
Brief for Stronger Communities, Stronger Economies meetings

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Purpose

The Council on Social Action, set up to advise the Prime Minister on his agenda for social action, would like to engage the Chain Reaction community in developing ideas about creating social renewal alongside economic renewal. The thoughts and ideas generated as a result will be fed directly back to the Council on Social Action, who will then make recommendations to the Prime Minister and government departments.

Resources

Chain Reaction will provide meeting hosts with:

- A link on the Chain Reaction website to advertise your meeting
- A booking system via event brite
- A short film clip from David Robinson, vice-Chair of the Council, setting out the questions to be considered (can be shown on a laptop or screen at the beginning of the meeting, you tube standard)
- A summary paper from the Council on Social Action on thinking so far
- Space on the Chain Reaction website to feedback directly to the Chain Reaction community

Meeting format

Please see *Key Elements of a Chain Reaction meeting* for general advice on holding a Chain Reaction meeting. We'll leave the design and delivery of this specific meeting to your imagination but we'd like you to include the following questions:

1. We would not have chosen the circumstances but there are opportunities in recession. What are they and how might be realised to rebuild a better, fairer society? Please comment on the ideas set out in the CoSA paper, and add other ideas.
2. What action can government, business and the third sector, together with all of us as individuals, take now to ensure that we emerge from the current economic challenges with stronger, more connected and more caring communities? Please identify potential actions and collaborations.
3. What will you do next?

Feeding back

You can feedback to us in a variety of mediums – such as a short written piece or a YouTube film, you can add ideas directly to the Ideas Box or you can send us a link to your own blog or twitter posts. We'll post all of this on www.chain-reaction.org and get more conversation going about it.

Time frame

Ideas and discussions to be fed back to Chain Reaction by 30th March 2009.

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