

Rural Services Network, Third Sector Research Centre and University of Gloucestershire invite you to a day conference on:

Rural Communities: development and organising... state of play in 2014

Wednesday 8 January 2014

Retford Town Hall, The Square, DN22 6DB

09:15	Registration and coffee
10.00	Welcome <i>Angus McCabe/Ivan Annibal</i> Introduction <i>James Derounian</i>
10:20	Community Organising in England: what are we talking about? <i>Lydia Rye</i>
11.20	Tea and Coffee
11.40	Community Development in England: what are we talking about? <i>Gary Craig</i>
12. 40	Lunch
13.30	Rural Community Organising in England <i>James Derounian</i>
14.00	Community Organising and Community Development - ground level reflections <i>Marion Rayner</i>
14.30	Rural Social Enterprise <i>Mike Perry</i>
15:15	Tea and Coffee
15:35	Where and what next for English community organising and community development? <i>Facilitated discussion</i>
16:35	Community Organising and Community Development – drawing together the threads <i>Angus McCabe</i>
16:50	Closing comments <i>James Derounian</i>
17.00	Ends

Free event – please register at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rural-communities-development-and-organising-state-of-play-in-2014-tickets-6647188921>

Terms and conditions - This event is free to attend: similar events have proven popular in the past and places are limited. By booking a place you agree that, if you fail to attend, the organisers will have the right to charge you £10.00, representing the wasted cost of the unused place. For cancellations please contact russelhj@bham.ac.uk no later than 7 January 2014.

Who should attend?

Do you work with communities or are you a community activist, Parish or Town Clerk? Are you involved in planning or delivering rural services? If you are interested in how current issues in community development and organising are playing out in practice, in rural England in 2014, then this is a great opportunity to hear from leaders in the field and discuss current controversies and ways forward.

Getting there:

Please click here for directions to [Retford Town Hall](#)

Speakers:

Angus McCabe – Senior Research Fellow, University of Birmingham

Gary Craig – Professor of Community Development and Social Justice, University of Durham

Ivan Annibal – Managing Director Rose Regeneration

James Derounian – Principal Lecturer, University of Gloucestershire

Lydia Rye – Community Organiser (Citizens' UK), Nottingham

Marion Rayner – Community Development Manager, plus Devizes area Community Organiser (Community First Wiltshire)

Mike Perry- Head of Communication, Plunkett Foundation

Hosts:

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