



# Launch Event of the 2010 Social Inclusion Regional Group “It’s Our Year” - Local and Regional Actors Tackling Poverty

23/02/2010 - European Parliament - Room ASP 5G2

## **Introducing the 2010 Social Inclusion Regional Group**

**Chaired by Stephen Hughes MEP (North East England)**

9h30 – 9h45 – Welcome address by Fiona Hall MEP

9h45 – 10h00 – The SIRG – what is it, and what will it do? (Kim Smouter, North East England)

## **The challenges faced by WG Equalities and Non-Discrimination**

**Chaired by Teresa Jiménez Becerril-Barrio MEP (Valencia)**

10h00 – 10h05 – Introduction from the Chair

10h05 – 10h25 – A local story: Sanna Sarromaa, Oppland County’s challenges with gender equality

10h25 – 10h30 – Q&A

## **The challenges faced by WG Child Poverty**

**Chaired by Kathleen van Brempt MEP (Flanders)**

10h30 – 10h35 – Foreword by Mara Bizzotto MEP (Veneto)

10h35 – 10h55 – A local story: Francesco Gallo, Veneto region’s experiences tackling child poverty

10h55 – 11h00 – Q&A

## **The challenges faced by WG financial Exclusion and Over-Indebtedness**

**Chaired by Former CoR President Luc van den Brande (Flanders)**

11h00 – 11h05 – Introduction from the Chair

11h05 – 11h25 – A local story: South Tyneside Council’s fight against over indebtedness

11h25 – 11h30 – Q&A

## **The challenges faced by WG Inclusive Labour Markets**

**Chaired by Alejandro Cercas MEP (Extremadura)**

11h30 – 11h35 – Introduction from the Chair

11h35 – 11h55 – A local story: AURORA project, Fyrbodol, West Sweden TBC

11h55 – 12h00 – Q&A

## **Messages of Support**

12h00 – 12h10 – European Commission (Anne Degrand Guillaud, EY2010 Task Force, *invited*)

12h10 – 12h20 – European Year NGO Platform (Pauline Geoghegan, EAPN)

12h20 – 12h30 – Closing remarks by Stephen Hughes & Kathleen van Brempt



## The 2010 Social Inclusion Regional Group

### Steering members of the initiative



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