM project</li> <li>• Kath Roe, Director Newcastle UXL (Diversity in Apprenticeships &amp; Training)</li> </ul>

## Break

11.45

### Group Discussions : Session 2

Question for each table to consider:

*What opportunities exist within the broader systems, outside the immediate control of front-line providers, to make the refugee journey more effective?*

Table	Theme	Table leads
1	Commissioning, Procurement & Contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annette Nylund, Business Development Officer, Stockton Borough Council,</li><li>• Julie Fernyhough, Manager, JET (Jobs, Education &amp; Training)</li></ul>
2	Emerging structures and mechanisms of Strategic Influence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chris Barlow, Employability Project Manager, Tees Valley Unlimited</li><li>• Simon Underwood, Lead officer for North East Strategic Migration Partnership; Newcastle City Council Senior Specialist Social Policy &amp; Inclusion and Lead Officer International Relations</li></ul>

12.45

### Next Steps

Chris Ford

13.00

### Lunch

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