

# COMMUNITY COHESION

in swale for kent

Community Cohesion in Swale and Kent – 6th October 2010.

Diversity House in partnership with Professor Ted Cantle CBE and Vanessa Walker from the Institute of Community Cohesion (ICOCO) supported by Swale Borough Council are planning a one day conference in Swale.

The conference is aimed at bringing statutory organisations together with the voluntary sector to explore key issues and take part in themed workshops.

We have identified some crucial topics for the day as follows:

- How community cohesion should be embedded in major policies in Swale and Kent.
- Raising awareness of the new Government led agenda – “building a big society” and how community cohesion can assist.
- Building resilience and promoting sustainable communities.
- Supporting partner organisations to have an understanding of community cohesion and its role in the current financial climate.
- Empowering elected leaders as community cohesion champions.

Those attending will take part in community cohesion themed workshops as below with facilitators from the Institute of Community Cohesion:

- Community cohesion and regeneration
- Tackling health inequalities through community cohesion
- Relationship between education and community cohesion.
- Civic participation through improved community cohesion.

It is anticipated that BBC Radio Kent will be broadcasting live during the conference and will be reflecting on the Recognising European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion and its relevance to Kent (EY2010).

We are in the process of finalising invitations which you will receive in the next few weeks. We expect the event to be extremely well supported and so we suggest that you make note of this in your calendar. For further information and early registration please contact Diversity House on 01795 420455 or email at [info@diversityhouse.org.uk](mailto:info@diversityhouse.org.uk)

The cost will be £25.00 per person and there may be some concessions available.

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