

ROTA AGM 2017/18 and conference “Brexit for BAME Britain?”

Thursday 22 November 2018

Resource for London, 356 Holloway Road, London N7 6PA

7 – 8.30pm

ROTA has launched a briefing on the potential impacts of Brexit on Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities. We will present a short presentation, followed by a Q&A. We will discuss what challenges and opportunities Brexit may bring for BAME people.

Conference chaired by **Debbie Weekes-Bernard**, *Deputy Mayor for Integration, Greater London Authority (GLA)*.

Running order

7.00 Conference arrivals

7.15 Welcome Address

Debbie Weekes-Bernard welcomes attendees, speaks on the Brexit and poverty work at JRF and the scope of her new role as Deputy Mayor for Integration at GLA.

7.20 Kimberly McIntosh, Policy Officer, ROTA & Dr Irum Shehreen Ali deliver a short presentation of the findings from the briefing and what we would like to see from the government.

7.30 Femi Oluwole, Chief Spokesperson, *Our Future, Our Choice* makes the case for People’s Vote and the potential impact of Brexit on young people.

7.40 Kunle Olulode, Director, *Voice4Change England* makes the case for Brexit and the opportunities it could bring for BAME communities.

7.50 Nahir de la Silva, Policy and Communications Officer, *Latin American Women’s Rights Service (LAWRS)*, explains the risks Brexit poses to non-EU women dependents of EU/EEA partners in an abusive relationship, an issue that is overlooked in the current debate.

8.00 Sarah Zawacki, Policy and Information Worker, *Roma Support Group* comments on the potential impact of Brexit on the Roma community.

8.10 Q&A session – close and networking at 8.30pm

Speaker bios

Kimberly McIntosh is Policy Officer at Race on the Agenda (ROTA) and the Runnymede Trust. She focuses on research, network building, debate and policy engagement. She is also a writer, commentator and columnist for outlets such as the Guardian, Sky News and gal-dem.



Dr Irum Shehreen Ali is a sociologist, writer and policy analyst with a background as a development practitioner and researcher in democratisation and institutional governance. Her current research interests are around the evolving socio-cultural identities of immigrants in the UK, the changing charity and advocacy sector and issues of public service access for ethnic minorities. She is a Fellow at the Muslim Institute and currently undertaking projects on mental health services for Muslim youth. She holds a DPhil in Sociology from the University of Oxford.



Femi Oluwole is Chief Spokesperson for Our Future, Our Choice, a pro-EU advocacy group that believes the voices of young people should be heard. He's a regular Brexit commentator on Sky News, BBC, The Independent, The Times and Evening Standard.



Kunle Olulode is Director of Voice4Change England, a national advocate for the Black and Minority Ethnic voluntary and community sector (BMS VCS). He is a pro-Brexit commentator, an active campaigner in the trade union movement, leader in the arts and founder member of the award winning Camden Black History Forum.



Nahir de la Silva is Policy and Communications Officer at Latin American Women's Rights Service, a user-led, feminist and human rights organisation focused on addressing the practical and strategic needs of Latin American migrant women displaced by poverty and violence. She is an expert in partner-based violence, severe exploitation and trafficking for labour exploitation.



Sarah Zawacki is Policy and Information Worker at the Roma Support Group. She's a PhD candidate at Durham University, specialising in the health experiences of Roma migrants to the UK. She also influences policies which affect Roma refugees and migrants.

