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COMMUNITY CAULDRON

An opportunity to communicate, discuss, learn, consult, organize and co-operate, and to contribute your hopes, expectations and needs to the development of a Local Action Plan.

9th-12th March 2005, Llanidloes

Do you have a view about the state we're in, here in the Llanidloes area? Have you ever wondered how we got here, or how we are going to adapt to the challenging circumstances that we now face? Have you a vision of how the area in which you live should develop over the next ten to fifteen years? Are you prepared to share that vision with others and work towards making it a reality?

These are just some of the questions that the Llanidloes & District Community Forum is seeking to address at a Community Conference to be held at the Minerva Centre in

Llanidloes during the week commencing 7th of March.

A full programme of seminars, displays and presentations will seek to identify the key issues shaping our present situation and will develop workable ideas and actions that we, the people living and working in the Llanidloes area, can carry forward as we seek to grow a stronger, more independent and more sustainable community.

TIMETABLE

Exhibition and Exercises

Wednesday 9th - Friday 11th, 11.00am - 5.00pm

Featuring:

Display of key elements of a draft Local Action Plan for comment.

Visioning/participatory exercises.

Displays by local organizations

Volunteer/Skills Bank – a place to leave your name and details if you would like to volunteer your time and your knowledge (to be matched against a “wanted” list).

Seminars (day time)

These seminars will begin with a series of collaborative exercises to develop a shared model of the local economy, in particular to identify problems and solutions. Representatives of a wide variety of support and development organizations will be on hand to make available their expertise in particular solutions (including the Social Economy, Development Trusts, Land Trusts, Local Energy Production, Community Supported Agriculture, Community Land Trusts, The Community Banking Partnership, etc.) and to give presentations and facilitate workshops.

Wednesday 9th - The state we're in: What we have, what we need and what we can do

Thursday 10th - Building a better community: Developing realistic local actions for a stronger, more dynamic community.

Describing the economy that supports the community of Llanidloes and district, the resources it uses, the problems it faces and the opportunities open to it.

Liz Bickerton will start by facilitating a series of workshops (using well-established tools developed by the *New Economics Foundation*: Plugging the Leaks, The Local Multiplier, Irrigating the Desert) to establish a model of the economy with, and to draw out solutions from, the diverse participants. Other facilitators will provide more specific information where required and assist in the development of local solutions. In particular, the following topics will be covered: The Social Economy, Community Land Trusts, The Community Banking Partnership, Development Trusts, etc.

Facilitators and speakers will include John Harrington (PAVO), Jonathan Brown (WCVA), Deb Wozencraft (CPRW), David Thomlinson (Powys County Council), Rina Clark (ROMCUL), Mick Brown (NACUW), Stephen Hughes, Deb Wozencraft (CPRW) and others (to be confirmed).

Thursday 10th, 7.00pm - Evening consultation

A brief introduction to the **Local Action Plan**.

Reports on the themes/issues/ideas which will have emerged during the first two days of the conference — where does this take us?

Identifying the next steps in taking the Local Action Plan forward: how do we implement it?

Friday 11th - The Funding Forum

Information available on Funding Trends (e.g. Charitable and Payroll Giving, Community Banking Partnership and Credit Unions, other funding bodies, etc.)

Information on organizational structures (e.g. Charities, Community Interest Companies, etc.)

Saturday 12th - Closing summary

A visual summary of the results from the week.

We hope that this event will have enabled the local community to begin the development of a strategic vision for the Llanidloes area which will be implemented through a widely agreed Local Action Plan. The activities on this day will seek to draw together a draft of that Plan from all the information and ideas presented over the previous three days.

General Information

The Llanidloes & District Community Forum is the mechanism for putting your views across. Put simply, the Forum is you and me. Everyone's opinion counts and the Forum is simply the means of collecting opinions in our area.

The Community Forum has a Working Group (including its Secretariat and a Chair) that organises open meetings to discuss, originally, the local contribution to the Community Strategy for Powys. Now the Forum is concentrating on bringing local organisations, businesses and individuals together to discuss local solutions to local problems. The Community Cauldron is just a step in this process, which we hope will result in a Local Action Plan for the greater Llanidloes area.

The Local Action Plan is simply a device to inform individuals and organizations, and the statutory agencies who serve the area, just what is going on here on the ground. Hopefully, by pooling information and ideas, by promoting better communication and by more effectively coordinating effort, the Local Action Plan will provide a mechanism for steering the area towards a brighter, more prosperous future.

The Local Action Plan will not belong to the Forum. Just as the Forum has no real identity of its own, but is made up of everyone joining together to discuss local issues, so the plan will belong to each and every organization and individual that contributes to its development.

The Plan will come together as local groups, businesses and individuals explain the actions that they wish to see happen, and which they are prepared to work towards bringing about. The Local Action Plan is about having a vision of where our community wants to go, and what we are prepared to do, individually and collectively, to ensure that we get there.

So, if you have a project in mind, whether it involves a need to seek funding or just the coordinating of volunteer effort, please bring it along and see how it fits into a wider picture. And if you have no project in mind, come along anyway and find out what others are doing and where you might be able to lend a hand.

For further information, or if you wish to volunteer your skills and services to help with this event, please contact:

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