

Diverse Neighbourhoods

Policy messages from The University of Manchester

Date: 31st May 2013
Location: Manchester Town Hall, Banqueting Room, Albert Square,
Manchester, M1 5DB
Time: 9.45am-4pm

Register at: <http://diverse-neighbourhoods.eventbrite.co.uk/#>

The event is free to attend. The event is funded by The University of Manchester Hallsworth fund and cities@manchester. It is supported by the Centre on Dynamics of Ethnicity (CoDE) and is an event of the RSS International Year of Statistics 2013.

Neighbourhoods with a large mix of residents from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds have been widely stigmatised, and recent political debates have associated immigration and ethnic diversity with a reduction in social cohesion. However, findings from research conducted at the University of Manchester show that it is deprivation, rather than diversity, that is the key factor. This event aims to disseminate this research to policy, third sector, media and public audiences by discussing the following findings:

- British neighbourhoods are very ethnically mixed, and increasingly so;
- It is deprivation, and not ethnic diversity, which erodes social cohesion and leads to other detrimental health and social outcomes;
- Neighbourhood ethnic diversity has social benefits including for social cohesion and health.

This event will bring together University of Manchester researchers with local and national policy makers, third sector organisations and the media to debate the characteristics of ethnically diverse neighbourhoods, counteracting common myths about these areas. Thus, the main aim of the event is to influence how people involved in the governance of diverse neighbourhoods, broader political bodies, and the media think about diverse communities. Delegates will receive a University of Manchester Policy Brief on Diverse Neighbourhoods.

The themed sessions will consist of short presentations from University of Manchester and community organisations, with ample time for discussion. We are delighted that the Beating Wing Orchestra and the spoken word artist Yusra Warsama will perform at the event.

Programme

9.45 Refreshments and registration
10.25 Welcome (Professor James Nazroo, Director of CoDE, University of Manchester)
10.30 Evidence for increasing ethnic diversity and the policy implications (Chair: Professor James Nazroo)
11.30 Refreshments
12.00 The problem's deprivation, not diversity (Chair: Dr Nissa Finney)
1.00 Lunch
1.45 Performance by the Beating Wing Orchestra
2.15 Benefits of diverse neighbourhoods (Chair: Dr Laia Becares)
3.15 Reflections and performance by spoken word artist Yusra Warsama
3.45 Final remarks
4.00 Close and refreshments