

Welcome to the December 2014 Routes to Solidarity e-bulletin!

We thought it would be useful to collate and share the information we receive about events, news and opportunities relevant to the BME women and their support organisations!

This information is publically available and we are sharing it with you because we hope it will be of interest. These events, trainings, resources, publications etc. are not organised or produced by Oxfam except where specifically stated.

Don't forget that some events will require you to BOOK A PLACE! For further information see the links and contact details provided.

If you want anything advertised in our next e-bulletin, please contact us at routestosolidarity@oxfam.org.uk by January 23rd.

NEWS & COMMENT:

[Work Programme adviser: 'Almost every day one of my clients mentioned feeling suicidal'](#) – Guardian, November 2014

[Brent council offers firms who pay living wage £5,000 off rates](#) – Guardian, November 2014

[UK gains £20bn from European migrants, UCL economists reveal](#) – Guardian, November 2014

[300,000 more people live in poverty than previously thought, study finds](#) – Guardian November 2014

[This Is Bradford \(part 2\) radio programme](#) – Radio Leeds. Bradfordian Sabbiyah Pervez discusses issues affecting people living in the city. Listen online

[European court: asking asylum seekers to prove sexuality is breach of human rights](#) – The Telegraph, December 2014

[UKIP declares Bradford South is its most winnable seat in Yorkshire](#) – Telegraph & Argus, December 2014

['If you're black and female you have to try twice as hard': Karen Blackett on race and role models](#) – London Evening Standard, December 2014

[British Muslims face worst job discrimination of any minority group, according to research](#) – Independent, November 2014

[Autumn statement: six graphs you need to see](#) – The Guardian, December 2014

[Serco given Yarl's Wood immigration contract despite 'vast failings'](#) – Independent, November 2014

[Theresa May accused of personally delaying critical reports on immigration](#) – The Guardian, November 2014

[Ferguson solidarity protests spread to dozens of cities nationwide](#) – The Guardian, November 2014

[A song against Ebola is just a band-aid](#) – Mail & Guardian, November 2014

[Say no to the detention expansion plan](#) – JUST West Yorkshire, November 2014

[The economic benefit of poverty reduction](#) – New Start, November 2014

[New Talent Coaches are ready to go!](#) – Greater Manchester Talent Match, November 2014

[Neither Justice nor Value for Money: Video](#) – Women's Resource Centre on the cuts to Legal Aid, December 2014

[Women's Aid welcome £10m government fund for domestic violence refuges](#) – November 2014

[UK gender gap continues to widen, says World Economic Forum report](#) – Guardian, October 2014

[UK Government's Global Shame: Video](#) – Women's Resource Centre on the gender pay gap, November 2014

REPORTS:

[Monitoring Poverty and Social Exclusion 2014](#) – Joseph Rowntree Foundation and New Policy Institute, November 2014

[Devolution, Our Devolution: Perspectives on the Meaning of Devolution for Voluntary and Community Groups](#) – Voluntary Sector North West, December 2014

[A UK Without Poverty](#) – Joseph Rowntree Foundation, September 2014

[The Impact of Faith-based Organisations on Public Health and Social Capital](#) – FaithAction, September 2014

[Where are ethnic inequalities greatest?](#) – Manchester Policy Blogs: Ethnicity, December 2014

[Tailor-made: How community groups improve people's lives](#) - Community Development Foundation, October 2014

[Returns Policy? What the next decade holds for social investment](#) – Charities Aid Foundation, September 2014

[Making Good: The future of the voluntary sector](#) - Civil Exchange, November 2014

[Concluding observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women](#) – Equality and Human Rights Commission and National Alliance of Women's Organisations, November 2014

[CEDAW and CRC Call on States to End Harmful Practices Against Women and Girls](#) – Equality and Diversity Forum, December 2014

[Love and money: how immigration policy discriminates between families](#) – The Migration Observatory, November 2014

[EDF Research Network seminar on 'Patterns of prejudice'](#) – Seminar resources

HAVE YOUR SAY & GET INVOLVED:

[Christmas Giving Campaign](#) - Support After Rape and Sexual Violence Leeds (SARSVL)

[2 minute survey on devolution in Greater Manchester](#) – GMCVO

[Inquiry into benefit sanctions](#) – Government, Commons Select Committee

[Understanding Needs and Improving Services for Minority Communities survey](#) – Women’s Solidarity Forum, Saheli and Faith Network 4 Manchester

[Charity and voluntary sector survey 2014](#) – Deadline: Wednesday 31st December 2014

[Manchester Community Central Training Needs Analysis 2014](#) - Manchester Community Central and Volunteer Centre Manchester

Employer Skills Group seeks voluntary sector and social enterprise employers to help shape the future of skills development and learning – GMCVO, Greater Manchester. Contact louis.brooks@gmcvo.org.uk to express interest.
Deadline: 22nd December 2014

[Call for participants: Equality and Human Rights Framework for VCS organisations](#) – Equality and Diversity Forum, December 2014. **Deadline: 5th January 2015.**

[Government survey on improving the lives of women and girls](#) – Government Equalities Office

EVENTS:

Manchester Migrant Solidarity fundraiser and party: entertainment, henna stall, buffet. £10 suggested donation – **Saturday 13th December 2014**, 6-10pm, Inspire, 747 Stockport Rd, Levenshulme.

