



Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion: Regional Event

25th February 2010, Weston Super Mare (10.00 till 4.00)

FREE EVENT organised by Department for Work and Pensions, Third Sector European Network, South West Action on Poverty and South West Forum

Speakers

Jim Knight MP, Minister for the South West (tbc)

Tamara Flanagan, Chair, Third Sector European Network

Stephen Wright, Regional Director, SWAN (SW network of rural community councils)

Helen Scadding, Partnership Development Manager, Citizens Advice, England South

Paul Dunn, Chief Executive, Equality South West

Karen Deeming, DWP European Social Inclusion Team

This event will

- Introduce the EY 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion and explain its purpose
- Raise awareness of poverty in the South West particularly in rural and coastal communities
- Highlight current activity to combat poverty within the region
- Explore ways in which action to combat poverty can be increased
- Sharing best practice
- Engaging new stakeholders
- Contribute to a legacy for the European Year

...and, ultimately, lead to an improved quality of life for those currently most disadvantaged within the region.

The event is for

- People from organisations currently engaged in anti poverty work
- People experiencing poverty
- Policy makers in national regional and local organisations
- Representatives of organisations not yet involved but with the potential to help combat poverty

The themes of the European Year are

- Child poverty
- Working Age poverty and social exclusion
- Severe multiple deprivation and those who are most at risk of social exclusion
- Older people, poverty and social exclusion

Conference flyers and registration forms will be available shortly.

If you represent an organisation doing anti poverty work you are invited to bring exhibition material including DVDs.

Finally - **please encourage your service users to attend** – we can pay travel expenses!

Contact for more information

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