



**Free Seminar – Improving Short Break & Respite Services for BME Communities  
Carronvale Conference Centre, Larbert (nr Falkirk), Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2007**

I am writing to draw your attention to the above training seminar which is designed for respite and short break service providers throughout Scotland. This event forms part of a national programme of training that has been delivered throughout mainland Scotland, free of charge, thanks to the support of the Scottish Executive.

The purpose of this event is to develop knowledge and understanding of the cultural needs of BME communities in relation to respite care services and to provide practical guidance on making services more accessible and attractive.

The seminar is aimed at all those involved in delivering, planning or commissioning services across all sectors. All those attending will receive a copy of Shared Care Scotland's '*Breaking Through*' Report on this subject.

I have attached for information a copy of the seminar programme along with the necessary booking form, which can be returned to us by post, email or fax. Should you require any additional information regarding this event please don't hesitate to contact us.

Perhaps you could also help us by forwarding this information to other people in your network that you think may be interested in attending.

Please note early booking is advisable to avoid disappointment.

Yours sincerely

Don Williamson  
**Chief Executive**

**Providing Short Break Services to Minority  
Ethnic Communities**

**Carronvale Conference Centre, Larbert**

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**PROGRAMME**

- 9.00am        **Registration** (coffee/tea served)
- 9.30am        **Welcome and introductions**
- Maori Welcome, programme for day, house-keeping.
- 9:50am        **Cultural Awareness**
- Working in Pairs- Definitions 'quiz'
  - Group: Overheads, Individualism vs. Collectivism
  - Individuals: Cultural Awareness Statements
  - In pairs, then feedback to group: Host Culture/Being Scottish
  - Group: 'As ourselves and others see us'
- 11.30am        **Break**
- 11.45am        **Overview of the Race Relations Act (Amendment), and review morning**
- 12.30pm        **Lunch**
- 1.15pm        **Barriers**
- Group Discussion:*
- Experiences of providing a service to BME families
  - Barriers facing BME communities in terms of accessing respite breaks
  - Challenges faced by your organisation in relation to providing appropriate services to BME families
- 2.00pm        **What BME communities say they want from respite provision**
- 2.20pm        **Recruitment**
- Visualisation exercise: hospital in India
  - Need for BME staff – to better serve BME communities, but also RRAA, maximising talent and potential
  - Positive Action/Positive Discrimination
  - Why do you think more BME people don't apply for available jobs?
  - How could we encourage more applications?
  - Ethnic Monitoring – any concerns?

# Booking Form

**SHARED CARE SCOTLAND  
MINORITY ETHNIC TRAINING PROGRAMME  
EVENTS BOOKING FORM**

Name of Event: **Improving Access to Short Break Services for BME carers and care recipients**

Date & Time of Event: **9.30am to 4.00pm, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2007**

Delegate Name:

Job Title/Role:

Organisation:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

Please give details of dietary requirements or special needs below:

**This event is free of charge.**

Please print this form and post, fax or email to:

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