

2010
European Year
for Combating
Poverty and
Social Exclusion



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LONDON VOLUNTARY SECTOR TRAINING CONSORTIUM

In partnership with

EUROPEAN ANTI-POVERTY NETWORK ENGLAND (LONDON BRANCH)

Spark in the Park

Highlight event of

The London Regional Activities Programme

2010 The European Year Against Poverty

Saturday 2nd October 2010

11.00am – 4.00pm

Paradise Park Islington

Mackenzie Road

Lower Holloway

London N7 8NT



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Why the Spark is for you

As the highlight of London's Programme for 2010 The European Year for Combating Poverty & Social Exclusion (EY2010), Spark in the Park offers an opportunity for workers, volunteers and users of voluntary and community organisations across London to come together to showcase anti-poverty activities. Taking place in a neighbourhood park, the event will also be open to local families and residents invited to share in telling their own stories and in hearing the experience of others. The day will include a series of presentations from activists, an exhibition of anti-poverty initiatives, films and performances.

By coming together, in this way, we recognise that our sector is the building block for community engagement to secure inclusive social change. Securing funds may now be more difficult but, here, we're showing that we've the will to succeed with that spark of imagination!

You are invited to:

- Book an exhibition space in which to showcase your work
- Bring your members to participate in sessions in the Marquee
- Come along and network with others.

The landscape

As we struggle with the 'big squeeze', voluntary and community groups are being encouraged to engage with the 'big society'. Such a challenge is not just local to the UK. At the European Union level, EY2010 is being followed by 2011 The European Year of Volunteering. The suggestion of the European Commission to link the two is a recipe for active inclusion, already associated with the tasks of achieving adequate income, accessible services and an inclusive labour market. Earlier this summer, the European Union made a commitment to Europe 2020 involving a Flagship Initiative on Poverty, which will impact on the future of the European Structural Funds.

The UK Government has agreed the EY2010 National Programme with 4 main challenges:

- Child poverty
- Working age poverty (barriers to work)
- Older people and poverty/social exclusion
- Severe multiple deprivation/those most exposed to exclusion.

One of 12 regional programmes, London EY2010 includes:

- Raising awareness around poverty and social exclusion
- Engaging a wide range of people/agencies to deliver solutions
- Ensuring a lasting legacy for the Year.

Programme

- 10.30am VOLUNTARY and COMMUNITY GROUP REGISTRATION
- 11.00am GATES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- 11.15am **SESSION 1: Opening Welcome: *Fighting Poverty in London***
Catherine West, Islington Leader of the Council
Richard Barnes, Deputy Mayor
Jeremy Corbyn MP
Emily Thornberry MP
Mary Honeyball MEP
- 12.00pm EXHIBITION, FILMS and PERFORMANCES
- 12.30pm **SESSION 2: *Ending Child Poverty***
Michelle Kennedy, formerly Government Office for London
Save the Children
- 1.00pm EXHIBITION, FILMS and PERFORMANCES
- 1.30pm **SESSION 3: *Combating Working Age Poverty***
Community Links
Crisis UK
- 2.00pm EXHIBITION, FILMS and PERFORMANCES
- 2.30pm **SESSION 4: *Tackling Older People's Poverty***
Community Service Volunteers
Salvation Army
National Institute for Adult & Continuing Education
- 3.00pm EXHIBITION, FILMS and PERFORMANCES
- 3.30pm **SESSION 5: *Going Forward***
Kristina Glenn, Director Cripplegate Foundation
European Anti-Poverty Network
- 4.00pm CLOSE

Services for the day

Lunch will be served free to voluntary/community group personnel registered for the day.

Light snacks will be offered against programme vouchers issued at the gate to visiting local families and residents.

Light refreshments will be sold from the Children's Centre cafe throughout the day.

A crèche will be available for children under five years of age – and there's a bouncy castle!

Find out more about the event at
sparkinthepark2010.blogspot.com

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www.surveymonkey.com/s/spark

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