

## Essex Partnership News - keeping you in touch

### In Brief...

**Welcome** to the latest edition of the Essex Partnership News. In this edition we are delighted to announce some of the details of who and what you can expect at the Essex Conference and highlight opportunities coming up for partners and partnerships across Essex.

### LGC Partnerships Challenge

The Essex Partnership has been invited to submit a team to this year's [LGC Partnerships Challenge](#) on 24<sup>th</sup> June.

If any partners would be interested in forming a team please contact [Kate Crofts](#) before 15<sup>th</sup> May.

### Essex Conference 2009

Weston Homes Community Stadium, Colchester  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2009, 09.30 – 16.00

#### LATEST NEWS:

- Professor [Tony Bovaird](#), Professor of Strategy and Public Services Management at the University of Birmingham, will chair the Conference.
- Developed from key issues emerging from the Essex Strategy Review process; workshop sessions will be hosted by a range of partners and partnerships. The full list of workshops will be announced soon, and if your organisation or partnership would like to host a workshop please get in touch.
- Part of the day will include [the 80 Minute MBA](#). Described as 'Everything you'll never learn at Business School' the 80 Minute MBA promises to be a hugely engaging and inspiring insight into the best of business thinking, and its relevance to effective partnership working in Essex.
- Exhibition space – if you'd like to showcase your work at the conference please let us know.

Don't forget, the Essex Conference will be about achieving a step-change in partnership delivery. EPF member organisations are encouraged to bring along your senior management teams and all LSP and Thematic Partnership members are invited.

**Hurry and place a booking before 31<sup>st</sup> May for your chance to WIN a free corporate away day for your team, kindly donated by Essex County Fire & Rescue Service.**

**[BOOK NOW!](#)**

### Improvement East Innovation Day

The Essex Partnership comprises many partners and partnerships who may wish to share ideas or bid for funding via the "Galley Zone" and "Treasure Chest" at Improvement East's Innovations Day in October 2009. For more information [click here](#), and if you would like to work with other Essex partners to make a submission on behalf of the Essex Partnership – let us know! Contact the Essex Partnership Secretariat [info@essexpartnership.org](mailto:info@essexpartnership.org)

## Voluntary Sector Endowment Fund

As agreed at Essex Partnership in March 2009 Essex has become the first area to set up an endowment fund with cash received from a government performance reward grant. The bonus payment was made in recognition of Essex's success in reaching local area agreement targets and will be fed back into the local community as confirmation of the hard work of the local voluntary sector and its "profound effect on the area".

The fund has been recognised nationally, featuring recently on the Cabinet Office [website](#). It is anticipated that the fund, which will be worth roughly £2 million, will open for applications in the autumn and will award £100,000 to local charities and voluntary groups in its first year of operation. [The Essex Community Foundation](#) will manage the fund.

## Health Inequalities

The Essex Partnership Forum considered the issue of Health Inequalities at the last meeting on 24 March 2009. Members considered the priorities within their PCT area and used a series of Health Inequalities matrices to inform their discussions.

You can download the matrices and the report of discussions from the [Health Inequalities webpage](#)

Health Inequalities will be considered next by the Community Well Being and Older People Partnership, where the nature of consultation with the district LSPs and other Theme Partnerships will be agreed. This engagement will guide the preparation of an Essex-wide coordinated approach to tackling Health Inequalities.

## Performance Management Update

Each Thematic Partnership is preparing an Annual Report for 2008/09 and drafts are being discussed by the Performance Management Group. Reports will be agreed by the six Thematic Partnerships by the end of June, or soon after, and published on the Partnership website. The [LAA Scorecard](#), which is refreshed each month and published on the [Our Performance](#) page of the website, provides an at-a-glance overview of progress in delivering the Local Area Agreement.

Notes of the 27 March meeting of the Performance Management Group are now available to view, to download [click here](#). The notes of the 20 April meeting will be cleared when the Group next meets on 18 May.

A new resource is available on the Partnership website, bringing together information and guidance on our Performance Management Model and providing some practical tools for partners to use to help manage delivery of our priorities. To access the Information and Guidance page [click here](#).

We are aiming to make information about performance more accessible to partners, and to develop appropriate guidance and support. If you would like to discuss the developing approach and how to improve performance management across the Partnership or within your own area, please contact the Essex Partnership Secretariat [info@essexpartnership.org](mailto:info@essexpartnership.org)

## Partnership Calendar

Below are dates for the next 3 months, you can view the full [Partnership Calendar online](#)

Date	Meeting Title	Attended by
<b>MAY</b>		
12 May 09	Thematic Partnership meeting - Sust. Essex	<a href="#">TP Members</a>
13 May 09	Thematic Partnership meeting - CYPSP	<a href="#">TP Members</a>
18 May 09	LAA Performance Management Group	<a href="#">PMG Members</a>
21 May 09	Essex Conference Working Group Weston Homes Community Stadium, Colchester 12:30 - 14:30	ECWG Members
<b>JUNE</b>		
10 Jun 09	Thematic Partnership meeting - CYPSP	<a href="#">TP Members</a>
22 Jun 09	LAA Performance Management Group	<a href="#">PMG Members</a>

23 Jun 09	Essex Conference Working Group Mayntrees, New Street, Chelmsford 10:00 - 12:00	ECWG Members
23 Jun 09	Thematic Partnership meeting - CWOP	TP Members
<b>JULY</b>		
02 Jul 09	Thematic Partnership meeting - Safer Essex	TP Members
07 Jul 09	Thematic Partnership meeting - 2012	TP Members
09 Jul 09	<b>The Essex Conference</b>	All partners & key stakeholders
10 Jul 09	Thematic Partnership meeting - CYPSP	TP Members
15 Jul 09	Thematic Partnership meeting - Sust. Essex	TP Members
20 Jul 09	LAA Performance Management Group	PMG Members

If you would like to add dates to the Partnership Calendar email [info@essexpartnership.org](mailto:info@essexpartnership.org)

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