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17:30 – 19:30

We are pleased to invite you to a face-to-face **evening roundtable event** in Cardiff, organised by the Centre for Voluntary Sector Leadership at The Open University and Cardiff Council. We will be discussing "Overcoming Reliance on Gatekeepers: Addressing Racial Equity Through Meaningful Partnerships and Collaboration with Black and Minority Ethnic Communities at a Local Level".

[Register here](#)

This event, brought to you by the Centre for Voluntary Sector Leadership (CVSL) at The Open University and Cardiff Council, is exclusively for those working in Cardiff. It will bring together representatives of service providers, leaders of voluntary sector organisations and leaders of Black and Minority Ethnic groups based in Cardiff to discuss lessons learnt in the last 24 months following their engagement and collaboration during the Covid-19 pandemic and in the aftermath of the Black Lives Matter demonstrations in 2020. This roundtable is the fourth in a series that is helping to identify key challenges and document learning on promising collaboration practices to share at a final conference (to be held in Cardiff on 27 October, 2022) bringing together people representing the four roundtables (held in Swansea, Newport and Milton Keynes).

At the roundtable, the CVSL research team will present their observations and preliminary findings from research projects on the leadership of Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Voluntary Sector Organisations. These projects include (1) Exploring BAME Leaders' Leadership Development Needs as they Collaborate with Policy Makers and the Police to Address Racial Inequalities in Milton Keynes (2021); and (2) Exploring the expansion of the pool of BME leaders that the Police consults, collaborates and engages with (2022). Following the presentation, the CVSL team will invite participants to share their observations on the research. The CVSL team will take anonymised notes during the feedback to incorporate into the research project's data. As part of the registration process for the roundtable, the CVSL team will ask participants to read the participant information sheet and complete and sign a relevant consent form to comply with The Open University's Human Research Ethics Committee guidelines.

A buffet meal (including vegetarian and vegan options) will be served from 5.00pm.

Places are limited to 20 and will be on first come first served basis.

We hope to see you there!

Thank you

Best wishes

Fidèle Mutwarasibo

