

# RETHINKING REFUGEE CONFERENCE OUTCOMES AND ISSUES

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### Key outcomes of the conference: setting priorities for action

Following a packed event of over 100 people at our #Rethinking Refugee Conference in Birmingham on Monday 13th February 2017, a way ahead was agreed on this urgent matter.

Speakers included **Fuad Mahamed**, Chief Executive & **Richard Thickpenny**, Business Development Manager from Ashley Community Housing, **Professor Monder Ram OBE**, Centre for Research in Ethnic Minority Entrepreneurship, University of Birmingham Business School and a panel of experts including **Cllr. Waseem Zaffar MBE** (Cabinet Member for Transparency, Openness & Equality, Birmingham City Council), **Catherine Sermon** (Employment Director, Business In The Community), **Shilpi Akbar** (Assistant Director Employment, Birmingham City Council), and **Saidul Haque** (Senior Organiser, Citizens UK), chaired by **David Jepson** (Director, Himilo Training).

The event was opened by Ashley Community Housing Vice-Chair **Eileen Means**, and **Cllr. Peter Griffiths** (Cabinet Member for Housing & Homes, Birmingham City Council) concluded the discussion.

There was much discussion around rethinking refugees as assets and the importance of working more closely with businesses and public sector employers.

You can read the Conference Outcome Report [here](#)



