

# Reading the Signs

**Why people turn off politics**

**A FREE ONE-DAY WORKSHOP FOR COUNCILLORS  
AT THE HOLOCAUST CENTRE, LAXTON, NEWARK**



**East Midlands**  
Improvement and  
Efficiency Partnership

10.30 am – 3.30 pm

17th March, 2010

The Holocaust Centre, Laxton, Nottinghamshire  
NG22 0PA

## Background

Councillors across the East Midlands face many challenges in the months and years ahead.

Now, more than ever, it is essential that Councillors are supported in ways that allow them to build on their understanding of how to continue to lead their communities to be positive and active places in which to live and work.

This course cuts to the heart of what it means to be a local Councillor and UK citizen. It will challenge all to consider how our own understanding of, and approach to, exclusion, prejudice, active citizenship and the democratic deficit can dramatically influence the dynamics in communities. It will also help Councillors to be alert to, and explore, the appeal of ideas that work against cohesive and well-integrated communities.

***'I defy anyone who visits the Holocaust Centre not to come away feeling that they must confront their own, inevitable, prejudices and learn from this remarkable place'***

Councillor Christine Lawton, Councillor South Holland District Council

## Who should attend?

Councillors from across the East Midlands  
Officers supporting attending Councillors

### Outcomes:

You will leave this event having:

- EXPLORED challenging questions about citizenship and the role of Councillors in encouraging active citizenship;
- HELPED in identifying practical ways to address these issues in your ward;
- Been INSPIRED to be the change you want to see;
- Felt SUPPORTED to take the action in your ward to address these issues.

### Highlights of the programme include:

- A presentation by Dr. James Smith, CEO of Holocaust Centre and Aegis Trust and founder of Rwanda's National Genocide Memorial
- Experience the deeply moving exhibitions and memorial gardens at The Holocaust Centre
- Hear first hand the testimony of a Holocaust survivor
- Debate with a Contemporary Speaker who has direct experience of individuals being 'wooned' into extreme views
- Receive expert support in developing your action plan

**The event is FREE but places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.**

Officers attending with Members is recommended.

To book your FREE place for this event contact: Lois Dale, East Midlands Improvement and Efficiency Partnership.

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