



All in One East Midlands EY2010 project

People and groups in the East Midlands speaking out about poverty, hardship and social exclusion in 2010, the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion.

What's happening in 2010?

All over Europe there are activities going on to mark 2010 as the Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. In this country each region is doing something to mark the year and here in the East Midlands we have a project called **All in One**, running until November 2010.

All in One aims to **Raise awareness of poverty, Challenge myths, stereotypes and discrimination, and Inform decision makers and policy makers** - local and national.

If you are involved in activity to help combat the effects of poverty and social exclusion, this is an opportunity to “shine a light” on the problems and challenges in your community and also promote the strengths in your community and talk about what you think works.

Let's talk about these sorts of issues:

What's daily life like for people living on too low an income?

How does it feel to be excluded from our society?

What is helping, what isn't? What are the barriers?

What community activity is working well?

What you can do...

Would your group like to hold a meeting to discuss these issues, and **record people's experience and views?**

Would you like to **contribute to collecting “evidence”**, like people's stories, videos, audio, reports, etc on a project website?

Can you bring these issues into **a local event** or **develop a drama?**

You might want to get involved in a **Question Time-like event** with local politicians and decision makers.

Any ideas are welcome – perhaps you've already done some work on these issues and would like it to reach a wider audience.

We are working towards this great body of evidence featuring in a final regional event – a **Poverty Convention** on October 18th at The Workhouse in Southall.

Eight geographical areas are planned to be the focus of local activities; rural and coastal Lincolnshire, Lincoln, The Peak District, Bolsover & Chesterfield area, North Northamptonshire, Leicester, Nottingham, Mansfield. There are also chances to link with national projects on working age poverty, older people, child poverty and the most disadvantaged. The Department for Work and Pensions has a special interest in this 2010 activity and will be helping to promote it across government.

Please tell us how you would like to get involved in marking 2010 as the year against poverty and social exclusion.

Contact Clare Caves at CEFET 0115 911 0419, email clare@cefet.org.uk

(Sorry - we are out and about a lot, so if you ring and no-one is in, please leave a message on the ansaphone and we'll get back to you as soon as we can – thanks)

Further Information – about EY2010 and the partners in All in One

Background to the All in One project

Last September, CEFET and One East Midlands's Social Inclusion Policy Forum held an event in Leicester to inform people about opportunities in 2010, the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion.

People came from across sectors, including many involved in community activity in the region's disadvantaged communities, and shared ideas on how the East Midlands might mark the year. They shaped a bid for the funding attached to the year to raise awareness of poverty, this became the All in One project and was eventually awarded funding for activities until November 2010.

2010, European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion

For background information on the year visit <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/european-year-2010/> and see details of all funded projects in EYES ON EY2010 Newsletter Issue 8. The UK programme main objectives for the year are to raise awareness, increase participation, particularly from grassroots, and build a lasting legacy. As well as regional projects there are national themed projects; working age poverty, child poverty, older people and poverty, and the most socially excluded.

East Midlands Social Inclusion Policy Forum is an initiative of OEM to provide a forum where policy and decision makers, Social Inclusion project practitioners and people experiencing exclusion can share information and experience, debate issues, draw lessons and develop new and more effective and practical responses to Social Exclusion in the region. Please see

http://www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk/policy_list.php?cat_id=14

One East Midlands works to ensure that the voluntary and community sector is actively engaged with key regional bodies and other partners, from across the public, statutory, business and social enterprise sectors. They bring together organisations that support voluntary and community groups across the region to influence and shape policy, improve services and provide a point of contact at a regional level. For more information visit www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk

CEFET works with OEM to represent the sector in the region's European Social Fund sector and supports the development of an East Midlands Grassroots Network that has an important role in the Social Inclusion Policy Forum. Visit www.cefet.org.uk and <http://www.cefet.org.uk/documents/GrassrootsNetworkPostcard.pdf> CEFET is coordinating and supporting activities in the EY2010 project, "All in One".

East and South Midlands Financial Inclusion Champion Team is part of a government Taskforce and are based at Leicester Money Advice. For more information visit <http://www.fichampions.com/> and see the East and South Midlands pages. They work to ensure that everyone has access to these 5 basic services: affordable credit, an appropriate bank account, face to face debt advice, basic home contents insurance, and savings facilities. They also aim to educate people about financial products so that they are able to make informed decisions.

EAPN England is a member of the European Anti Poverty Network bringing together groups to share ideas, lobby and campaign at European level. EAPN England www.eapnengland.org.uk connects groups and individuals involved in the fight against poverty and social exclusion to UK and European policy and decision making. More information on EAPN, EY2010 activities, campaigning and lobbying in Europe is at www.eapn.eu and www.endpoverty.eu

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