

TCD's MPhil in Race, Ethnicity, Conflict
in association with

AkiDwA, the African and Migrant Women's Network,

Invites you to a conference on

***African and Migrant Women Between Racialisation
and Agency***

Date: 14 September 2011
Time: 9.30-5pm (Registration starts at 9.30am)
Venue: **Lecture hall LB04 in the Lloyd Institute, Trinity College Dublin**
(please see map <http://www.tcd.ie/Maps/map.php>).

While integration is always a challenge for ethnic minorities, the current economic climate has increased migrants' feelings of marginalisation and 'racialisation'. This is especially the case for asylum seekers in Ireland, who are segregated and not allowed to work or take up third level education, which often results in a sense of isolation.

Women migrants, regardless of their immigration status, face additional, gender-based obstacles to integration and equality. The obstacles can include: their migration status, their roles as mothers, gender-based violence, female genital mutilation (FGM), reproductive health issues and also their often overlooked marginalisation within migrant communities. However, despite the difficulties they face, migrant women in Ireland have shaped and continue to enrich Irish society.

This conference, hosted collaboratively by **AkiDwA** and *MPhil in Race, Ethnicity, Conflict*, Trinity College Dublin, forms a part of **AkiDwA's** 10th anniversary celebrations. By bringing together academic specialists in the field, practitioners from grassroots organisations and migrant women themselves, it offers a forum for exchange of experiences, ideas and recommendations for the way forward. It also aims to highlight the challenges faced and showcase the contributions made by migrant women in their communities and Irish society.

There will be a wide range of speakers and the conference will offer the opportunity for discussion with speakers and other participants.

Admission is free but booking is essential as places are limited.
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