



**“PERCEPTIONS, PREJUDICES AND EVIDENCE
- contributing to community cohesion”**

Joint Conference of the Warwick University
Local Authorities Research Consortium and LASE

**Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd January 2008
Scarman House Conference Centre, University of Warwick**

DRAFT PROGRAMME (15th November 2007)

Sunday 20th January

8.00 p.m. Optional informal dinner for early arrivals
Bed & breakfast at Scarman House

DAY ONE	MONDAY 21ST JANUARY	
Time	Activity	Speakers
10.30 a.m. 5 mins.	Housekeeping and Welcome	Iain Roxburgh, Consortium Director
10.35 a.m. 10 mins.	Welcome and background to the Conference	Cllr. Roger Lawrence, Leader, Wolverhampton City Council & Consortium Chair
10.45 a.m. 20 mins. plus 15 mins. questions	Angela Mason will address the part played by our perceptions and misconceptions in forming our prejudices reflecting on the Report to the Cabinet Office Equalities review in 2006 by the University of Kent on Equality, Diversity and Prejudice in Britain. Angela will outline the work the IDeA is doing to develop a local evidence base on equalities and diversity.	Angela Mason, IDeA
11.20 a.m.	Tea/Coffee	
11.30 a.m. 60 mins.	Working Session 1 – Media and communications Most of our everyday perceptions of the world around us are formed by what we see and hear. Workshop session – Examine the day's news for prejudice	Chair: Cllr. Tony O'Neill, Coventry Alan Kirby, Coventry Evening Post The Refugee Council
12.30 p.m.	Lunch	
1.30 p.m. 60 mins.	Workshops: 1. Migrant Workers 2. Inter-generational 3. Contingency planning/community tension assessment	Anne Green, Institute of Employment Studies Ian Hobbs, Devon County Council Steve Jarman, Cardiff County Council Robin Tuddenham, LB Waltham Forest

2.30 p.m. 60 mins.	Young People session	Led by Young People
3.30 p.m.	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
3.45 p.m. 45 mins.	Commission for Cohesion and Integration	Keynote speaker
4.30 p.m. 10 mins.	Reflections	Professor John Mawson, Director, Local Government Centre
4.45 p.m. 60 mins.	AGM LASE John Mawson	AGM WULARC Cllr. Roger Lawrence
	BREAK	
Time TBC 60 mins.	DRINKS RECEPTION	
	DINNER followed by report of the Social Justice Policy Group on "Breakthrough Britain"	Guest Speaker: Rt. Hon. Iain Duncan Smith MP
DAY TWO	TUESDAY 22ND JANUARY	
Time	Activity	Speakers
9.20 a.m. 10 mins.	Introduction	Cllr. Roger Lawrence
9.30 a.m. 60 mins.	Workshops: 1. Extremism 2. Duty on schools to promote cohesion	Hilary Kitchin, LGIU and case studies GSU and Wolverhampton
10.30 a.m. 45 mins.	<i>Gillian Merron was appointed as a Cabinet Office Minister and Minister for the East Midlands in June 2007. Her departmental responsibilities include social exclusion</i>	Gillian Merron MP – Cabinet Office Minister and Minister for the East Midlands
11.15 a.m.	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>	
11.30 a.m. 60 mins.	Working Session 2 - "Lies, damned lies and statistics" – getting the evidence straight Increasing measures, more targets and greater access to them – but what do they mean, how to interpret them accurately and use them positively? Workshop	Peter Kenway, NPI
12.30 p.m. 15 mins.	Pledging Session – What will I do differently? Each LASE/WULARC participant writes 2 pledges to bring change when back at base.	Cllr. Roger Lawrence
12.45 10 mins.	Reflections and thanks	Ines Newman, PRF Professor John Mawson
1.00 p.m.	<i>Lunch & Depart</i>	