

Making Community Cohesion Real



Taking forward the work of the Commission on Integration and Cohesion



6 November 2007, Coventry Technology Centre

About the conference

The issues which together we term 'community cohesion' represent the toughest challenges we face as a society. How do service providers make sense of the complex mesh of inter-related problems which embrace racism, the threat of extremism, gang shootings, poverty, educational under-achievement, anti-social behaviour, crime and drugs?

Agenda (subject to change)

As sections of society break away from the mainstream, one thing is clear - doing nothing is not an option. So how can local communities see beyond the complex problems and start to develop practical approaches - based on local intelligence - to enable diverse groups to live and work side by side?

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| 9.15 - 9.45 | Registration and coffee |
| 9.45 - 9.55 | Introduction from the chair – Professor Richard Farnell, Coventry University |
| 9.55 - 10.20 | Implementing the Report of the Commission on Integration and Cohesion
- DCLG speaker |
| 10.20 - 10.45 | Walking the tightrope: conflict and tension monitoring. Superintendent Bob Bird, West Midlands Police |
| 10.45 - 11.00 | Q&A with two speakers |
| 11.00 - 11.30 | Coffee |
| 11.30 - 11.55 | A new direction for community cohesion policy? Alan Riddell, Independent Consultant and Former Director of Local Development and Renewal at the Department of Communities and Local Government. |
| 11.55 - 12.05 | Q&A with speaker 3 |
| 12.05 - 12.30 | Migrant workers: destroying our way of life or saving our economy? Professor Richard Tomlins, Director Cohesia Ltd, Visiting Professor of Race and Diversity, Coventry University |
| 12.30 - 1.00 | Are we nearer to making it all real? – Panel Discussion with speakers |
| 1.00 - 2.00 | Lunch |
| 2.00 - 3.00 | Workshops – session 1
(workshops detailed overleaf) |

Workshop 1	Involving the private sector. Jo Negrini, London Borough of Lambeth
Workshop 2	The transferability of Key Individual Networks. Superintendent Bob Bird, West Midlands Police
Workshop 3	Involving Young People. Elaine Read, Prince's Trust
Workshop 4	The role of sport in local initiatives. Reaching hard to reach and frequently ignored groups - Jas Bains Ashram Housing Association
Workshop 5	Gypsy and Traveller Issues - finally on the agenda - Janie Codona, National Travellers' Action Group and Commissioner of the Commission for Racial Equality
Workshop 6	Are we nearly there yet? Measuring community cohesion. Professor Richard Tomlins
3.00 – 3.15	Switch workshops and grab a cup of tea
3.15 – 4.15	Workshops - session 2
4.15	Close of conference - tea available

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Who should attend

- Local authorities - elected members, chief executives, policy and research staff, community safety managers, anti-social behaviour and housing teams, Youth Offending Teams
- Neighbourhood Renewal Advisors, Neighbourhood Management Pathfinders, Respect initiatives including Family Intervention Projects
- Local strategic partnerships Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships, Safer Schools Partnerships
- Police - strategic planners, community safety, race relations and youth specialists
- Housing associations and tenants' organisations
- Public transport and emergency services
- Government departments and other agencies with responsibility for community cohesion - Home Office, DCLG and Youth Justice Board
- Regional government and Regional Development Agencies and regeneration agencies
- Voluntary sector organisations concerned with race relations, anti-social behaviour, keeping young people off the streets, resolving community conflict, the elderly