The EHRC’s Work on Religion or Belief

Wednesday 9th September 2015
University of Chester
Law School
67 Liverpool Road, Chester, CH2 1AW

5:00pm - 7:00pm

In Collaboration with Cheshire, Halton and Warrington Race and Equality Centre

Attendance is free but places are limited
To book a place asap go to www.chester.ac.uk/FRED or email: Chantal.Davies@Chester.ac.uk
The Forum for Research into Equality and Diversity will be running a 2 hour seminar on the 9th of September focusing upon the Equality and Human Right’s Commission’s policy, research and legal work on the issues of religion or belief.

The seminar will be led by Dr David Perfect who will present a paper entitled ‘The EHRC’s work on religion or belief’. The paper will examine the EHRC’s research, legal, policy and guidance work on religion or belief. The focus will be on its recent and ongoing commissioned work. This includes a call for evidence on religion or belief in the workplace and service delivery; a review of the interpretation and effectiveness of equality and human rights law relating to religion or belief; and the preparation and guidance for employers and service providers on key religion or belief topics.

The EHRC will also be preparing a report outlining its recommendations on the religion or belief legal framework by the end of 2015. Some of the key issues that this report is expected to explore will be outlined in order to facilitate a broader discussion on the strengths and weaknesses of the current legal framework.

**Dr David Perfect:** works for the EHRC as a Research Manager, having previously worked in the same capacity at the Equal Opportunities Commission. Since 2011, he has also been a Visiting Research Associate at the University of Chester.

At the EHRC, he is part of the team working on the implementation of the EHRC’s strategy on religion or belief in public life. He is the author of several papers and chapters on religion or belief, most recently a co-authored chapter (with Rebecca Catto) on religious literacy, equalities and human rights in A. Dinham and M. Francis (eds), Religious literacy in policy and practice (Policy Press, 2015).

Dr Perfect also researches and writes on the politics and history of The Gambia and has co-authored two books on this subject.

**Forum for Research into Equality and Diversity:** The Forum for Research into Equality and Diversity focuses on and specialises in research and knowledge transfer activities in the area of diversity and equality across a range of disciplines. The Forum provides a much needed knowledge transfer resource for local voluntary organisations, lawyers, HR practitioners, academics and businesses across the North West and beyond.

During 2015/16, the Forum will be working with recognised experts to present a series of events on issues relating to equality and diversity. For further details of these events see the Forum website at: www.chester.ac.uk/FRED.

**Cheshire, Halton & Warrington Race & Equality Centre:** is a local charity that is this year celebrating its 20th year. It works to eliminate discrimination, promote equality and good relations and offers a wide variety of services from its base at the Unity Centre.