



Exploring the successes, challenges  
and barriers facing the youth sector.



Friday, November 28th, 2008  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Northwood Park, Santry, Dublin 9

# Shaping Interculturalism in Youth Work

As 2008 is the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue the National Youth Council of Ireland is hosting a conference entitled **Shaping Interculturalism in Youth Work**.

This one day event will showcase successful youth projects and promote debate on the barriers and challenges facing the youth sector as it embraces Interculturalism.

This conference is aimed at heads of organisations, policy makers, decision makers, youth workers, volunteers and anyone interested in Interculturalism in youth work.

## Who are NYCI?

The National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI) is an umbrella organisation that represents and supports the interests of 54 national voluntary youth organisations and uses its collective experience to act on issues that impact on young people.

We provide training, support and information in Youth Health, Youth Arts, Development Education, Interculturalism and Child Protection along with working in the areas of Advocacy, Research & Policy and Young People's Participation. Our work is based on the core values of equity, volunteerism, pro-activity, interdependence, quality and representation.



# Conference Running Order

9.30 Registration

10.00 **Introduction** - Eddie D'Arcy, President of NYCI

10.10 **Opening Remarks** - Barry Andrews T.D.,  
Minister for Children & Youth Affairs

10.20 **Keynote Speaker** - Yasmin Alibhai-Brown, Distinguished Journalist,  
Broadcaster & Author (see overleaf for her biography)

10.40 Philip Watt, CEO of NCCRI  
**Intercultural Youth Work in Context - The Year of Intercultural Dialogue**

10.50 Siobhan Lynam – Intercultural Consultant  
**The Relevance and Benefits of Interculturalism in Youth Work**

11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.15 Roundtable 1

**Exploring current intercultural practice in youth work**

This session will explore understandings, responses to, and challenges faced while doing intercultural youth work.

12.45 **Lunch and Networking**

1.45 Roundtable 2

**Embedding interculturalism in youth work - What are our responsibilities and obligations?**

This topic will centre on practical actions that each organisation can take and identify the changes that may be required.

3.00 **Break out Session**

3.15 Roundtable 3

**What supports are needed to embed interculturalism effectively within your organisations?**

This roundtable will consider stakeholders as enablers of intercultural youth work and determine what practical supports need to be put in place.

4.15 **Summary Plenary**

4.30 **Closing Remarks**

## Conference Booking Form

Closing date for return of booking forms is Friday, October 31st 2008.

Name (s):	
Organisation:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
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Requirements (dietary, communication or access):	

Please e-mail, fax or post completed Booking Form with payment details (cheque, credit card or postal order) marked "Shaping Interculturalism in Youth Work" to details below:

Booking details:	For more information or to reserve your place at the conference please contact: Lisa Hyland, The National Youth Council of Ireland, 3 Montague Street, Dublin 2 Tel: +353 1 478 4122 Fax: +353 1 478 3974 E-mail: <a href="mailto:lisa@nyci.ie">lisa@nyci.ie</a> Website: <a href="http://www.youth.ie">www.youth.ie</a>
Conference fee:	Full day                      €65/€45 for member organisation



# Yasmin Alibhai-Brown – Biography

Yasmin Alibhai-Brown is originally from Uganda and arrived in Britain in 1972. She is a distinguished journalist who has written for The Guardian, Observer, The New York Times, Time Magazine, Newsweek, The Evening Standard, The Mail and other newspapers and is now a regular columnist on The Independent and London's Evening Standard. She is also a radio and television broadcaster and author of several books. From 1996 to 2001 she was a Research Fellow at the Institute for Public Policy Research which published *True Colours* on the role of government on racial attitudes and is a senior fellow at the Foreign Policy Centre.

She created *After Multiculturalism*, a pamphlet re-assessing the multicultural ideology in Britain which was the first critical examination by a social democrat of a settled and now damaging orthodoxy. She is also a regular international public speaker in Britain, other European countries, North America and Asian nations. Yasmin has a forthcoming book entitled *Settlers Cookbook, a memoir of migration love and food* due out soon. She is also Vice President of the United Nations Association, UK.





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