

# Chinese action research project final report: household needs, public services and community organisations.

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## **Aims**

To explore needs, community organisations needed and key issues affecting the local Chinese community.

## **Methodology**

The project was an action research initiative funded by a Health Action Zone grant and by Leeds City Council. A team of ten Chinese community researchers were trained and undertook a survey of 110 adults April to June 2004. Focus groups and interviews were undertaken with representatives of Chinese organisations and members.

## **Key issues**

The report reviews the national context of the positioning of Chinese groups as 'doing well' among BME groups and describes migration and settlement in Leeds. A detailed analysis of need among Chinese people in Leeds is provided relating to households, asylum seekers, elderly and single parent groups. The findings provide data on settlement; poor housing conditions; the need for advice; racism, crime and isolation; poor health; and support needs related to the elderly, single parents, and children in schools. The study was undertaken in response to a perceived lack of institutional attention and poor understanding of Chinese community needs.

## **Conclusions**

Many urgent problems and issues remain hidden with little attention being paid by public services. There is a need to transform casework concerns of community organisations into a collective agenda for action and campaigning.

Migrant Group

Non-EU migrants

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Community and society

Chinese

Community cohesion

Racism

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West Yorkshire

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