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A meeting to examine the current situation in relation to support for people with **learning disabilities from ethnic minority communities** and their families and to plan for the future.

9th November 2012

Dept of Health, Room 102a, Skipton House,

80 London Rd, London SE1 6LH

This meeting is being co-hosted by **ARC** and **BILD**

10.30am – 4.00pm

FREE to attend

In 2011 the **Giving Us A Voice National Charter for Inclusion** was published.

Was that Voice listened to?

We hope this event will bring together everyone interested in improving learning disability services and supports for people from ethnic minority communities. This will be an opportunity for everyone to talk about the work they are doing or are aware of.

There will be a discussion on how **Think Local Act Personal** can be used in conjunction with the **Charter for Inclusion** to ensure that person-centred work takes account of cultural needs.

There has been further work to support minority communities including the publication of the revised **Framework for Action on Ethnicity**, the **Reaching Out to Families report** from the Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities and the revised guidance for supporting BME work. ARC currently is running the **Here To Stay** project to determine the need for learning disability services for new migrant communities. Go to the **ARC website** and download the new **Learning Disability Diversity and Ethnicity Review (LaDDER)** newsletter for the latest developments.

However, there have been significant reductions in the support available for learning disability and ethnicity. There is no longer a national forum for this group, the national BME family carers support group has ceased, the national learning disability and ethnicity lead post has gone, and there is little funding for the main voluntary sector organisations to continue developing good practice in this area. The Afiya Trust campaign **Living on the Margins** points out, *"In England around £3m was cut to BME voluntary and community sector in social care funding in 2010/2011 – £1.5 million of this was in London alone."*

This event will enable you to take part in sharing on-going work, to form effective partnerships, to discover new opportunities and to help formulate a **national plan of action**.

There are only 50 places available so please book as soon as possible – the deadline is 2nd November. Please contact liz.soames@arcuk.org.uk to book your place or to let us know if you have an activity or piece of work you wish to share on the day.

Programme for the day

10.00am	**Coffee**
10.15am	**Introduction –** Jacqueline Bell, ARC CEO and Ann Chivers, BILD CEO.
10.30am	**Setting the context –** Keith Smith and Bridget Fisher.
10.45am	**What has been achieved to improve peoples' lives?** A facilitated session of knowledge sharing – delegates will be able to make short presentations of work they know about. Delegates to present any resources they have produced.
11.45am	**Break**
12.00pm	**Review –** What is current, what is funded, what is at risk, what is lost? Key question: what is valued and needed for the future?
1.00pm	**Lunch**
1.30pm	**Review of the Charter and the revised Framework for Action –** key points for change.
	Presentation – Think Local Act Personal and its markers.
2.15pm	**Making the links**.
2.30pm	**Going forward –** What is needed? What is next? Who is going to do what? Maintaining momentum.
3.15pm	**Plan of Action**

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