

# Why East London's Civil Society Matters

**MAKING THE CASE FOR THRIVING,  
INDEPENDENT VOLUNTARY AND  
COMMUNITY GROUPS**

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**THURSDAY 6th NOVEMBER**

**DURNING HALL,  
EARLHAM GROVE,  
LONDON E7 9AB**

**from 9.30am to 4.30pm**



Aston-Mansfield

Generating community wealth for social change

Community Involvement Unit

**CONFERENCE 2008**

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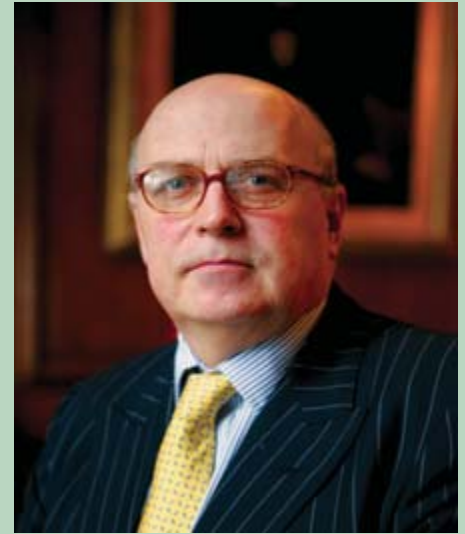


## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

### A Different Kind of Wealth

Independent voluntary and community groups are increasingly encouraged to become more like businesses - by those who often fail to understand our role.

**Stuart Etherington**, Chief Executive of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO), explains why we should celebrate the ways we are different from profit-making organisations.



### An Essential Part of East London's Wellbeing

In east London, third sector organisations employ hundreds of people, involve thousands in voluntary activities and bring millions of pounds into the area, making them essential to communities and the economy.

**Lisa Greensill**, of the Government Office for London, speaks about the growing recognition within government that without the voluntary, community and faith sectors, local authorities would struggle to develop and maintain active, cohesive, vibrant communities.



### The Value of Independent Action

Voluntary and community action forms an essential part of the checks and balances we need within our democracy. To play this role effectively, we must be able to act independently - from local and central government and from other powerful interests.

**Penny Waterhouse**, from the National Coalition for Independent Action, speaks about the need to promote and demonstrate the value of independent voluntary and community action and, where it is needed, dissent.





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## About the CIU

The Aston-Mansfield Community Involvement Unit (CIU) is a team of specialists providing a comprehensive package of quality advice and information aimed at supporting and strengthening voluntary and community groups. We provide a well-stocked library of third sector publications, a monthly mailing to over 600 groups, advice on organisational development and a range of training and development learning in community venues across east London. We offer intensive one-to-one support to help voluntary and community groups to grow and operate two shared Community Offices, providing small groups with their first office space.

For further information contact **Kevin Blowe (CIU Coordinator)** on 020 8536 3825 or e-mail [kevin.blowe@aston-mansfield.org.uk](mailto:kevin.blowe@aston-mansfield.org.uk)

## Travel to Durning Hall



**Bus:** 25, 86, 58, 308, 330, 678

**Rail:** Forest Gate or Wanstead Park

**Tube:** Stratford, Upton Park

**Car:** There is no access to Earlham Grove from Woodgrange Road - entrance is from Romford Road via Sprowston Road.

Please note that there is no parking at the Centre and on-street parking is limited.

## CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

### Workshop A

**Why demonstrating our credibility matters - getting governance right.**

**Linda Lawrence**, governance consultant and former chair of Charity Trustees Network

### Workshop B

**Where civil society excels - the value of community arts and sport**

Workshop facilitator to be confirmed

### Workshop C

**How do partnerships with the third sector benefit the statutory agencies?**

**Jane Connor**, Head of Improving Health Partnerships, London Borough of Newham / Newham Primary Care Trust

### Workshop D

**The heart of the third sector's identity - why volunteers matter**

Workshop facilitator to be confirmed

### Workshop E

**Can trade unions and community groups work together to bring about change?**

Workshop facilitator to be confirmed

**CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS ARE REPEATED IN THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS**

For a third year, we are grateful for sponsorship of the CIU conference from

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# BOOKING FORM



## About Your Organisation

MAIN CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANISATION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## Who Will Be Attending?

The following representatives from our organisation will be attending the conference on 6th November 2008

**First Delegate Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Workshops (A-E)** First choice  Second choice  [please indicate A, B, C, D or E] **see overleaf**

**Dietary Requirements:** Vegetarian  Vegan  Halal  Kosher  Diabetic  **Disabled access**

**Signer required**  **Creche facilities:** Number of children:  Ages of children:

**Second Delegate Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Workshops (A-E)** First choice  Second choice  [please indicate A, B, C, D or E] **see overleaf**

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**Third Delegate Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Registration Fees

**£10** per delegate from **voluntary sector organisations** £ \_\_\_\_\_

**£5** per delegate from **voluntary sector organisations booked by 1 Sept 2008** £ \_\_\_\_\_

**£20** per delegate from **statutory sector organisations** £ \_\_\_\_\_

**FREE** for **unfunded community groups** (max. **one** delegate)  please tick

**TOTAL** £ \_\_\_\_\_

We enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to "The Community Involvement Unit"

Please tick this box if you wish to be added to the Community Involvement Unit's mailing list

**Please return the booking form to:**

The Community Involvement Unit, Aston-Mansfield,  
Durning Hall, Earlham Grove, London E7 9AB