



***You are invited to take part in helping
to improve social inclusion in our region.***

Working Together for Better Social Inclusion

GRASSROOTS VOICES, SOCIAL INCLUSION POLICY AND 2010

2010 is the European Year against Poverty and Social Exclusion. In the UK, this will “shine a light” on what we are doing and how well it is working. The government is calling on all sectors to work together to improve social inclusion – with their 3 big aims for 2010 being:

POVERTY AWARENESS

GRASSROOTS PARTICIPATION

LASTING LEGACY

In the East Midlands, it's a good opportunity to take a look at how we “do” social inclusion and how we can improve it.

Here's how you can get involved -

One East Midlands, CEFET and the European Anti Poverty Network are setting up a **Series of meetings in the spirit of 2010 and as part of the lead up to the year >>>**

> Grassroots meetings around the region during 2009.

People who are involved at community level in tackling problems of poverty and social exclusion are sharing experience at local meetings and developing a region-wide grassroots network.

For more details contact clare@cefet.org.uk

> Regional Grassroots and VCS meeting - Tuesday June 9th Nottingham

A chance to share ideas across the region - for people from the grassroots network and other voluntary, community & social economy sector groups interested in developing a regional Social Inclusion Policy Forum – developing views and discussing an agenda for the first meeting of the Forum on July 14th.

Lunch is from 12.15. Meeting 1.00pm to 3pm. Contact Laurie or Clare 0115 911 0419 or email info@cefet.org.uk for details and to book a place.

> 1st meeting of a new Social Inclusion Policy Forum for the region Tuesday July 14th Leicester
Bringing together voices and experience from all sectors to look at how we can improve Social Inclusion and build towards a lasting legacy from 2010 of more effective policy and programmes for the region.

> National “Preparing for 2010” Conference and 2nd Forum meeting Thursday September 24th

TSEN (Third Sector European Network) is holding events in each region developing a conversation across the country about meeting the aims of 2010, how the European Social Fund can contribute now and in the future and feeding in to the National Action Plan on Social Inclusion. Venue in this region will be confirmed. **National Action Plan on Social Inclusion** www.dwp.gov.uk/publications/dwp/2008/nap/

You can also get involved in other ways leading up to and in 2010 - examples are:

The government's “Introduction to 2010 Regional Roadshows” later this year, national and regional events in 2010, activity to enable the participation of people experiencing poverty and exclusion in the year and promote their voices, poverty awareness and media myth-busting campaign and much more.

If you want upcoming information on 2010 events & opportunities send your details to info@cefet.org.uk

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