

AkiDwa, the African and Migrant Women's Network,
in association with

ISU for New Communities

Invites you to a seminar on

Recession and Employment

Date: 20 September 2011

Time: 9.30am - 2pm

Venue: **Edmund Rice International Heritage Centre, Mount Sion, Barrack Street, Waterford**

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 workshop, hosted collaboratively by **AkiDwa** and ISU for New Communities, forms a part of **AkiDwa's** 10th anniversary celebrations.

Seeking work is never an easy endeavour, especially in current economic climate; however it can be more difficult for some communities than other. Migrant women tend to experience unique combination of barriers when trying to access the labour market in Ireland. The seminar intends to bring together migrant women in Waterford area, employers, state agencies and NGOs who deal with migrant women for the purpose of exchanging experience and learning.

Admission is free but booking is essential as places are limited. Please contact:

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