

Stronger Communities: From National Indicators to Local Delivery

Somerset College of Arts and Technology, Taunton
9.30am - 4.00pm, Thursday 2nd October 2008

Keynote Speaker

Jon Bright, Regional Director, Government Office for the South West

“Our vision is of revitalised local authorities, working with their partners, to reshape public services around the citizens and communities that use them”
‘Strong and Prosperous Communities’ – The Local Government White Paper

Feeling stumped on how to translate this vision into practice?

Then this important free conference - for an invited audience only - is for you.

The event will focus particularly on translating the rhetoric of National Indicators 4, 6 and 7 - ‘community empowerment’, ‘volunteering’ and ‘creating an environment for a thriving third sector’ - into practical local service delivery. It will bring together an invited audience of key local authority and voluntary and community sector representatives in the South West to:

- share research and experience
- hear about examples of what’s already working, and
- explore ideas for future delivery and partnership working.

There will be an excellent line-up of speakers from:

- Office of the Third Sector
- LIFT South West, the regional improvement and efficiency partnership, and
- National Association for Voluntary and Community Action.

Plenary and workshop sessions will actively encourage and enable you to network and share experiences with peers and partners. An outline programme is included overleaf.

There is no fee for this event and you are invited particularly because of your involvement and expertise.

Confirm your place now

Please complete and return the attached booking form to South West Forum.

This conference is jointly organised by:

South West Forum, Government Office for the South West, and Empowering Communities, the South West consortium of the National Empowerment Partnership, and is supported by Capacitybuilders.

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Outline Programme

- 9.30 am** **Registration and refreshments**
- 10.00 am** **Welcome**
- Roger Haworth, South West Forum** and
 John Skrine, Empowering Communities
Presentations of Research on Community Empowerment and Third Sector
Engagement in Local Area Agreements
- 10.35 am** **Roundtable discussions –**
Stronger Communities: how can we overcome barriers and deliver?
- 11.10 am** **Jon Bright, Regional Director, Government Office for the South West**
Delivering on National Indicators in the South West
- 11.30 am** **Office of the Third Sector (TBC)**
National perspective on third sector involvement
- Paul Clarke LIFT South West / IDeA**
 Launching the LIFT SW Stronger Communities Programme
- 12 noon** **Panel Discussion**
Jon Bright, GoSW; Paul Clarke, LIFT SW; Office of Third Sector (TBC); and
Neil Cleeveley, National Association for Voluntary and
Community Action (NAVCA)
- 12.40 pm** **LUNCH and networking**
- 1.40 pm** **Workshops**
- Voluntary and Community Sector involvement in Local Strategic Partnerships and Local Area Agreements
 - Community Involvement – a local authority case study
 - LIFT SW Stronger Communities Programme – more information and discussion about this programme
 - Involving BME communities in community empowerment
- 2.45 pm** **Break**
- 3.00 pm** **Discussion Groups**
This session will enable particular groups of participants (eg Stronger Communities lead officers) to have their own 'closed' discussions.
- 4.00 pm** **Close**