

Aims & Benefits

Conference Aims:

To bring together practitioners, academics and policy makers to look at practical ways of developing community bridges to create community cohesion and reduce racism and extremism.

Attendee Benefits:

- Meet and share experience
- Learn what is being done in Leicester, across the region and nationally
- Meet projects that are creating community bridges and working interculturally
- Network with other organisations and professionals

Who should attend:

Community groups
Voluntary organisations
Statutory agencies
Central and local government agencies
European agencies
European practitioners with an interest in developing bridge building schemes to reduce extremism
Academics

Register now for a nominal cost of £35 which includes buffet lunch and a delegates pack that will include FREE copies of our latest publications including: The Intercultural State, Flavours of Leicester comic book and Belgrave Memories. An extra £10 will reserve you a seat at the Richard Attenborough Centre for a night of Intercultural Comedy as a finale to the Leicester Comedy Festival. As places to the conference and the Comedy Show are limited, seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please send a cheque made payable to East Midlands Economic Network with your name and address and dietary requirements to: EMEN, PO Box 7845, Leicester, LE3 1WY. E: info@emen.org.uk M: 07915 641 292. Ticket prices have been kept low thanks to the support of the Equality & Human Rights Commission. Please note Vaughan College offers good accessibility for all.

Conference Partners:



Agenda

- 1.00pm Registration
- 1.15pm Buffet Lunch
- 2.00pm Asaf Hussain
Welcome and housekeeping
- 2.10pm Mark Thompson, *Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of Leicester*
Introduction
- 2.20pm Dean Tams, Regional Director, NACRO
Building bridges through sports
- 2.35pm Paul Barrand, Artist
Using arts to bridge communities
- 2.50pm John Ryan, Comedian
Comedy & humour building unity
- 3.10pm Tea break
- 3.30pm Steve White, Chair, School
Development Support Agency
- 3.55pm Hamza Vayani, *Chief Executive, Youth Voice*
- 4.20pm Rodney Green, *Chief Executive, Leicester City Council*
- 4.45pm Ted Cantle, *Director Improvement and Development Agency for local government*
- 5.10pm Questions
- 5.25pm Closing Remarks
Paul Hackwood, *Archdeacon of Loughborough*

Booking can be made online at:

www.emen.org.uk

Community Bridge Building – Leicester



Leicester's first Intercultural Conference

Friday 15 February 2008
Vaughan College - University of Leicester

In conjunction with the Equality & Human Rights Commission, Communities & Local Government, East Midlands Economic Network invites you to a groundbreaking conference on a complex, but vitally important, issue – Community Bridge Building.

The conference follows on from a series of workshops and events held in Leicester which have looked in depth at how practitioners from different fields contribute, if at all, to building community bridges.

The conference will explore how community bridge building and intercultural engagement can contribute to community cohesion and to reducing racism and extremism. We will discuss lessons learned from a wide range of experiences, including those of our own here in Leicester.

Speakers include:

Ted Cantle CBE

Steve White

Rodney Green

Hamza Vayani

John Ryan

Paul Barrand

Dean Tams

Celebrating 2008 - European Year of Intercultural Dialogue



Speakers:



Ted Cattle CBE is presently Associate Director of the IDEa, and is overseeing the development of the Agency's work on sustainability. Prior to this, he was responsible for IDEa's performance support work. In August 2001, Ted was appointed by the Home Secretary to chair the Community Cohesion Review Team and to lead the review of the causes of the summer disturbances in a number of northern towns and cities. The report, known as the 'Cattle Report' was produced in December 2001 and made around 70 recommendations. The concept of 'community cohesion' was subsequently adopted by the Government and Ted was asked to chair the panel which advised ministers on implementation. He was the chief executive of Nottingham City Council between 1990 and 2001



Steve White chair of the School Development Support Agency. Now retired after serving 17 years as the head of Rushey Mead School. He is now working with the community to promote an understanding between the diverse communities in Leicester.

"Education is the biggest gift you can give to a youngster... You will be giving them a tool to change their future. A tool once given can not be taken away"



Hamza Vayani is the founder and Chief Executive of the Leicester-based voluntary youth organisation, Youth Voice, which was created following the riots in the Northern cities and encourages young people to empower themselves. He has worked with the Independent Police Commission on community cohesion and led a BBC Radio 5 Live documentary following the 7/7 terrorist attacks in London which won the Race In the Media Awards 2006 category for Radio News. He says: "It is a pleasure to manage an organisation that started as a vision with a group of mates to being one of the biggest youth led organisations in the city. It's a real achievement to have a company that has directors aged 16 to 24, making it possibly the youngest collective group registered in England & Wales encouraging young people to empower themselves."



Rodney Green is the the former Chief Executive of Leicester City Council since September 1996. Prior to taking up his post at Leicester he was the Assistant Chief Executive of West Glamorgan County Council, and Assistant County Education Officer of Surrey County Council. He started his career with the Greater London Council after reading Law and Theology at Cambridge University.

Paul Hackwood Archdeacon of Loughborough

A Funny Old World....

Friday 15 February 2007 8pm @ The Richard Attenborough Centre

Join us for a night of comedy featuring top talent from around the world. Acts include:

Raoul Heertje (The Netherlands) has been described as The Godfather of Danish Comedy. As seen on Have I got News for You and Clive James.

Henning Wehn (Germany) has won the Hackney Empire New Act Competition and was a hit in last year's Leicester Comedy Festival. Henning is the German Comedy Ambassador for The United Kingdom.



Nathan Caton (UK) as seen on Paramount Comedy Channel, is a slick performer with an unbeatable stage attitude and the confident air of someone much more experienced. 2005 Chortle's Student Comic Of The Year.

East Midlands Economic Network



East Midlands Economic Network was founded in 2002 to help people from ALL backgrounds play a full role in society. The organisation is unique in that it works with ALL communities to develop projects that allow them to help themselves. In recent times EMEN has been advocating and developing community bridge building methods of working. This has resulted in a number of heritage and cultural projects working with Leicester's diverse communities as well as publishing key reports on interculturalism in association with the University of Leicester. EMEN received an Awards for All grant last year to become a social enterprise cooperative Company Limited by Guarantee.



Tim Haq has been the Chair of East Midlands Economic Network since its inception in 2002. He has been described as a serial social entrepreneur as well as an intercultural innovator. He specialises in working in some of the most disadvantaged areas developing Community Bridge Building schemes that create understanding and community cohesion.



Bill Law is a founding member and Project Director of East Midlands Economic Network. He specialises in Community Economic Development, Community Cohesion and Community Bridge Building. Bill was responsible for securing the first voluntary sector led Single Regeneration Budget programme in the East Midlands and took the lead in creating the Braunstone Partnership which brought £50 million of regeneration money to Braunstone where he lives.



Bernard Greaves has recently joined EMEN as a Director. He was educated at the Leys School, Cambridge and St Johns College, Cambridge (BA Architecture; Diploma in Architecture (Cantab)). A former chair of the Leicester Partnership and the Leicester City West PCT (Primary Care Trust) Bernard is a Member of the Leicestershire Police Authority as well as a regeneration consultant. Bernard has influenced Liberal, Liberal Democrat and public policy on a range of issues.