



‘Altogether Wealthierchallenges and changes’

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Tuesday 7th February 2012 1.00 – 3.30pm
 Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, Burn Lane DL5 4HT

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The Churches Regional Commission & North East Regional Faiths Network have been working in partnership with Durham County Council to consider the distinctive contribution faith communities can and do make to the life of our County. The recent publication of **‘Faith in Sustainable Communities’** outlines some of this work and introduces a programme of conversation styled workshops reflecting on the Sustainable Community Strategy for County Durham. Five Key themes are at the heart of the Strategy: **Altogether Wealthier; Altogether Better for children & young people; Altogether Healthier; Altogether Safer; Altogether Greener.**

Faith communities have a distinctive role in most communities and neighbourhoods; in some situations providing resources and services; in others, along with other community groups and organisations expressing views and opinion which inform and shape policy formation and implementation.

The workshop in Newton Aycliffe will focus on **‘Altogether Wealthier’**. An aim is to identify challenges and changes, personal and political, which may need to be addressed at all levels. The roundtable discussions will provide opportunities for dialogue and critical reflection which can then lead to informed actions. The following provides some examples of key questions:

- What prospect for ‘wellbeing and sustainability’ in this future period of austerity?
- Are services and resources reaching those that are most in need – is deeper consideration needed about the notion of ‘fairness’?
- Social networks and social capital – have faith groups more to contribute regarding their response to wealth and wellbeing priorities?
- How important is community economic development as one of the ‘building blocks’ for ‘Community Resilience’ in County Durham?

Who is being invited to the conversations? Representatives from public bodies; Area Action Partnerships; Health Networks; elected members; Churches Together and Faith groups.

The conversation events are free and those who would require travel expenses should indicate this when booking.

To book a place and/or express an interest in other events in the Series, please contact the Churches Regional Commission: crcnortheast@btconnect.com Tel: 0191 232 0296