

# “Religion or Belief” and Equality and Human Rights

FREE Awareness raising/consultation event

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## London

10th November 2008, Human Rights Action Centre,  
17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA 9.30am-  
4pm

### Discussion Panel 1

Should “religion or belief” based organisations have exemptions from equality laws?

### Speakers:

- Dr Daniel Boucher, Director of Parliamentary Affairs, CARE
- Jackie Driver, Policy Head in Local Government, EHRC
- Sally Brett, Equality Policy Officer, TUC

### Chair:

Andrew Copson, Director, Education and Public Affairs, BHA

### Discussion Panel 2

What should be done when the rights of one equality group appear to conflict with the rights of another?

### Speakers:

- Pragna Patel, Chair, Southall Black Sisters
- Maryam Namazie, Council of Ex Muslims of Britain
- Rev Sharon Ferguson, Chief Executive, Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement

### Chair:

David Pollock, President, European Humanist Federation



### Keynote Address

Dr Evan Harris MP

## Programme

9.30am	Sign in, Tea and Coffee
10am	Introduction, Panel 1 and Discussion
11am	Tea and Coffee Break
11.20am	Keynote Speaker and Question and Answer Session
12.20pm	Lunch
13.05pm	Workshop 1
13.50pm	Workshop 2
14.35pm	Tea and Coffee Break
14.55pm	Panel 2
15.45pm	Closing Remarks

## Workshops:

Freedom of Expression

Equalities – the Non-Religious Perspective

Employment and “Religion or Belief”

Human Rights and Equalities

Working Together

The work of the EHRC on ‘Religion or Belief’

Liberty

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Religion and Belief Consultative Group

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