‘Tackling Poverty in East Lothian’: Three Agendas: One Challenge

13th of October 2010

Seminar by the Tackling Poverty Theme Group & Support from the Start Project Board

Haddington Town House, Haddington, East Lothian

Achieving Our Potential is the Scottish Government’s framework for tackling poverty and income inequality. This, together with the framework for health inequality ‘***Equally Well’*** and the ***Early Years*** framework, set out the vision and supporting actions which seek to address the causes and effects of poverty, disadvantage and inequality.

The context in which we have been working to tackle deprivation has changed. How can we ensure that activities to tackle poverty and deprivation remain a priority for resource allocation in a time of financial restraint?

This seminar will seek to:

- reinvigorate a commitment to the tackling poverty agenda with a focus on the root causes of poverty and early years
- develop a shared vision and ownership of the challenge to tackle deprivation
- identify the key priorities for tackling poverty in the 2011 Single Outcome Agreement and the future of funding this area

The morning of the seminar will also offer the opportunity to learn more about making good financial choices and the options available to families in East Lothian.

<u>Programme for the day:</u>

10.30-12.30 Community Finances: The impact on Family Life, Health and Wellbeing

13.30- 16.45 Tackling Poverty Seminar: Three Agendas: One Challenge

Booking information:
To book your place, please email Pauline McLaren on pmclaren@eastlothian.gov.uk or phone 01620 829947. Please indicate if you wish to attend both the morning and/or the afternoon session. Please let me know if you would like to join us for lunch on the day.

Tackling Poverty in East Lothian: Programme

Morning Session:
Community Finances: The impact on family life, health and wellbeing

10.30 **Welcome**

10.35 **Financial Capability and Wellbeing: An Introduction**

10.50 **Illegal Money Lending** John Pollock – Scottish Illegal Money Lending Unit

11.10 **Advice and Support:** East Lothian Citizen's Advice Bureaux Services

11.30 **Credit Unions** Kimberley Swan, Financial Educational Officer, Capital Credit Union

11.50 **Let's Talk Money: Questions and Answers session**

12.30 **Thanks and Close**

12.30-13.30 **Networking Lunch**

Afternoon session:

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13.30 **Opening and Welcome**

13.45 **Tackling Poverty: Policy and Research**
Professor Glen Bramely, Professor of Urban Studies, Heriot Watt University

14.10 **East Lothian Poverty profile: What does poverty look like in East Lothian?**

14.25 **Workshop: Tackling Poverty and Health Inequalities in East Lothian: making the most difference in our communities.**

15.45 **Interactive Plenary session**

16.30 **Thanks and Close**