## Under the Radar: What Room for Refugees? Central United Reformed Church, Sheffield, 5 April 2014

## PROGRAMME

- 10.30 Registration and Hot Drinks
- 11.00 Opening by Zrinka Bralo and Nicholas Coulton
- 11.05 11.35 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Richard Vautrey
- 11.35 11.40 Music: Choir of Christ Abiding Ministries International (Hope of Glory Church), Sheffield
- 11.45 12.15 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Ruth Grove-White
- 12.15 12.30 THEOLOGICAL COMMENTARY: Fleur Houston
- 12.30 1.30 pm LUNCH

1.30 - 2.20 WORKSHOPS:

**Destitution:** Dave Smith: *Boaz Trust Manchester*, with input from ASSIST Sheffield (*Asylum Seeker Support Initiative Short Term*).

- **Housing:** Julian Prior: Chief Executive Officer, Action Foundation, Newcastle upon Tyne; chair of the working group which produced the report: Asylum Matters, Centre for Social Justice 2008.
- **Health:** Joan Macfarlane: a volunteer with ASSIST Sheffield; former manager of the Mulberry Practice which offers primary care services to asylum seekers living in Sheffield.
- **Campaigning**: David Price, South Yorkshire Migration and Asylum Action Group (SYMAAG) with Greg Challis, Committee to Defend Asylum Seekers, Sheffield (CDAS).
- Legal Matters: Gina Clayton: visiting lecturer in law, Middlesex University; author of the definitive textbook on Immigration and Asylum Law; chair of ASSIST, Sheffield.
- 2.20 2.30 More music (i.e. while people are arriving back from workshops)
- 2.30 3.10 PANEL DISCUSSION
- 3.10 3.20 Tiffy Allen, National Co-ordinator, Cities of Sanctuary
- 3.20 3.30 Closure by Zrinka, Jonathan Clark, and depart

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**Chair**: Zrinka Bralo: *Executive Director, Migrants and Refugee Communities Forum, London;* served as commissioner on Independent Asylum Commission; winner of 2011 Voices of Courage Award, New York.

## Main speakers:

Richard Vautrey, NHS Leeds North, Deputy Chair BMA GP Committee, Vice-President of the Methodist Conference 2009. Ruth Grove-White, Policy Director, Migrants' Rights Network.

**Theological reflection:** Fleur Houston, *minister of the United Reformed Church, currently writing a book for Acumen Press on: The Bible, Refugees and Asylum.*