

## **"ESF Support for Families with Multiple Problems" DWP Programme Workshop**

*Tuesday 23rd August 2011 @ Europe House, Westminster*

### **Programme**

**09.30 Registration**

**10.00 Introductions**

**10.10 Brief Overview of the Families Programme: *Kevin Moore, Future Path***

Consideration of the main features of the ESF-DWP families' initiative to tackle unemployment and poverty in relation to the Work Programme  
QUESTIONS

**10.30 Local Authority Perspectives: *Faye Thomas, Cardinalis***

Issues facing Local Councils in terms of engaging with the Programme and identifying families  
QUESTIONS

**10.50 Engaging Families under Stress: *Michael Fothergill, CRISIS UK***

Challenges engaging families facing homelessness and welfare dependency  
QUESTIONS

**11.10 A Street-Level Provider Perspective: *Jonny Boux, Community Links***

Experience of a community provider as part of a voluntary organisation dealing with all aspects of family need  
QUESTIONS

**11.30 Refreshment Break**

**11.50 Forum: Opportunity to meet Prime Contractors, including:**

***Prospects; Skills Training UK; Remploy.***

*Also ~ chance to view and discuss entry on **LVSTC Partnership Portal***

**1.0 Close**

*In the Government's own words: "The focus of this provision will be on providing a whole family approach, making support available to individual members across the generations. This provision must also contribute to and add value to wider family support". As with the Work Programme, delivery will be through the Framework comprising the Prime Contractors identified as preferred bidders.*

*Given the sensitivity of this area of intervention, Local Authorities have been identified as the key source for identifying the beneficiary "families". Historically, many of these Councils have already involved a wide range of voluntary and community organisations in the development of local service provision. Over recent months, the Primes have been making contact with Local Authorities and third sector providers in assembling their supply chains.*

*This Workshop offers a "late-shopping" opportunity where lingering gaps in the above supply chains can be plugged. A forum facility, supported by an adapted LVSTC Partnership Portal, will be available for voluntary and community sector groups to meet the Primes. Such contact may lead to continuing dialogue beyond the Tendering Deadline as the Programme adjusts into the future to meet unmet needs.*

*The Workshop will also include a plenary session focusing on the wider issues around this family intervention scheme. This will help to develop an appreciation of the potential impact of the Programme as well as inform thinking about how the closing stages of the ESF 2007-2013 Programme might lay foundations for the following ESF 2014-2020 Programme being prepared, in part, to address the poverty-reduction target of the EU 2020 Strategy.*