

LEARNING EVENT

Tuesday 8th December 2009, Orsett Hall, Orsett, Essex

The **Regional Empowerment Partnership** for the East of England

invites you to attend an engaging and interactive day, which will help you to better understand the issues surrounding empowerment of local communities.

Learning Objectives for the day:

- To have raised awareness of the barriers to empowerment and consider how challenges can be overcome
- To have a better understanding of how empowerment can lead to efficiency in service delivery
- To learn about empowerment projects being delivered in the East of England
- To network with peers working in the fields of community engagement and empowerment

Topics to be explored throughout the day through interactive discussion groups and workshops:

- The Business Case for Community Empowerment
- The Role of Members in Empowerment
- Social Networking and Communications
- Engaging 'hard to hear' members of the Community (e.g. Young People, People with Disabilities and other groups)
- The work of the Empowering Authorities in the East of England (Ipswich and Great Yarmouth Borough Councils)

Who should attend?

- Local Authority Policy Makers, Members and Officers
- LSP Partners and Officers
- Voluntary and Community Sector Representatives
- Community Development Practitioners

This event is free of charge and spaces are limited to 80 places based on a first come first served basis - Book early to avoid disappointment!

For more information about the **Regional Empowerment Partnership** please visit our website: www.inspire-east.org.uk/communityempowerment.aspx

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PROGRAMME

Time	Session
9.30am – 10.00am	Arrival, Registration and Refreshments
10.00am – 10.05am	Welcome and Introduction to the event by the Chair Graeme Carey, Chair of Thurrock Community Involvement Board
10.05am - 10.15am	Update on the Regional Empowerment Partnership Rachel Leggett, Inspire East
10.15am – 10.40am	Our Street - A presentation by the Outloud Theatre Company Our Street, Scene 1: Barriers encountered by Young People <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round Table Discussion
10.40am – 10.50am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Showcase 1: Essex Youth Scrutiny Committee Panel
10.50am - 11.15am	Our Street, Scene 2: An interpretation of the challenges faced by People with Disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round Table Discussion
11.15am - 11.25am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Showcase 2: 'Thurrock peer to peer research with the Thurrock Disability Network
11.25am - 11.40am	Break & Refreshments
11.40am - 12.30pm	Presentation: The Business Case for Empowerment and the Economic Downturn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round Table Discussion
12.30pm - 1.15pm	Lunch

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1.15pm - 1.40pm	Our Street, Scene 3: Building a Connected Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Round Table Discussion
1.40pm-1.50pm	
1.50pm – 3.00pm	Workshops <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The role of Members in Empowerment Find out how Essex County Council supports Members in their enhanced role as community leaders Empowering Authorities Join Ipswich and Great Yarmouth Borough Council’s to hear about innovative approaches to Community Empowerment through their work with the Network of Empowering Authorities Social Networking and Communications Discover how the organisations have used social networking sites to connect more effectively with communities. Participatory Budgeting (PB) Learn more on the background to PB and hear about real examples of where PB has been successfully piloted.
3.00pm - 3.15pm	Break & Refreshments
3.15pm – 3.45pm	My Street, Scene 4: The Final Street Scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Round Table Discussion
3.45pm – 4.00pm	Closing Remarks & Evaluation
4.00pm	Close & Depart

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