



2010 London Local Elections Hustings

Wednesday 24 March 2010, 2pm to 5pm

Human Rights Action Centre, 17-25 New Inn Yard, EC2A 3EA

Women's Resource Centre (WRC), **HEAR** (London's network of equalities organisations) and **Voluntary Sector Forum** (VSF) are hosting a hustings event for the 2010 London Local Elections.

This is an excellent opportunity for voluntary and community sector organisations (frontline and second tier) to ask questions of councillors from the main political parties and get their voices heard.

There will be questions, focused locally, regionally and nationally on the following areas:

- **general voluntary and community sector and pan-London issues**
- **the equalities sectors**
- **the women's sector**

Who should attend?

- **Frontline equalities organisations** – this is an opportunity to raise issues with panelists.
- **Frontline women's organisations** - there will be a section of the hustings devoted specifically to the women's sector
- **Equalities and generic second tier organisations**

What will happen on the day?

2:00pm - 2:30 pm:	Questions on the general voluntary and community sector and pan London issues
2:30pm - 3.15 pm:	Questions on the equalities sectors
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm:	Questions on the women's sector

Audience members are invited to submit their questions in advance, covering issues such as:

- Level of commitment from local councils to the work of the voluntary and community sector (especially commitments to funding)
- Perspectives on equality and equalities
- Safeguarding the rights of equalities groups during a recession
- Sub-regional (borough) vs. regional (pan-London) funding

- The relationship between national equalities obligations and how these are manifested locally
- The role of second tier organisations
- A range of local issues

The panel will consist of:

Cllr Lynne Hillan (Conservative) – Leader for Barnet Council, where she holds the post of Cabinet Member for Community Services. Cllr. Hillan is also Chair of the London Councils’ Grants Committee

Cllr Nilgun Canver (Labour) – Cabinet Member for Safer Communities & Enforcement at Haringey Council. Cllr Canver is also Vice-Chair of the London Councils’ Grants Committee.

Cllr Stephen Knight (Liberal Democrat) - Cabinet Member for Resources at Richmond Council, deputy leader at Richmond Council. Cllr Knight is also a member of the London Councils’ Grants Committee.

Cllr Ute Michel (Green Party) – Ute was elected as a councillor in Lewisham in the local elections in 2006 and has experience of working at a European level.

Emma Scott (Chair) – Emma is the Director of Rights of Women

How do I book a place?

If you would like to attend this event, please RSVP to ellen@wrc.org.uk giving details of any dietary and access requirements. We will be ensuring that there is good representation from the widest possible range of stakeholders so there may be a waiting list. It is essential that you wait for confirmation of a place please before coming along.

How do I submit a question?

If you would like to submit a question to ask the panel, then please send this with your R.S.V.P. email.

WRC, HEAR and VSF will choose a selection of questions to be asked on the day in order to ensure that as wide a range of issues as possible can be covered. These questions will be shared with the panel in advance and we will advise you if your question has been selected. There will also be a short time at the end of each session for other questions from the audience.

Any questions or queries?

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