

2010
European Year
for Combating
Poverty and
Social Exclusion

EUROPEAN ANTI-POVERTY NETWORK (ENGLAND)

In partnership with

ATD FOURTH WORLD, SOUTHWARK COUNCIL AND LVSTC

Building a Fairer Future

An EY2010 event bringing together people with different roles in the fight against poverty and social exclusion

Tuesday 16 November 2010

9.30am – 4.30pm

Amigo Hall
Lambeth Road Entrance
St. George's Cathedral
London SE1 7HY

Background

2010 has been designated the European Year to Combat Poverty and Social Exclusion and, all year, events across the country have been organised to explore the issues facing people experiencing poverty in the UK today.

London is both a city of great wealth and great inequality where people experiencing deep poverty and exclusion are confronted on a daily basis by huge differences, not only in income, but also in opportunity and life chances.

At the same time, it is a city with a vibrant voluntary and community sector that is both innovative and active in providing support and pushing for change.

In this period of political change and economic crisis it is crucial to listen to the voices and experience of those on the frontline of reform and cuts in public spending.

Now more than ever it is vital to pool knowledge and expertise to ensure that the most vulnerable continue to be supported and that everyone plays their part in building a fairer future for all.

Invitation

ATD Fourth World, the European Anti-Poverty Network (England) and LVSTC have the pleasure of inviting you to "Building a Fairer Future", an event supported by Southwark Council, on Tuesday 16 November 2010 at Amigo Hall, St. George's Cathedral, in South London.

This day will provide an opportunity to hear first-hand from the grassroots about the challenges being faced by people experiencing poverty and social exclusion and how we can all work together to overcome them.

Participants will include a diverse mix of people with direct experience of the issues: politicians; local councillors; officials; journalists and voluntary and community sector organisations from across London and the UK.

Informative presentations, interactive workshops and panel discussions will all serve to capture the wide-ranging expertise of participants, highlighting essential issues for policy-makers and providing a catalyst for action on the ground.

Everyone has a role to play in the fight against poverty and social exclusion in our society so come along and join forces to make a difference.

"People created poverty. Only people can eradicate it."

Joseph Wresinski, ATD Fourth World founder

Programme

- 9.30am Registration and Refreshments
- 10.00am **Opening Welcome and Plenary**
Chairs: Lisa-Marie Bowles, Southwark Council
Ray Phillips, LVSTC
Cllr Peter John Leader of Southwark Council
Tackling poverty in Southwark
Jean Lambert Member of the European Parliament
The European Union strategy to combat poverty
Kate Wareing UK Director Oxfam-GB
Picture of poverty in the UK
Grassroots Voices
Challenges and perceptions of poverty
- 11.00am Break
- 11.15am **Workshop Session 1**
Interactive workshops on the following themes (*more details overleaf*):
A. Accessing the right kind of support
B. Having enough money
C. Participating in change
D. Pathways to employment
- 12.30pm Lunch
- 1.30pm **Dance Performance**
Specially choreographed routine performed by local people
- 1.40pm **European Anti-Poverty Network in England**
- 2.00pm **Workshop Session 2**
- 3.00pm Break
- 3.15pm **Question Time Panel Discussion**
Chair: Sarah Kenningham, ATD Fourth World
Panelists include: **Mubin Haq** Trust for London, **Amelia Gentleman** The Guardian, **Ceri Goddard** Fawcett Society, **Rob Owen** St Giles Trust, **Katherine Duffy** EAPN
Invited politicians include: **Simon Hughes** MP, **Harriet Harman** MP, **Boris Johnson** Mayor of London
- 4.30pm CLOSE

Workshop Choices

A. Accessing the right kind of support

- 1: Support via mentoring and befriending schemes
Mentoring and Befriending Foundation
- 2: Working together to provide support
Community Action Southwark

B. Having enough money

- 1: Working together to tackle debt
Southwark Legal Advice Network
Financial Inclusion Forum members
- 2: Debt on Our Doorstep campaign
Kirkby Unemployed Centre

C. Participating in change

- 1: Promoting the participation of people excluded by poverty
ATD Fourth World
- 2: Engaging people in the community
Southwark Council Community Engagement Division
Southwark Volunteer Centre

D. Pathways to employment

- 1: People's experience of Job Centre Plus
Community Links
- 2: ESF funding to support people into work
LVSTC

Registration and Information

Book your place directly at
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Fairer>

For registration enquiries please contact Geoff Robinson at LVSTC on 020 7538 4309 or geoffr@lvstc.org.uk

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