



national sector led forum on community cohesion and integration

Wednesday 27 February 2008

De Vere Latimer Place, Chalfont and Latimer, Buckinghamshire

This is the second in a series of national events designed to bring the sector together to shape policy development, debate key issues, network with peers and share best practice in light of recent developments including the new performance Framework for Local Government and 'Our Shared Future', the report published by the Commission on Integration and Cohesion.

The aim of the event is to:

- to provide guidance on effective community leadership for councillors, officers and partners
- to raise awareness, identify good practice and encourage wider sharing of ideas and approaches nationally
- to encourage further debate and joined-up working around the community cohesion agenda nationally
- to both debate and contribute to the development of national policy on community cohesion, integration and equalities
- to contribute to an understanding of how councils can benchmark and measure improvements in community cohesion
- to look at key issues facing 'shire county' authorities, including migration, large scale new developments, opportunities for young people and the relationship between town and the surrounding rural communities.

This is an excellent opportunity to share knowledge and learning in a more informal environment. The event has been organised to stimulate debate, provide scope for real learning opportunities and to give participants the opportunity to collectively test out their learning and move beyond their comfort zones.

The event is open to local authority members, officers, practitioners and partners who share community cohesion issues in their areas, and those interested in developing best practice and policy related to community cohesion.





9.30 registration and refreshments

10.0 welcome and introduction

Angela Mason CBE, National Advisor for Equalities and Community Cohesion, IDeA and Councillor Bill Chapple, Deputy Leader Buckinghamshire County Council

10.15 panel discussion: our shared futures – how we make the most of opportunities for our communities

chair: Akhtar Khan, BBC Journalist

panel: Dr Maria Hudson, Senior Research Fellow, Policy Studies Institute, Councillor Margaret Eaton, Vice Chair, LGA

11.15 mid-morning refreshments

11.30 workshops:

a: identifying and delivering local priorities

– neighbourhoods and 'place' in the county context
(facilitated by IDeA Buckinghamshire County Council)

b: elected members – knowing and leading your communities
(facilitated by the IDeA and member peers)

c: the impact of the growth agenda
(facilitated by the Planning Advisory Service and GOSE)

d: cohesion and integration – the challenge for settled communities
(facilitated by Institute of Community Cohesion)

13.00 lunch

14.00 cohesion and integration problem solving exercise

An interactive and participative problem solving exercise focussed around key cohesion and integration issues. The exercise will give participants the opportunity to get involved in real problem solving scenarios and to test out their skills within a supportive environment.

16.45 feedback from exercise and prize giving

17.00 closing remarks

how to register

the event is free to attend.
To register your place, please visit
www.idea.gov.uk/events

