

To chief executives and associate members



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Dear Colleague

**STRONG AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES SERIES  
(2) 'Building Effective Partnerships'— Thursday 25 June 2009  
10.45am to lunchtime – Malone House, Belfast**

One of a series of half-day workshops for those charged with building and delivering local public services. This one is about 'Building Effective Partnerships', and how they can be made to work effectively.

You may say that this is already happening and, yes, a lot is already happening: organisations do work together and we can all point to successful partnership arrangements. But, if we are to go further, we perhaps need to think more about policy outcomes and the relationships between them, multi-agency approaches, managing co-operatively and across boundaries; and about how delivery systems can be better integrated and focused on the frontline. Whatever the model, partnerships are often seen as *the* solution. While each has its own dynamic much depends on the interactions and inter-relations in play. While public agencies are natural collaborators—they start with shared values and sense of purpose—how do you build effective partnerships? Accommodate different cultural drivers? Develop synergies? Reconcile priorities? Bring budgets and money etc. to bear?

*This workshop is for locally based senior managers in government departments and agencies, in local and other public authorities including the police, fire and health services. It will be about designing partnerships that work, about sharing experiences and working collaboratively across organisational boundaries. As such it will cover different types of partnership working, members' roles and accountabilities, design aspects and protocols. It will also reflect on how successful partnerships tend to work in practice, on good practice, on common problems and strategies for dealing with the sorts of issues likely to surface within a partnership.*

Organised in co-operation with SOLACE and the Local Government Staff Commission the workshop will be led by Angela Prober, Director of Organisational Development at SOLACE Enterprises, who has an impressive track record in guiding and supporting local organisations in how they think about and then plan and deliver change. Angela has developed a deep understanding of current issues and thinking in regard to local service delivery and ways in which it can be radically improved.

The workshop is free of charge. A programme is attached. It includes an online registration link. Contact Kim McKnight (T) 02890 542966 (DIAL 42966) (E) [mail@ceforum.org](mailto:mail@ceforum.org) for more information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alvin", is positioned above the name Alvin McKinley.

**ALVIN MCKINLEY**



## **'Building Effective Partnerships'**

**Malone House Thursday 25 June 2009  
10.45am to Lunchtime**

- 10.30am Registration**  
Refreshments on arrival
- 10.45am Introduction and Welcome**
- 10.55am Workshop Objectives**  
**'Participants Experiences'**  
Research in NI and UK on principles and protocols
- 11.25am Partnership Purpose Structure and Design**  
Governance  
Problem areas and good practice  
Feedback on implications and input on best practice
- 12.00pm Developing the Partnership approach in the Northern Ireland Context**
- 12.30pm Discussion 'Next Steps'**
- 1.00pm Close and Lunch**

### **PLACES ARE FREE OF CHARGE BUT ARE LIMITED**

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