[Stronger Together Seminar - Developing Case studies that help you promote your cause](#) – Bolton CVS, **Monday 15th December 2014**, Bolton. FREE/donation

Women Asylum Seekers Together (WAST) and Manchester Migrant Solidarity (MiSol) present Still We Rise - Tuesday 16th December 2014, 6pm, Methodist Central Hall, Oldham Street, Manchester, M1 1JQ. Donations welcome. Email: womentogether@wast.org.uk / marshvicky@hotmail.com

[Transforming Participation in the North East - Pioneers for Participation.](#) Wednesday 14th January 2015. Darlington. FREE

[Project Mirabal launch conferences: Domestic Violence Perpetrators – Changing the Story:](#) London – Tuesday 13th January 2015; Durham – Thursday 15th January 2015. FREE

York Racial Equality Network (YREN) fundraising event: Harmonix Choir and Ukulele Sunshine Revival plus refreshments – Saturday 24th January, 7pm, Unitarian Chapel, St Saviourgate, York. Contact info@yren.co.uk / 01904 500281

[Corin Redgrave Memorial Lecture 2015: On Liberty by Shami Chakrabarti](#) – Peace & Progress, Saturday 31st January, London. £8 / £5

[Breakfast learning session – the road ahead and how to respond](#) – NCVO, Manchester, Tuesday 10th February. £60/£85. Other dates available in London and Birmingham

[Tacking Violence Against BME Women and Girls: Learning Event](#) - Tuesday 24th February, lunch included. Central Square, Newcastle. For info: Farah Kurji, farah@angelou-centre.org.uk, 0191 226 0394

TRAINING & COURSES:

[Marketing your Social Enterprise Workshop](#) - Leeds Community Foundation, **Tuesday 16th December 2014**, 9:30am - 12:30pm. Leeds

Sewing and selling course – Learn to recreate, Sheffield 0777 575 3300 / Email: info@learntorecreate.com. **Enrol by 16th December.** FREE

[Maximizing Income – Benefit and grant search training](#). **Friday 19th December 2014** 9:30 – 12:30am or 1:30 – 4:30pm, Leeds. FREE

[Made of Money – Money management training](#). Wednesday 14th – Thursday 15th January 2015. Middlesbrough

[Youth Mental Health First Aid \(YMHFA\)](#) Monday 19 January 2015, 9:30am - Tuesday 20th January, 4:30pm. Leeds.

[How to set up and run a mini enterprise in arts and crafts](#) – Level 1 accredited course. Creative Hands, Manchester, 28th Jan - 20th May 2015. FREE. Contact Michelle Ayavoro: 0161 225 1064 / 07944811744 / m.ayavoro@creativehandsfoundation.org

[A range of training available from Union Street Media Arts](#), including creative and media training, campaigning, community development and health and wellbeing. Limited number of free bursaries available for Greater Manchester and Cheshire applicants.

Free courses at Leeds City College, including Dreamweaver, Photoshop, Business Improvement and Managing the Team. Contact: 0113 3087970 / yasmin.ali@leedscitycollege.ac.uk

[Bid Writing for Success Course](#) – Age UK. 23rd January 2015. Leeds. £70 / £150

[GMCVO training calendar](#) – Including leadership and management, project management, introduction to counselling skills

SUPPORT AND RESOURCES:

[New statistics on volunteering released](#) – Institute of Volunteering Research

[Case studies](#) - Volunteering fund success stories on voluntary organisation sustainability in Blackburn and Darwen

[Devolution debate on video: Voluntary Sector North West conference and AGM 2014](#) - Neil McInroy of CLES and Ed Cox of IPPR North

[Presentations from the Voluntary Sector North West Conference and AGM](#)

[Poverty Monitor launched for Greater Manchester](#) – Greater Manchester Poverty Action Group, November 2014

[Support with European funding](#) available for Greater Manchester organisations – GMCVO

[Panel on the Independence of the Voluntary Sector](#) – Baring Foundation

[Community Enterprise Checker](#) and [Community Buildings Checker](#) – Essential self-assessment tool for community enterprises and buildings

[Human Rights in Action: Case studies from regulators, inspectorates and ombudsmen](#) – Equality and Human Rights Commission

[Right to Rent Checks Survey](#): Independent evaluation of government scheme to check tenants' immigration status – Movement against xenophobia

[Showcasing Women Centred Solutions](#) – Women Centre Working

[Office space available for hire](#) – Church Action on Poverty, Manchester

[Weston Charity Awards](#) - celebrating and supporting excellent charities working in the fields of Youth, Welfare and Community. **Applications open 1st December 2014 – 30th January 2015**

FUNDING:

[Big Lottery Fund's Reaching Communities grants news](#) – extra money available for stage two applicants to develop their organisation's knowledge, skills and confidence

[Ironmongers' Company – Grants for organisations providing opportunities to disadvantaged children](#). **Deadline: Wednesday 31st December**

[Forever Manchester](#) – Various funds available to community groups in Greater Manchester

[Youth Aspiration Fund](#) – For Greater Manchester communities to empower young people and keep them out of trouble. **Deadlines: Under £5k – 30th January; £5k - £100k – 13th Feb 2015; Over £100k – 27th Feb 2015**

JOBS:

[Head of Campaigns](#) – Action Aid. **Deadline: Wednesday 17th December 2014**

[Kitchen Supervisor – Booth Centre \(Manchester\)](#). **Deadline: Thursday 18th December 2014, 2pm**

[Researcher / Senior Research \(Manchester\)](#) – Centre for Local Economic Strategies – **Deadline: 5pm, Tuesday 23rd December**

[Freelance Music Leader / Trainee Project Manager](#) (Stockport) – Rising Stars. **Deadline: Wednesday 31st December**

[Local Coordinator - Health, Wealth and Happiness Project \(Manchester\)](#) – George's House Trust. **Deadline: Monday 5th January**

[Various jobs in Oxfam based in England](#)