

THE STATIONERY OFFICE (TSO)
AND THE
ADVISORY BOARD ON NATURALISATION AND INTEGRATION
(ABNI)

(On behalf of the former)
LIFE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM ADVISORY GROUP

Invite you to the launch of a handbook
Life in the United Kingdom: A Journey to Citizenship
Published by The Stationery Office at £9.99

Wednesday, December 15th 2004 (12:00-13:00)
**The City Inn Westminster, The Tweed Room, 30 John Islip Street,
London SW1P 4DD.**

New arrivals to our country, whether those with work permits or refugees (that is the successful minority of asylum seekers) need to know all kinds of things about our country -- the humble, everyday things about settling in; knowledge of the laws as they effect everyday life; sources of help and information; the educational system; employment rights and responsibilities; the role of elected councillors and MPs and the main differences in the devolved administrations; and a summary of the history of the making of the United Kingdom.

This handbook or compendium is a unique compilation of useful information. Compiled by a sub-committee of the Life in the United Kingdom Advisory Group (chaired by Professor Sir Bernard Crick) with the help of the Citizenship Foundation (whose executive director is Mr Tony Breslin). It is specially aimed to help and encourage the integration of those seeking citizenship. The 2002 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act which now coming into force, requires "a sufficient knowledge of English, Welsh or Scottish Gaelic" and "a sufficient knowledge about life in the United Kingdom".

So the handbook follows the outline programme of studies in the group's report of 2003, *The New and the Old*. It is not intended for new arrivals, unless they have good English already; rather it is to help teachers, or language mentors and other helpers of immigrants. Applicants for naturalisation with workable English already, will soon be required to take a test based on sections of this compendium.

But this being a unique gathering of readily comprehensible and accessible information about life in Britain, many voluntary bodies and volunteers not specifically concerned with migration will also find it useful. It will also provide teachers and lecturers of citizenship 14-18 in school and colleges with a valuable store of facts and figures when discussing issues and problems as the new curriculum's demand.

Wine, soft drinks and mixed canapés will be provided.

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If you are unable to attend and would like to purchase the Handbook, please see attached Flyer for details

Sir Bernard Crick