

## Two Day Framing Event

**14th and 15th September, 2010  
St Anne's College, Oxford**

The **UK Transport Research Centre** is an exciting new initiative to encourage leading social scientists to contribute their expertise to addressing the challenging problems facing the future development of transport and travel in the UK. UKTRC is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council and is coordinating a programme of research, and a wide range of capacity building, knowledge transfer and engagement activities to facilitate greater dialogue between academics, practitioners, policy makers and the public.

As part of a range of activities which will take place under the UKTRC banner, the **Transport Studies Unit at Oxford University** is running a series of workshops to promote better interdisciplinary collaboration and capacity building to better equip researchers, policymakers and practitioners to address **the social challenges in transport** now and in the future.

The workshop series is led by **Dr Karen Lucas**, Senior Research Fellow at the Transport Studies Unit, University of Oxford and **Professor Anne Power**, Deputy Director of the Centre for the Analysis of Social Exclusion at the London School of Economics (LSE). The workshops will be held every three months. Each will focus on a different social issue and will be led by a research institution with particular expertise in this area (see next page for more details of the full programme).

**This Framing Event will set the broad framework for the workshops that follow, identifying key themes for the whole series.**

### **Guest speakers include:**

**Professor John Hills** – Professor of Social Policy at the London School of Economics, and Director of the Centre for the Analysis of Social Exclusion

**Professor John Urry** – Distinguished Professor in the Department of Sociology, University of Lancaster, and Director of the Centre for Mobilities Research (CeMoRe)

**Dr Francis Hodgson** – Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Transport Studies, University of Leeds

**Nigel Dotchin** – Head of Equalities Policy and Regional and Local Strategy, Department for Transport

**Lee Smith** – Principal Research Officer, Social Research and Evaluation Division, Department for Transport

**Derek Halden** – Director of Derek Halden Consultants and best known for his work planning practical approaches to improve access for people to essential services

**John Smith** – Local Transport Planning Office, MerseyTravel

## Further Workshops:

**Workshop 1: Employment and Training** will look at the issue of transport and social exclusion from an employment and training perspective. It will be led by Dr Anne Green, who is a Principal Research Fellow at the Institute of Employment Research (IER) at Warwick University. Dr Green has undertaken a number of studies on the access to employment of low-income groups including young people.

**Workshop 2: Transport and Health** will be led by Professor Tanja Pless-Mullooli and her colleagues at the Institute of Health and Society, Newcastle University, which addresses major research questions in the areas of public health, primary care and health services research.

**Workshop 3: Housing and Sustainable Communities** will take a predominantly urban focus and will build on the considerable research of Professor Anne Power and her team at the LSE in relation to low income communities. It will consider the accessibility impacts and transport needs of different populations within major urban renewal project areas, and how this can be integrated with the existing regeneration policies.

**Workshop 4: Connectivity of Rural Communities** will provide a counter-balance to Workshop 3 by examining the enormous social challenges of transport planning and provision in rural areas and the impact of this on the exclusion of vulnerable groups. The seminar will be held in Scotland, in Aberdeen University, led by Professor John Farrington from the Institute of Transport and Rural Research.

**The Final Dissemination Event** will be held in London, offering all the workshop participants and others a final opportunity to identify policy issues and gaps in knowledge and to make recommendations for current practice and for further research and policy development. A future programme of policy relevant research would be identified as one output of the process.

## To book a place:

The event is free but participants are expected to pay for their own travel and overnight accommodation. **Please note that places are extremely limited** and we are ideally looking for people who would like to actively engage with this agenda over the whole workshop series.

If you would like to attend the Framing Event please contact [sally.pepperall@ouce.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sally.pepperall@ouce.ox.ac.uk) by no later than 20th August 2010.

If you are interested in finding out more about the workshop series more generally please contact [karen.lucas@ouce.ac.uk](mailto:karen.lucas@ouce.ac.uk)