

Ripon College Cuddesdon

Migrant Church

Saturday, 5th March 2016

A day to consider the important issue of migration for our society and churches. Migrants will share stories and views, and there will be opportunity to discuss what Christian faith has to say about migration. We will also learn more about the UK context and policy responses, as well as how congregations and faith-based organisations are seeking to respond.

All are welcome. Why not bring a group from your church?

10.30am Introduction

10.45am-12 noon Migrants stories - setting the scene, Don Flynn (Migrant Rights Network)

12.00-1.00pm Theology and migration Dr Susie Snyder (Assistant Director, Catherine of Siena Virtual College, and Tutor in Theology, at the University of Roehampton.)

1.00-1.45pm Lunch

1.45-3.00pm Panel: Responses to Migration – Canon Nick Sagovsky, (formerly Westminster Abbey), Shari Brown (Co-ordinator of RESTORE, Birmingham) and Harvey Kwiyani (Missio Africanus and CMS)

3.00-3.30pm Questions and Answers

Biographies:

[Don Flynn](#) is the Director of the Migrants Rights Network. He leads the organisation's strategic development and coordinates MRN's policy and project work. Don founded MRN after many years experience of working with migrant community organisations through his previous roles as policy advisor and immigration caseworker in London. He also chairs the UK Race and Europe Network (UKREN) and the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM).

Susanna Snyder is Assistant Director, Catherine of Siena Virtual College, and Tutor in Theology, at the University of Roehampton. She actively supports refugees and migrants, and has published extensively on immigration, theology and ethics. Her book, *Asylum-Seeking, Migration and Church*, was published by Ashgate in 2012.

Nicholas Sagovsky has been Chair of the West End Refugee Service (WERS) in Newcastle and a Trustee of the Frank Buttle Trust and is now a Board Member of CARA (the Council for Assisting Refugee Academics). He was a Commissioner on the Independent Asylum Commission (2008), the most comprehensive review of the UK Asylum System. He is an Anglican priest and has been Canon Theologian at Westminster Abbey.

Shari Brown is Project Co-Ordinator of Restore, a Birmingham Churches project which has been going for twelve years. Its aim is to raise awareness, to befriend refugees, and to act as advocates on their behalf. Shari is also chair of the Hope Projects, a response to the destitution of asylum seekers.

Harvey Kwiyani is the Executive Director of Missio Africanus. He teaches cross cultural mission at the Church Mission Society (CMS) and his book, *Sent Forth: African Missionary Work in the West* was published last year.

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