



Community Engagement & Empowerment Programme Autumn 2009 Conference Engagement is Easy, Empowerment is Impossible?

**23 September 2009 - 10:30am to 4pm
Stadium of Light, Sunderland**

PROGRAMME

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| 10:30am | Arrival – refreshments and browsing the Picture Gallery |
| 11:00am | Welcome - Andrew Kerr, Chief Executive, North Tyneside Council, Chair |
| 11:05am | 'What is empowerment and why does it matter?' Dr. Catherine Durose, RCUK Research Fellow, De Montfort University |
| 11:30am | From engagement to empowerment: university and participatory social accompaniment Professor Paul Younger, Newcastle University |
| 11:55am | Workshop Debate and update of the Picture Gallery |
| 12:45pm | Lunch and browsing the Picture Gallery |
| 1:30pm | Welcome Back - Andrew Kerr, Chair |
| 1:35pm | Community Engagement and Empowerment in the North East looking back on the first year of the programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Management / Policing – John Bentley, Chief Executive, Safe in Tees Valley • 'Empowerment – with you, by you'– Sally Thomas, Managing Director, Social Regeneration Consultants • Evidencing the Connection: Social Capital, Regeneration and Engagement – Katie Schmuecker, Senior Research Fellow, IPPR north |
| 2:10pm | How do we generate more empowering outcomes with less financial input? Claire Gilhooney, Chief Executive, Cambridge House |
| 2:40pm | Workshop Debate and update of the Picture Gallery |
| 3:10pm | Community Engagement and Empowerment in the North East <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Engaging with Parliament' – Daniel Wood, Parliamentary Outreach • 'Equality Advocates Network - A Regional Pilot'- Anne Bonner from Riverside Community Health Project and Geof Armstrong of Northumberland Community Development Network • 'Evaluating the Effectiveness of Engagement & Empowerment Activity' – Alastair Thomson, Centrifuge Consulting |
| 3:50pm | Closing Remarks – Andrew Kerr |
| 4:00pm | Close |