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**Coventry University to Launch REPLACE Approach Toolkit and Community Handbook**

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015, 4.30-6.30pm, the Centre for Communities and Social Justice (CCSJ) and the Centre for Technology Enabled Health Research (CTEHR) are pleased to be launching the REPLACE Approach Toolkit and Community Handbook: Working with Communities to End FGM in the EU. This is an innovative approach for tackling FGM in the EU that combines community engagement with the most recent behaviour change theories. It has been developed with REPLACE Partners over the last five years and has been implemented and evaluated by different FGM affected communities in five EU Member States.

The event, which will mark the end of the REPLACE 2 Project, is due to take place at the European Parliament, on the 3rd floor of the Paul Henri Spaak Building in Brussels, and will be followed by a networking reception.

Neena Gill MEP, who has written the REPLACE Toolkit and Community Handbook's Foreword, will open the event. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear about the research undertaken and the REPLACE Approach from Prof Hazel Barrett (CCSJ) and Dr Katherine Brown (CTEHR) who will not only present the Toolkit and Community Handbook, but also make policy and practitioner recommendations, before a question and answer session.

'We are delighted to be presenting the REPLACE Approach Toolkit and Community Handbook at the launch event at the EU Parliament.' says Prof Barrett. 'They are designed to provide a bottom-up approach that empowers FGM affected communities to bring about change, but they are also relevant to policy makers who aim to end FGM; since the success of the REPLACE Approach is enhanced by political support.'

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