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Promoting Local Democracy

Involving and Reconnecting Communities

Tuesday 14 July 2009

Cavendish Conference Centre, London W1

In the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Bill, government have pledged new rights for local people to control services within their area.

Alongside this, government see local authorities at the forefront of the drive to 'reconnect people to political decision making' through understanding and connecting with the political process. The question for local authorities is how they can do this.

This conference will bring together central government, local government and partners to learn how to involve communities in local decision making, and reconnect them with the political process.

Speakers include:

Cllr Cathy Bakewell MBE

Member for Coker,
Somerset County Council

Michael O'Higgins

Chair, Audit Commission

Joe Simpson

Director of Politics, Leadership Centre
for Local Government

Ben Page

Director of Public Affairs and
Chair, Social Research Institute,
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David Tyler

Chief Executive, Community Matters



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Agenda (subject to change)

- 09:00 Registration and refreshments**
10:00 Introduction by conference chair
Michael Burton, Editor, The MJ

Session 1 Implications of the Bill

- 10:10 Increasing transparency and public accountability in local government**
Michael O'Higgins, Chair, Audit Commission
- 10:30 21st Century Councillor**
Joe Simpson, Director of Politics, Leadership Centre for Local Government
- 10:50 Keynote address**
Government spokesperson to be confirmed.
Check website for updates
- 11:10 Questions and discussion**
- 11:25 Refreshments, exhibition and networking**

Session 2 Developing your council and partnerships for community empowerment

- 11:55 The role of elected members in facilitating democratic engagement**
Cllr Cathy Bakewell MBE, Member for Coker, Somerset County Council
- 12:15 Making the link between community empowerment and more efficient and effective public services**
Andrew Kerr, Chief Executive, North Tyneside Council and Chair, Community Engagement and Empowerment Programme, North East Improvement and Efficiency Partnership
- 12:35 Working with communities, neighbourhoods and localities**
David Tyler, Chief Executive, Community Matters
- 12:55 Questions and discussion**
- 13:10 Buffet lunch, exhibition and networking**

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Session 3 Practical ways to engage with your community

- 14:10 Consultation methods**
Ben Page, Director of Public Affairs and Chair, Social Research Institute, Ipsos MORI
- 14:30 Participatory techniques**
Simon Burall, Director, Involve
- 14:50 Scrutiny methods**
Jonathan Carr-West, Head of Centre for Local Democracy, Local Government Information Unit (LGIU)
- 15:10 Questions and discussion**

Session 4 Interactive Seminars

15:30 Delegates should choose to attend one of the seminars from the list of four below. Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to maximum capacities. Refreshments will be served in seminar rooms

- 1 Engaging with 'disadvantaged' groups through community forums**
Kevin Dykes, Community Development Manager, London Borough of Southwark
- 2 Community empowerment in rural areas with isolated communities**
Sian Elin Jones, Corporate Policy Manager, High Peak Borough Council
- 3 An approach to neighbourhood management through ward-focus**
David Tinsley, Head of Policy and Performance: Neighbourhood Services, Newcastle City Council
- 4 Developing a boroughwide neighbourhood management service**
Philip Baldwin, Group Manager – Neighbourhood Management, Adult and Community Services, London Borough of Barking and Dagenham
Shawn Frazer, Neighbourhood Manager, Adult and Community Services, London Borough of Barking and Dagenham

16:30 Close of conference



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- > Learn how government envisages the new rights for local people to control services
- > Understand the latest government policy, one year on from 'Real Communities, Real Power'
- > Explore strategies to 'unlock the potential of local people'
- > Ensure that your community understands how local government works
- > Learn from best practice examples from around the country where community involvement in decision making is well established
- > Find out how your local authority can be at the forefront of the drive to reconnect communities' political processes
- > Consider issues around increasing local democracy:
 - Learn new ways to increase voter turnout
 - Understand how to modernise democratic structure

Who should attend

Local Government

Chief Executives and Leaders
Directors of Policy and Performance
Heads of Service
Consultation and Participation Managers
Community Development Teams
Community Partnership Managers
Communications Managers and Officers
LAA Leads
LSP Managers
Tenant Participation Managers
Corporate Communications
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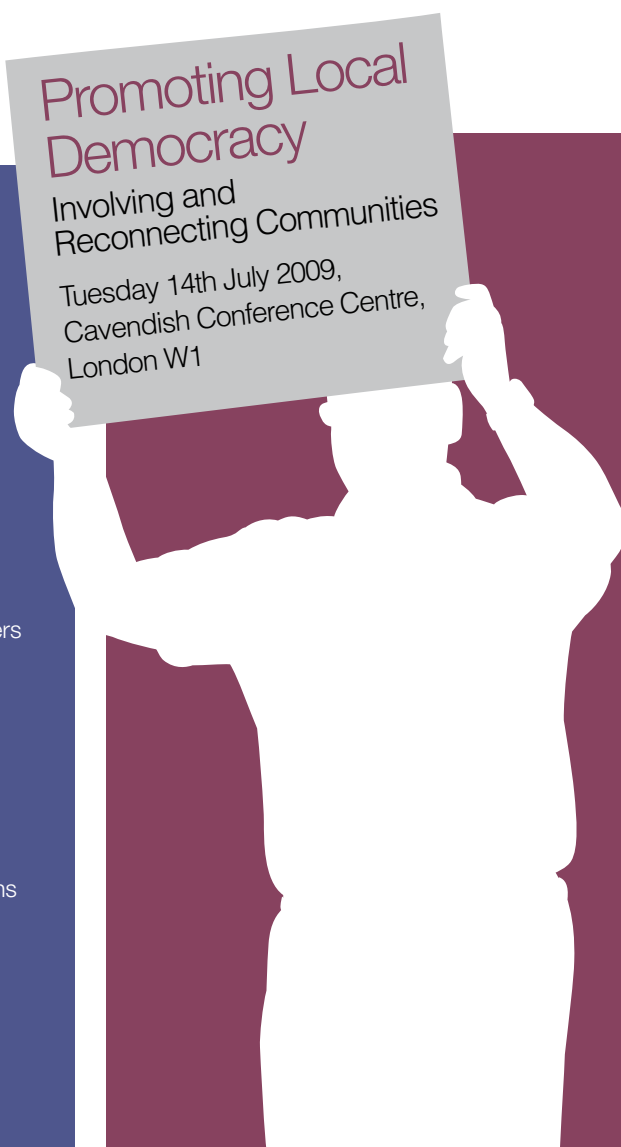
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