

The European Learning Network: what does it mean for London?

GLE, lead partner of LNet, a European project promoting enterprise in deprived urban areas, will organise a London event on 31st January, 2006.

The workshop will involve London's social and economic stakeholders in the development of practical toolkits currently prepared by LNet's European partners as final outputs of the project.

These toolkits are designed to support policy makers and local practitioners who are working towards the promotion of social enterprise, innovation and entrepreneurship in deprived urban areas, as a route out of economic and social disadvantage, promoting

positive and sustainable local development. Social enterprise and innovation will be the two themes scrutinised during this workshop.

Participants will be invited to comment on the three sections of each toolkit, reviewing and, in the light of their own experience, adding to the work developed by the LNet partners. The first part of the toolkits focuses on the **analysis of the barriers** to social enterprise or innovation in deprived areas, as well as the **causes** of these barriers and the potential **solutions** to them. Based on this, **top tips** will be given to policy makers and practitioners to focus on tried and tested methods of

overcoming specific barriers. Finally, the toolkits present a range of **case studies** demonstrating how policy initiatives and activities have overcome specific barriers to

social enterprise and innovation, highlighting positive solutions to specific issues and their transferable elements.

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