

## 演变中的英国华人社区

# The changing Chinese community in London: new migration, new needs

This two-year research project is funded by the *Big Lottery Fund* and carried out jointly by the *Chinese in Britain Forum* and *Middlesex University*. It examines recent Chinese migration to London and aims to provide information about the needs of the changing Chinese community.

London's Chinese community is growing rapidly. New migrants from different regions and backgrounds are coming to Britain in search of work and new opportunities, to study or for better living conditions. The Chinese community is long established and has a highly visible presence in central London's famous 'Chinatown'. The community is also largely 'invisible'. It has been relatively little studied and is generally not perceived as presenting 'problems' although research already undertaken suggests that social exclusion and isolation are widespread.

There is an urgent need for information on the most recent migrant groups to allow community organisations and other service providers plan for the future. This project aims to:

- identify the changing patterns of Chinese migration to London;
- explore the changing needs of the Chinese community;
- make detailed recommendations to service providers.

### RESEARCH METHODS

Fieldwork will take place between January and November 2007 and the methods include:

- **questionnaire** for **Chinese community organisations** to provide basic information on the characteristics of the community they serve and their perceptions of changing needs;
- **focus groups** and **interviews** with **key informants** (e.g. community organisations, local services) to discuss issues facing the community, adequacy of existing services and challenges for the next decade;
- **focus groups, questionnaires** and **interviews** with **individual migrants** to explore their experiences, needs and the services which they require.

The study findings will be presented at a national conference in London in 2008 and will be available on the CiBF website ([www.cibf.co.uk](http://www.cibf.co.uk)).

### THE RESEARCH TEAM

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