

“Hard Times” - The impact for women and how to respond.

Monday 18 April 2011 - 9.30am - 3.30pm at Sheffield Hallam University,
City Campus, Eric Mensforth Conference Suite

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Childcare. Do you require support with costs towards registered childcare?

Yes Please give details: _____

No _____

Special Requirements.

Dietary
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Access
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Workshop Selection: Please choose 2 workshops

- Women and Work** – Led by TUC, focus on part timers rights, flexible working
- Working for Yourself** – The pros and cons
- Making Ends Meet** – Led by Credit Unions, Debt Advice
- Women and the World of Networking** – Led by NAVCA and Oxfam
Empowerment of the most vulnerable
- Grandparents, Caring and Work** – Led by Grandparents Plus and Age UK
- Women Pensioners and Poverty** – Led by Kate Green MP, accessing benefits and rights
- Student Finance and Debt** – Led by National Union of Students

To register please complete and return form

by post: to Shirley Allen-Jackson, Workers' Educational Association,
Sheffield Learning Centre, 3 Vicarage Road, Attercliffe, Sheffield S9 3RH

by email: giving full details to sallenjackson@wea.org.uk

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This conference will be the first of a series of four such consultations, focussing on the lives of women across the region over the next two years. You will have the space and time to discuss and understand the impact of all the tax, benefit, pension, and other economic changes affecting home and work.

It will be relevant to women of all ages from students to pensioners, carers, grandparents, paid and unpaid workers. Come and hear from those who advise on these issues, to share their thinking and experience.

Outcomes include identifying practical ways to make ends meet during these economic changes; using and developing the expanding world of networks that affect our lives.

Participants will work in small workshops and have the chance to speak with a wide range of experts from academia, the professions and politics, as well as listening to some inspiring keynote speakers in the opening and closing plenaries.

We are expecting a very wide interest. Organisations and individuals wanting to attend are advised to register before Friday 25 March 2011.

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Programme

Chair: **Beatrix Campbell OBE**, Writer and Broadcaster

9.30 Registration and refreshments

10.00 - 11.15 **Opening Speakers:**

Professor Sylvia Johnson
Pro-Vice Chancellor of Sheffield Hallam

Professor Sue Yeandle
Leeds University

Shaista Gohir MBE
Executive Director, Muslim Women's Network UK

Contributions from Government Speakers, Women's Budget Group and Work and Pensions Select Committee

11.30 - 12.30 **Workshops**

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12.30 - 1.15 **Lunch/Networking**

1.15 - 2.15 **Workshops – Repeated**

2.30 - 3.30 **OPEN FORUM: THE WAY AHEAD**

Helen Jackson CBE

Summation Led by Vera Baird QC