

## **Finding the balance: meeting the needs of vulnerable people and promoting community safety**

**Thursday 25 May 2006      10:00 – 15:00**

**LGIU and DHN Offices**

**22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0TB (5 minutes from Euston Station)**

### **Rates**

LGIU Affiliated Organisations/DHN Subscribers:      £90.00 (£105.75 inc VAT)  
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### **Description**

This joint event brings together the expertise of the Local Government Information Unit and the Democratic Health Network to explore the linkages, tensions and possible solutions in two key policy concerns for central and local government. First, the need to support vulnerable people (including drug and alcohol users, people with mental health problems and young people at risk of social exclusion) to live independently in the community and second, the need to promote safer communities as part of the government's respect agenda. Often, these two policy strands are seen as conflicting, with the rights of the individual to live as part of the community set against the rights of the wider community to live free from anti-social behaviour and harassment. This seminar will include:

- an overview of the policy framework for central and local government for crime reduction and community safety, and for promoting the social inclusion of vulnerable people
- identifying the tensions and challenges for local government and their partners inherent in this complex policy area
- good practice examples from local authorities and their partners
- discussion of the role of elected members as community leaders, catalysts for local partnership working and as mediators between conflicting interests.

### **Who should attend?**

- Strategic policy staff working on community safety and social inclusion issues
- Staff in voluntary and community organisations involved in community safety and social inclusion partnership with local authorities
- Elected members with parallel responsibilities and interests.

### **Speakers**

- Cllr Dame Jane Roberts, former leader of Camden Council
- John Hedges, Community Safety Director, Thames Valley Partnership
- Sue Christoforou, Policy Officer, Mind
- Munaf Patel, Project Manager, Signpost Project, Leeds City Council

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**PROGRAMME**

**10:00 REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS**

**10:15 *Welcome and introductions***

Cllr Dame Jane Roberts, former leader of London Borough of Camden

**10:25 *Exploring the tensions and contradictions in national policy***

John Hedges, Community Safety Director, Thames Valley Partnership  
Sue Christoforou, Policy Officer, Mind

**11:15 *Discussion and questions***

**11:30 REFRESHMENT BREAK**

**11:45 *Small group sessions***

***Working with families in Leeds***

Munaf Patel, Manager of the Signpost Project of Leeds City Council

***Working with the street population in Camden***

Speaker to be confirmed

**12:30 LUNCH**

**13:15 *Small group sessions repeated***

**14:00 *Report back and discussions of key issues from Case Studies***

Facilitated by Alyson Morley and Lib Peck

**14:30 *Lessons learned and ways forward***

**15:00 CLOSE**

**Booking form**  
**Fax back to 020 7554 2801**

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A cancellation fee of £20 will be charged for cancellations received after Friday 28 April 2006. Cancellations received after Friday 12 May 2006 will result in the full delegate rate being charged. Substitutions may be made at any time. All cancellations and substitutions must be made in writing (e-mail, fax or letter).

Postal bookings should be sent to the Events Team, LGIU, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0TB

For special requirements or specific enquiries about the event please contact Georgina Roudette on 020 7554 2800 or [georgina.roudette@lgiu.org.uk](mailto:georgina.roudette@lgiu.org.uk).

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