

Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) Seminar

25th July 2006, Ramada Plaza Hotel, Redcliffe Way, Bristol

A one day seminar exploring the evidence available to support proposals for the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit's (NRU) Local Economic Growth Initiative (LEGI). The event will also be of interest to those involved in Economic Development and Regeneration, Neighbourhood Renewal (NR) and Local Area Agreements (LAA).

10:30-11:00 **Welcome & refreshments**

11:00-11:15 **Introduction - The Importance of Evidence**

Dawn Eastmead, Divisional Manager, Neighbourhood Renewal Unit (NRU)

Dawn has overall responsibility for delivering the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative, as well as for delivery of the employment floor target.

11:15-11:45 **Overview of Evidence use in LEGI**

Jonathan Durnin & Oliver Allies, Supporting Evidence for Local Delivery (SELD)

Jonathan and Oliver work for ERS consultants who are currently operating the NRU's SELD pilot in the North East. They will be presenting an overview of evidence issues arising through the first round of LEGI bids,

11:45-12:30 **Using UK Labour Market Statistics**

Sinclair Sutherland, Director, NOMIS

Sinclair manages the team and ensures the smooth running of the UK labour market statistics services which NOMIS operates on behalf of the Office for National Statistics (ONS). He will review the range of economic, enterprise and employment statistics available to support LEGI development and delivery.

12:30-13:30 **Lunch**

13:30-14:30 **New Economic Measures**

Lisa Sanfilippo & Guy Rubin, New Economics Foundation (NEF)

Lisa is head of Measurement & Evaluation at NEF. She has worked in economic development and with social economy/social enterprise and voluntary organisations since 1994 both in the US and the UK. Guy is a Senior Researcher at NEF and supported the successful Hastings LEGI bid. Lisa and Guy will present some of the more progressive and alternative tools available for measuring and evaluating economic development, including various examples of good practice.

14:30-15:00 **Case Example: A successful LEGI Bid**

Alex Irvine & Jo Sinclair, Barking & Dagenham LEGI

Alex (programme manager) and Jo (bid lead) will talk through how they prepared their successful LEGI bid in the first round, including how they gathered and prepared the evidence-base to support their proposals.

15:00-15:15 **Final Questions and Close**

Sarah Connolly, Government Office South West (GOSW)

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