



Closing the gap: inequality in London

**London Voluntary Service Council
centenary annual conference and AGM**

**Tuesday 23 November 2010
Clifford Chance, Canary Wharf, London E14 5JJ**




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This unique half-day conference will commemorate LVSC's 100th annual general conference - marking 100 years of tackling poverty and inequality in the capital and coinciding with the 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion.

The event will focus on why poverty and income inequality is of relevance to all Londoners, particularly at a time when the capital is not only still recovering from the recession but also facing severe cuts in public sector spending. The event will consist of plenary sessions analysing the specific issues facing London and will identify potential action. This will be followed by a number of focussed case studies looking at specific issues and practical solutions being implemented by the voluntary and community sector in London, whilst profiling initiatives that are working to tackle inequality. There will be plenty of time for questions, answers and discussion throughout the day.

The conference will feature a host of high profile and inspiring speakers including Professor Danny Dorling from The University of Sheffield, Professor Jane Wills, University of London and Neil Jameson from the London Living Wage campaign, Professor John Hills from the London School of Economics, Emma Stewart from Women Like Us, Graham Fisher CEO from Toynbee Hall and Dr Saul Marmot from Bromley by Bow Centre.

The event will also feature a digital gallery showing images poverty and inequality in the capital over the last 100 years from the Museum of London, as well as exhibitors from the sector and beyond.

Programme*

- 09.00** Arrival, tea and coffee at Clifford Chance
- 09.15** Chair Introduction
- 09.20** Sarah Teather MP for Brent Central and Minister of State
- 09.30** Professor John Hills, London School of Economics
- 10.00** Professor Jane Wills, University of London & Neil Jameson, London Citizens
- 10.15** Quickfire case studies: Toynbee Hall; Women Like Us; Bromley by Bow
- 10.30** Q&A session
- 10.45** Tea and coffee break
- 11.15** Professor Danny Dorling, University of Sheffield
- 11.45** Jeremy Crook, BTEG
- 12.00** Fawcett Society (tbc)
- 12.15** Tom Campbell, Greater London Authority
- 12.30** Q&A
- 12.45** Chair Closing remarks
- 1-1.30** LVSC AGM
- 1-2.00** Lunch

* May be subject to change





Conference details

This half-day conference aims to:

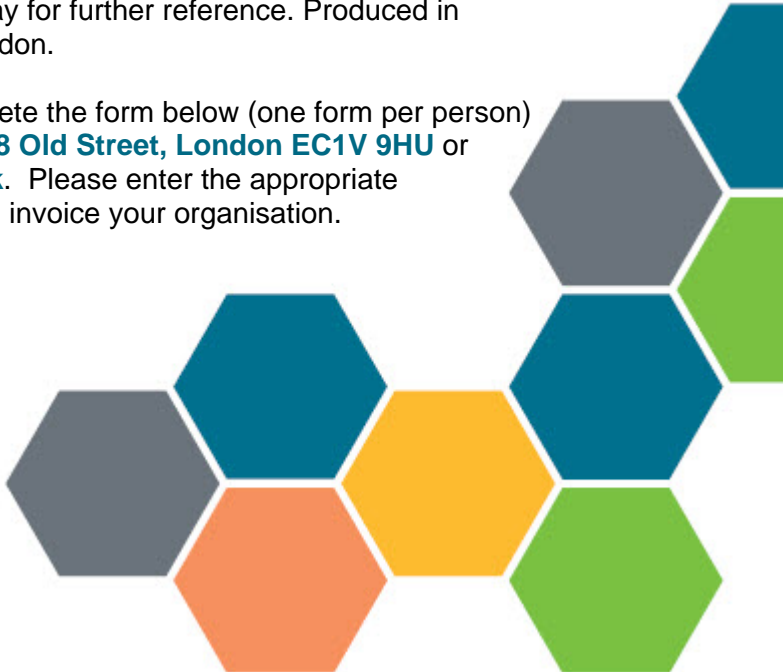
- Raise awareness of London's poverty and inequality profile
- Explain and champion the role of London's VCS in combating poverty and inequality issues
- Highlight examples of London VCS organisations who work to address poverty and inequality
- Broker a two-way conversation between leading politicians, sector specialists and individuals from London's VCS
- Inform and inspire audiences to take action on the causes and issues that surround poverty and inequality in London

Delegates who attend can:

- Debate key issues with an influential panel of keynote speakers and experts
- Network and forge new partnerships across the VCS in London
- Take away tried and tested action and solutions to enable more effective lobbying and campaigning
- Share practice and experiences
- Learn more about key drivers influencing policy affecting the sector and Londoners

Delegates who attend will also receive **a free pocket guide to inequality in London** to supplement the conference and take away for further reference. Produced in partnership and sponsored by Trust for London.

To book on to the conference please complete the form below (one form per person) and return it via post to **LVSC, 4th Floor, 88 Old Street, London EC1V 9HU** or email it to **annualconference@lvsc.org.uk**. Please enter the appropriate conference fee in the box below and we will invoice your organisation.



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Position:		
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TYPE OF ORGANISATION AND MEMBERSHIP STATUS (tick all boxes that apply):		
Voluntary and Community	<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory or Public sector <input type="checkbox"/>
Private sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social enterprise <input type="checkbox"/>
Member of LVSC	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		TOTAL PAYABLE £

** Cancellations: Individuals who cancel before 12 November 2010 will not be charged. After this date we will not be able to offer a refund and any cancellation will be charged the full entry fee, or you can transfer the place to another person from your organisation for free.

Special needs: Please let us know if you have any special requirements, including access needs, a BSL interpreter and any dietary requirements. We will do our best to meet them. Please list requirements below:

We will be taking photos at this event for reports and for publicity materials. If you do not wish to be photographed please let the photographer or a LVSC staff member know on the day.

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