

GREC'S ACTIVITIES: REDUCING EXCLUSION & DISADVANTAGE

Work with migrants

Objectives 2005-06

- Expand and develop services and resources to Aberdeenshire for minority ethnic and migrant workers, particularly in Peterhead and Fraserburgh areas
- Apply for support for our work with recent arrivals

Achieved during the year

- Gave input at two migrant workers seminars held in Peterhead & Inverurie by Aberdeenshire Council
- Awarded funding from Scottish Enterprise Grampian and Aberdeenshire Council, and assistance in kind by Grampian Fire & Rescue Service, to run a six-month pilot project for migrant workers in North Aberdeenshire, recruiting an additional worker to assist in providing a service to over 40 people, increasing liaison and networking with statutory and voluntary agencies in the area
- Attended the main multi-agency meetings in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire responsive to migration issues
- Funding proposals have met with a shuddering lack of success other than for very short-term small-scale pilots

Objectives 2006-07

- Establish a longer-term presence in North Aberdeenshire, initially over 3 months, offering a service to up to 50 ethnic minority individuals and migrant workers, tackling discrimination in the community, employment, and access to resources and benefits, improving access and skills to employment
- Seek to found a better articulated service with prospects of supportive funding from national sources
- Continue to offer training and mini-conferences to improve awareness of the issues posed by migration and have an enhanced capability to respond to queries from our core supportive local agencies
- In partnership with our supportive local public bodies, consider getting registered under the Office of the Immigration Commissioner allowing us to give limited immigration advice
- By the end of the year we will have sought to have, supported by our local partners, a definite relationship with central government where issues of migration can be raised