

# The Annual Conference of the Stronger Communities Programme

**Wednesday 9 July 2008**  
**The Crew Club, Whitehawk, Brighton**



- 10.00 **Registration and refreshments**
- 10.15 **“The Big Map” exercise**
- 10.30 **Guest speakers**  
An opportunity to listen and learn from good practice examples of community empowerment work  
*Mark Lolly, Deputy Chair  
Bloomsbury Estate Management Board, Birmingham*  
*Jo Gough, Community Involvement Manager, Croydon Voluntary Action*
- 11.00 **Setting the Scene**  
*Sally Hiscock, Chief Officer, CVSF*  
The Forum’s work in strengthening representation - what’s been achieved and what are the representative opportunities for 2008/9, including launch of 2008 elections
- 11.15 **Community Empowerment Speed Dating**  
A chance to catch up on the latest successful community empowerment initiatives in Brighton & Hove, including the role of Elected Reps in the city and the new Community Engagement Framework, and promote the community empowerment work of your own group or organisation!
- 12.30 **Lunch**  
Enjoy a buffet and performance from a CVSF member organisation  
Networking session for CVSF elected representatives
- 1.15 **The Verbal Noticeboard**  
An opportunity for your group to share news with others and hear updates from other groups.
- 1.45 **Your Space Workshops**
- Public health and services in local neighbourhoods – defining the community and voluntary sector’s priorities
  - Children and Young People’s Network meeting
  - Training Taster on “Working with Volunteers” (led by the Brighton & Hove Volunteer Centre)
  - Disabled People & the Involvement Agenda (jointly led by the Federation of Disabled People & the Disability Equality Scheme group)
  - Environment Network meeting, including the Core Strategy and City Sustainability Partnership consultations
- 4.00 **Close**



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