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## **READING DECLARATION CONFERENCE**

### **“STEPHEN LAWRENCE - 10 YEARS ON”**

***The Town Hall, Reading 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009***

**9.30am to 16:00pm**

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## **AIMS OF CONFERENCE**

The Reading Declaration was established 10 years ago following the Macpherson report and recommendations to promote race equality as a result of the Stephen Lawrence murder. A conference was held in June 2000 to launch the new partnership and bring together the key public sector partners to establish a common objective for the future.

The original objective was to implement a multi-agency and cross-service approach in promoting equality and fair treatment in all areas of public service.

This conference marks the 10th anniversary and aims to involve the declaration partners and the local community in reviewing our achievements to date and developing a common strategy for the future.

The conference is an opportunity for the public sector partners to listen and hear from communities about the current issues affecting them and the actions required by the Declaration.

**Directions: Reading Town Hall, Blagrove Street, Reading, RG1 1QH**

From Reading station walk down the new concourse to the Heathrow Airbus exit and cross over the road to Blagrove Street, where you will see The Town Hall on the left.

Parking is available at The Oracle, Queen's Road, Garrard Street and Reading Station Car Parks.

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**09:30 Arrival, registration and refreshments**

**10.00 Welcome and Introduction**

**Achievements of Reading Declaration and Purpose of Conference** - Chief Executive, RBC, Mr Michael Coughlin

**10.20 Local scene including results of research** - Director, Reading Council for Racial Equality, Mr Rajinder Sohpal

**10.40 Fighting on, for the love of Stephen** - Mrs Doreen Lawrence

**11.30 Refreshment Break**

**12.00 Workshops**

1. **Education** - Children Attaining Full Potential.
2. **Physical & Mental Health & Well Being.**
3. **Equality and Fairness** in Employment.
4. **Wealth Inequality & Child Poverty.**
5. **Inclusive Citizenship** - Influencing Decision Making.
6. **Keeping People Safe.**

**13:00 Lunch**

**14.00 Workshops**

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**15:00 Refreshment Break**

**15.15 Equality Bill - Fairer Future** - Director of English Regions, Equality and Human Rights Commission, Mr Tim Wainwright).

**15:45 Questions and Way Forward**

**16.00 Concluding remarks and close**

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<b>1. Education</b> - Children Attaining Full Potential.	Jackie Daniel, Apollo	Lisa Murrell, Reading Borough Council
<b>2. Physical &amp; Mental Health &amp; Well Being.</b>	Beverley Costa, Mothertongue (am session)  Polly Falconer, Evadney UK and Jocelyn Melton-Grey (pm session)	Ian Mundy, Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
<b>3. Equality and Fairness</b> in Employment.	Ann Marie Dixon Barrow, Green Park	Liz Nyawade, Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust
<b>4. Wealth Inequality &amp; Child Poverty.</b>	Siddo Deva, UNI	Pete Oliphant, Thames Valley Police
<b>5. Inclusive Citizenship</b> - Influencing Decision Making.	Cecily Mwaniki, Utulivu	Chris Bloomfield, Reading Borough Council
<b>6. Keeping People Safe.</b>	Victor Koroma, RCRE	David Wallace, Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue

#### Each workshop will consider

‘Do you think things have changed in terms of (the workshop theme) over the last 10 years and in what way. Better /Worse?’

‘What would you say are the challenges for us now?’

What action needs to be taken?