

Radical Statistics Issue 88

Radical Statistics Group Conference March 3rd–5th 2006

To be held at Hathersage Youth Hostel, which is close to the Hathersage Station near Sheffield, served by trains between Sheffield and Manchester Piccadilly.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

'Are numbers working for you?: using statistics in campaigns'

Next year's conference will focus on a review of the work of the RadStats Group and RadStats members over the years and an examination of the effectiveness of using statistics in radical campaigns. We hope this will be an encouraging exercise that would also attract new members.

We have expertise within the group and there are members who could give presentations that cover:

1. How to get data, how to cope with gaps and inconsistencies in the data and how to cope with the vast increase in sources of data nowadays.
2. Interpreting the data, how to disentangle presentation of statistics that may have been distorted by government or by companies. Clarifying how and why statistics quoted from different interest groups conflict.
3. Presenting and communicating the statistics to clarify underlying trends.
4. Case studies, reports of campaigns, especially small scale or local.

The programme will include some brief presentations and posters, and the organisers will leave time for discussion. We should also like to include reports from other organisations on campaigns that used statistics. *WE WOULD LIKE TO ORGANISE SPEAKERS FOR NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE*

If you think that you can make a contribution – or if you can suggest a group or individual it would be useful for us to approach then please contact the troika. troika@radstats.org.uk