

“Religion or Belief” and Equality and Human Rights

FREE Awareness raising/consultation event

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11th December 2008, Britannia Hotel Manchester,
Portland Street, Manchester M1 3LA 9.30am- 4pm

Discussion Panel 1

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

Speakers:

- Dr Stephen Whittle OBE, Founder and Vice President, Press for Change
- Paul Martin, Chief Executive, Lesbian and Gay Foundation
- Jackie Driver, Policy Head in Local Government, EHRC

Chair:

David Pollock, President, European Humanist Federation

Discussion Panel 2

“Religion or belief” at local level and its role in community cohesion

Speakers:

- Hanne Stinson, Chief Executive, BHA
- Anne McMaster, Strategic Equalities Manager, Leeds City Council
- Tahira Khan-Sindhu, Community Empowerment Worker, Trafford Asian Women’s Network

Chair:

Naomi Phillips, Public Affairs Officer, BHA



Keynote Address

Brian Pearce
Adviser, Faith and
Public Life
The Inter Faith
Network for the UK

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:

Equalities – the Non-Religious Perspective
Employment and “Religion or Belief”
“Religion or Belief” and Public Services
Equality Framework for Local Government
Equality Strands- How Do They Work Together?
Interfaith Work

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