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**WELLCHI NETWORK**

The well-being of children: the impact of changing family forms, working conditions  
of parents, social policy and legislative measures

**COORDINATION ACTION**

Priority 7: Citizens and governance in a knowledge-based society

REPORT OF THE LOCAL AGENTS MEETING

**Centre for Research on Families and Relationships (CRFR)**

Edinburgh, United Kingdom

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2006

Start date of the project: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2004

Duration: 36 months

## **Meeting of UK Local Agents, Edinburgh, November 2006**

A second meeting of local agents was organised in Edinburgh, on this occasion focusing on a particular theme which is known to be a growing area of concern for a policy makers and practitioners, *migration, families and relationships* with a particular focus on children and migration. Not all of the children's organisations who attended our first meeting were present but we successfully brought together academics, members of voluntary organisations concerned with the well being of children and families of migrants and members of local government, statutory bodies and national government. A list of people indicating their attendance is attached. The proceedings consisted of three formal presentations, an open forum in which academic and practitioner researchers made short presentations about their work and discussion about future actions. Professor Allan Findlay from the University of Dundee provided an overview of trends in migration to Scotland and then Dr Peter Hopkins, from the University of Lancaster presented research on the experiences of children who have arrived in the UK and Scotland as unaccompanied asylum seekers. Gary Christie from the Scottish Refugee Council, a voluntary body which seeks to support those arriving in the UK seeking asylum and refugee status, talked about the organisation's perspective on migrants' experiences and on working with families and children, and their views about gaps in the research evidence that need to be filled. In an open 'research showcase' session participants who were engaged in or commissioning migration research, whether as academics or practitioners or policy makers, provided brief accounts of current work. Small group discussion focused on future research agendas and possible actions to ensure high quality socially relevant research. A copy of the flyer for the day. The meeting was very successful in stimulating exchange between researchers and a much wider constituency of research users and providing all with food for thought concerning their own future agendas. The evaluation is attached.



## Seminar Evaluation

### Migration, families and relationships: Current issues - future agendas

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2006  
Total of 28 forms completed

How useful did you find the seminar?

1	2	3	4	5
Not useful				very useful
0%	0%	18%	41%	41%

Did the seminar fulfil your expectations?

1	2	3	4	5
Not much				a lot
4%	0%	15%	52%	29%

How would you rate the speaker sessions?

### Allan Findlay - International Migration to Scotland: current trends and issues

1	2	3	4	5
Not good				Very good
0%	0%	0%	30%	70%



Information on research being conducted  
Lists of datasets on migration figures or links to such datasets  
Household information now and in the future  
Assumptions underlying household projections from General Register Office for Scotland  
Household information by ethnic group  
Household formation and deprivation/absence of deprivation

Information about practical things about researchers outcomes  
More on migration/integration/social networks

Research people are doing in this area - just a list/web page links to research.....I think this is what you are going to do in the mapping exercise though.....

Any additional comments

Very informative day - productive for developing future professional relationships  
Really useful day - good to hear about issues and to meet and talk to people - and for me to learn more about the Scottish context  
Facing the frequent problem of high energy, ideas, "synergies" etc on the day that fizzle out due to existing work commitments. Most attendees already had a full work/research schedule

Was not entirely clear from the description that so much emphasis would be placed on asylum seekers

More influence to home office/government about better services provision

Too focused on asylum seekers and not really about migration

Would be good to have further meetings/opportunities to discuss these issues in further detail - very interesting event

Would be very interested in the Round Table re migrants lived experiences Lynn mentioned

Great range of speakers - all very different

# **Migration, families and relationships: critical issues – future agendas**



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**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2006**

**Brenda Moon Suite • University Library  
University of Edinburgh • George Square**

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| <b>10.00</b> | <b>Coffee and registration</b>  |
| <b>10.30</b> | <b>Welcome – Chair Lynn Jamieson, CRFR</b>  |
| <b>10.45</b> | <b>International migration to Scotland: current trends and issues<br/>Allan Findlay, University of Dundee</b>   |
| <b>11.15</b> | <b>Questions</b>  |
| <b>11.25</b> | <b>Pre-flight departure circumstances and accounts of<br/>transnational migration: the experiences of unaccompanied<br/>asylum-seeking children and young people<br/>Peter Hopkins, University of Lancaster</b> |
| <b>11.55</b> | <b>Questions</b>  |
| <b>12.05</b> | <b>Discussion</b>   |
| <b>12.15</b> | <b>Research showcase</b>  |
| <b>12.45</b> | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| <b>1.45</b>  | <b>Asylum policy and family relationships<br/>Gary Christie, Scottish Refugee Council</b>   |
| <b>2.15</b>  | <b>Discussion groups: setting an agenda for action</b>  |
| <b>3.15</b>  | <b>Future action</b>  |
| <b>3.45</b>  | <b>Tea and Close</b>  |

**Migration, families and relationships: critical issues - future agendas**  
**Brenda Moon Room, Wolfson Suite, University of Edinburgh**  
**Thursday 23rd November 2006**  
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