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Spotlight on fight to end poverty

05 January 2010

ANTI-POVERTY campaigners and activists from across London attended an event in Stratford focusing on ways of tackling the problem.

The one-day conference was held at the Old Town Hall and was organised by Community Links in partnership with the European Anti-Poverty Network England, Third Sector European Network and London Voluntary Sector Training Consortium.

It was opened by Kevin Jenkins, Newham Councillor and co-founder of Community Links. East Ham MP Stephen Timms, who is Chief Secretary to the Treasury, called on campaigners, community organisations and faith groups to join local and national government in a "partnership of equals" to end child poverty over the next 10 years.

He reaffirmed the government's commitment to end child poverty by 2020 and outlined the significant progress that has been made over the last decade but he accepted that much more needed to be done if the target is to be reached.

Jean Lambert MEP talked about the progress that can be made through community based campaigns and projects. She spoke about the need for a benefit system that reflects the real situation faced by communities experiencing unemployment.

Most of the contributions were from activists and people experiencing poverty. A Community Links volunteer described how being unemployed made him feel isolated and vulnerable, and how dealing with the Jobcentre only made things worse.

The final session allowed participants to suggest ideas for tackling poverty. They included changing the welfare system so that when someone gets a job their benefit payments are tapered off rather than instantly stopped; increasing awareness of the benefits; splitting the Jobcentre's function so it only helps people into work and better recognising and rewarding voluntary work.

In March 2000 governments across Europe pledged to get rid of poverty by the year 2010. This year has now been officially designated as The European Year against Poverty (EY2010).

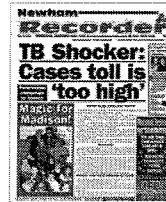
With support from the European Commission the UK Government has agreed an ERY2010 national programme to tackle the problem on four main fronts including child poverty, deprivation, working age adults and older people.

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