

Launch of University Guidelines Temporary Relocation of Human Rights Defenders

Friday 5 July 2024

VENUE

Huntington Room, King's Manor, University of York
Exhibition Square, York YO1 7EP

AGENDA

9.00	Arrival and Coffee
9.30	<p>Welcome & Introduction to the Guidelines</p> <p>Paul Gready Co-Director of the Centre for Applied Human Rights, University of York UNESCO Chair, Protection of Human Rights Defenders and Expansion of Political Space</p>
10.00	<p>Key Features of the Guidelines</p> <p>Representatives of the working group who developed the guidelines will take part in two panels, each followed by a Q&A, to discuss their experiences of hosting, and to reflect on some of the challenges identified in the process of developing the guidelines.</p> <p>Panel One: University Hosting – Getting Started</p> <p>Our first panel will discuss securing support for temporary relocation within the university, funding models, the different roles host institutions can play, and what to consider when designing a relocation programme.</p> <p>Leona Binz (Chair) Scholars at Risk</p> <p>Mmeli Dube University of the Western Cape</p> <p>Rommel Rodriguez University of the Philippines</p>
11.30	Break
12.00	<p>Panel Two: Running a Relocation Programme</p> <p>The second panel will cover running a relocation programme, including the selection process, preparing for arrival, practical aspects of hosting, and issues to address at the end of the fellowship.</p> <p>Sanna Eriksson (Chair) University of York</p> <p>Palak Rao The Norwegian Students' and Academics' International Assistance Fund</p> <p>Kathryn Libal University of Connecticut</p>

13.30	Lunch
14.30	<p>Experiences of Relocation Fellows from different relocation programmes will discuss their experiences of relocation within a university setting.</p> <p>Claudia Escobar (Chair) BeJust, formerly George Mason University</p> <p>Hannepes Taychayev American University of Central Asia</p> <p>Monica Lopez Baltodano University of York</p> <p>Mohammad Hussain Nusrat University of Dundee</p>
15.30	Break
16.00	<p>Reflections on the Guidelines & Official Launch</p> <p>Charlie Jeffery (chair) Vice-chancellor, University of York</p> <p>Mary Lawlor UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders</p> <p>Anna Nsubuga Ambassador of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to UNESCO</p> <p>Sharan Srinivas Director, Protecting Rights Defenders, Open Society Foundations</p>