



AONTAS Community Education Network Meeting

‘Collective action and partnership work for progressing community education’

Date: Tuesday 26th January 2010

Time: 9.45am – 2.00pm

Venue: The Carmichael Centre, North Brunswick St, Dublin 7

Why is it important for you to attend the Community Education Network Meeting?

1. It is vital that you bring your experience and issues to the next Network meeting.
2. It is vital that you work to ensure the community education sector strengthens its collective voice in order to ensure its survival during this difficult time.
3. Your contributions will directly shape the policy and research work of the community education network and that of AONTAS.

What you will get from attending this meeting?

Sharing Best Practice – Greater knowledge of successful lobbying work and strategies for collective action.

Advocacy – You will contribute to the community education network lobbying work and will ensure that it is responsive to the current needs of the sector.

Partnership – You will gain a greater understanding of the Further Education Section of the Department of Education and Science and how we can work together to progress community education.





AGENDA

9.45 – 10.00	Registration, tea & coffee, scones
10.00 – 10.15	Update on the Community Education Network Outcomes of last meeting, our development and issues facing the sector.
10.15 – 10.35	Group Brainstorm Areas to focus our lobbying work on.
10.35 – 11.05	Sharing knowledge of lobbying Participants share their stories of lobbying activities: outcomes and obstacles to effective lobbying.
11.05 – 11.20	Coffee break
11.20 – 12.15	Discussion session Based on the brainstorming session participants will identify how the Network can move forward in addressing the issues facing community education.
12.15 – 1.15	Developing our relationship with the Department of Education and Science (DES) Seamus Hempenstall (Principal Officer) from the Further Education Section of DES will share his knowledge on how the department works, what is possible and how we can develop partnerships to progress the community education sector.
1.15 – 2.00	Lunch & Networking

Outcomes
Understanding of where the CEN is going, using the views of participants to guide advocacy work and sharing knowledge on effective lobbying practice.

Outcomes
Identify specific advocacy work and mechanisms for the CEN to move forward on these issues.

Outcomes
Develop relationships with, and understanding of, the Department of Education and Science

The Network is open to AONTAS members that are:

Local, self-managed, independent community education organisation that are committed to raising the profile of, and lobbying for, a community education sector that is committed to social change.

To Book:

The event is free but places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment before **Friday 22nd January**, contact Dympna on 01 4068220 or email dlarkin@aontas.com

