

East Midlands Poverty Convention

Monday, 18 October

The Workhouse, Southwell, Nottinghamshire

All in One Project - Briefing

What's happening about UK poverty in 2010?

All over Europe there are activities going on to mark 2010 as the Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. In the UK each region is doing something to mark the year and here in the East Midlands we have a project called **All in One**, running until November 2010. **All in One** aims to raise awareness of poverty, challenge myths, stereotypes and discrimination, and inform decision makers and policy makers - local and national. **The Poverty Convention is the main event of the project.**

Nine geographical areas have been chosen as hotspots for financial and social exclusion and are the focus of local activities;

Rural and coastal Lincolnshire, Lincoln, The Peak District, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Mansfield, North Northamptonshire, Leicester, Nottingham.

People with first hand experience of living on very low incomes and tackling barriers to inclusion in our society have been contributing their perspectives throughout the project. The Convention will be an opportunity to hear their stories and offer solutions for the way forward in tackling social exclusion and poverty. It will also feature current successful community activity. People from grassroots, professional practitioners, and decision makers are being invited to attend:



The Poverty Convention, 18th October at The Workhouse in Southwell, 'What is 21st Century Poverty, how can it be measured and how can policy changes help to alleviate it?'

The East Midlands is fortunate to host the iconic **Southwell Workhouse** which has been offered by the National Trust as the obvious home for this event. The Workhouse was built in 1824 and is described by the National Trust as the most complete workhouse in existence.

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Information from the project is featured on the **All in One** blog at www.allinone-em.org.uk

The All in One project is supported by the European Commission and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)

Further Information – about EY2010 and the partners in All in One

Background to the All in One project

Last September, CEFET and One East Midlands's Social Inclusion Policy Forum held an event in Leicester to inform people about opportunities in 2010, the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. People came from across sectors, including many involved in community activity in the region's disadvantaged communities, and shared ideas on how the East Midlands might mark the year. They shaped a bid for the funding attached to the year to raise awareness of poverty, this became the All in One project and was eventually awarded funding for activities until November 2010.

2010, European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion

For background information on the year visit <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/european-year-2010/> and see details of all funded projects in EYES ON EY2010 Newsletter Issue 8. The UK programmes' main objectives for the year are to raise awareness, increase participation, particularly from grassroots and build a lasting legacy. As well as regional projects there are national themed projects; working age poverty, child poverty, older people and poverty, and the most socially excluded.

East Midlands Social Inclusion Policy Forum is an initiative of One East Midlands to provide a forum where policy and decision makers, Social Inclusion project practitioners and people experiencing exclusion can share information and experience, debate issues, draw lessons and develop new and more effective and practical responses to Social Exclusion in the region. For more information visit http://www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk/policy_list.php?cat_id=14.

One East Midlands works to ensure that the voluntary and community sector is actively engaged with key regional bodies and other partners, from across the public, statutory, business and social enterprise sectors. They bring together organisations that support voluntary and community groups across the region to influence and shape policy, improve services and provide a point of contact at a regional level. For more information visit <http://www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk>.

CEFET works with One East Midlands to represent the sector in the region's European Social Fund sector and supports the development of an East Midlands Grassroots Network that has an important role in the Social Inclusion Policy Forum. For more information visit <http://www.cefet.org.uk> and <http://www.cefet.org.uk/documents/GrassrootsNetworkPostcard.pdf>. CEFET is coordinating and supporting activities in the EY2010 project, "All in One".

East and South Midlands Financial Inclusion Champion Team are part of a government Taskforce and are based at Leicester Money Advice. For more information visit <http://www.fichampions.com/> and see the East and South Midlands pages. They work to ensure that everyone has access to five basic services: affordable credit, an appropriate bank account, face to face debt advice, basic home contents insurance, and savings facilities and they educate people about financial products.

EAPN England is a member of the European Anti Poverty Network bringing together groups to share ideas, lobby and campaign at European level. EAPN England <http://www.eapnengland.org.uk> connects groups and individuals involved in the fight against poverty and social exclusion to UK and European policy and decision making. More information on EAPN, EY2010 activities, campaigning and lobbying in Europe is at <http://www.eapn.eu> and <http://www.endpoverty.eu>.