



"Preparing for 2010"



The Third Sector European Network, European Anti Poverty Network England, and CEFET, with support from the Department for Work and Pensions, are holding an exciting event to raise awareness of 2010, the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion and to scope the contribution the region's European Social Fund can make to the aims of the year.

Thursday September 24th 2009 at 10.30 am – 4.15 pm

followed by CEFET AGM at 5.00pm

at The Campus Centre, Leicester De Montfort University, LE2 7DR
The conference is **free** and open to anyone who has an interest in the aims of 2010.

DRAFT PROGRAMME (More speakers and features will be confirmed later)

The conference will contribute to the three aims of the European Year – poverty awareness, grassroots participation and lasting legacy. As well as hearing about the government's plans for the year, we want to discuss what's working, hear from participants about grassroots activity to combat exclusion, and share ideas on how the region can contribute to the aims of 2010. Morning speakers are:

Katherine Duffy, Chair of Social Policy Task Force - The road to 2010, European Year Against Poverty
Elspeth Darby from the Department for Work and Pensions European Social Inclusion Team
Wendy Violentano, Head of ESF Division, DWP – The contribution of ESF to tackling social exclusion

Also invited - the Social Exclusion Task Force and MEPs. There will be lots of time for questions from the floor and discussion with the morning speakers. Plus information about anti poverty campaigning and action.

The afternoon is an open meeting of the emerging cross-sector East Midlands Social Inclusion Policy Forum and will include examples of successful work to combat poverty and exclusion and promote grassroots voices, and round table discussion and sharing of ideas to take forward into 2010 and beyond to improve social inclusion in the region.

GRASSROOTS PARTICIPATION

We particularly want to include people with experience of poverty and social exclusion and grass roots / community sector activists in the event to give their first hand experience of what's working, what isn't and how we can do things better. We have a budget for travel and childcare. CEFET is also arranging **local meetings in early September** so that people can get together, share ideas and get involved in bringing their grass roots experience to improving social inclusion in the region. Please contact Clare Caves (contact info below) for details.

We are expecting this event to be very popular, so please book your place soon.

The booking form is attached.

Contact CEFET on 0115 911 0419 or email info@cefet.org.uk if you have any queries.