

RADSTATS CONFERENCE SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2016

OVERALL THEME OF PROGRAMME: STATISTICS OF CRISES IN UK AND EU

09h00-09h30 Registration and Coffee

Morning: Inequality, Poverty and Reducing the State in the UK:

Presentations: 09h30 - 11h20

- * Stewart Lansley on Economic Inequality (and Debt)
- * Commentary by Wendy Olsen on Scotland's Key Sector Strategy
- * Jonathan Bradshaw on (Child) Poverty
- * Debs Quilgars UoY Social Policy, Housing Crisis in UK (all three presentation and analysis of statistical data)

Coffee Break 11h20 - 11h40

with follow up workshops 11h45-12h35 on:

- * measurement of inequality
- * child poverty measurement;
- * housing - ways of measuring the volume of empty housing;

12h35-12h50 Feedback

12h50-13h00 Jonathan Rosenhead: Brief explanation of proposed Academic Boycott of Israeli Universities

13h00-14h00 LUNCH

Afternoon: Crisis of Housing and Social care in UK and the added Complication of the Refugee Crisis in EU

Presentations: 14h00-15h30

- * Andrew Street UoY Centre for Health Economics, Financial Crisis in the NHS
- * Gillian Parker, UoY Social Policy on Social care for Older People)
- * Pip Tyler, Migration Yorkshire presentation on EU Crisis and Implications for UK

Book Presentations 15h30-15h50

- * Jeff Evans, Middlesex on 'Radical Statistics in 2020'
- * Rachel and Jackie on 'Statistics for Radical Action'

15h45-16h05 Tea break

with follow-up workshops (16h10 - 17h10) on :

- * Academic Boycott of Israeli Universities to generate a draft motion for plenary or for AGM

* generating statistical analytical support for community groups working on health and social care

* counting (and supporting) refugees

17h05-17h15 Feedback

Rad Stats Annual General Meeting 17h15-18h15

MOTION ON BOYCOTT OF ISRAELI UNIVERSITIES FOR RADSTATS 2016

Radical Statistics

Notes that a number of significant academic associations in the United States have organized forums for discussion and debate of the 2005 Palestinian civil society call for boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) against Israel; and that several of these have proceeded after a period of discussion to hold membership votes on whether to endorse the BDS call and in particular the call for institutional academic boycott;

Believes that this issue should also be discussed and debated in professional and academic groupings in the UK, and specifically in the Royal Statistical Society as the organisation most representative of UK statisticians; and

Resolves to establish a time-limited Rad Stats working group with the objectives of:

- i) assembling and disseminating information to Rad Stats members on the origins, purposes and achievements of the academic boycott of Israel's higher education institutions
- ii) promoting discussion of the academic boycott within Rad Stats
- iii) preparing and proposing a strategy to achieve a process of reflection, discussion and debate within the Royal Statistical Society with a view to RSS adopting a considered position on the academic boycott of Israel.

The working group should conclude its deliberations in no more than 12 months, and preferably sooner. Its report should include practical recommendations for the implementation of its proposals.

THIS MOTION WAS PASSED (15 FOR, 1 AGAINST, AND 12 ABSTENTIONS) AND JONATHAN ROSENHEAD IS CONVENING A WORKING GROUP SOON.
