

“Religion or Belief” and Equality and Human Rights

FREE Awareness raising/consultation event

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22nd January 2009, The Birmingham and Midland Institute, Margaret Street, Birmingham, B3 3BS
9.30am- 4pm

Discussion Panel 1

“Religion or belief” and Education.

Speakers:

- Andrew Copson, Director, Education and Public Affairs, BHA
- Tony Pearce, Regional Officer, NUT

Chair:

Rabbi Dr Jonathan Romain, Chair, Accord Coalition

Discussion Panel 2

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

Speakers:

- Ziauddin Sardar, Commissioner at the Equality and Human Rights Commission
- Joy Madeiros, Director of Public Policy, Faithworks
- Sally Brett, Equality Policy Officer, TUC

Chair:

Joy Warmington, Chief Executive Officer, Brap



Keynote Address

Professor A.C. Grayling
Professor of Philosophy

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

Liberty

Equalities – the Non-Religious Perspective

BHA

Employment and “Religion or Belief”

ACAS

Public Services and ‘Religion or Belief’

TUC

How do the Equality Strands Work Together?

National Equality Partnership

‘Religion or Belief’ as a Concept

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