



Active Inclusion Learning Network

Expressions of Interest required for attendance at Transnational Expert Events

The National Offender Management Service (NOMS) for England and Wales is currently managing an European Social Fund (ESF) trans-national Network, funded through the European Commission, called the *Active Inclusion Learning Network*.

The Network is looking at the themes of **Troubled Families**, **Disaffected Youth** and **Marginalised in Communities**. Its aim is to tackle unemployment amongst these disadvantaged groups by enhancing social inclusion and preventing stigmatisation. It is doing this by identifying and evaluating programmes, interventions and innovative work, from across the EU, to promote the social inclusion of these groups. The outcomes and findings of the Network will then be used to help ESF managing authorities make informed decisions about how best to tackle unemployment amongst marginalised communities.

As part of the network, three trans-national expert events will be taking place to select a pool of good practices about the social inclusion for "troubled families"; "disaffected youth" and "marginalised in communities."

NOMS is looking for participants with expertise in the field of social inclusion to attend these events, where they will contribute to the reviewing process of collected practices about the inclusion of vulnerable groups into the labour market. NOMS is looking for participants from a range of backgrounds, including academics, researchers, operational, policy, charities and NGOs.

Attendance at these events will also provide participants with the opportunity to gain valuable experience and knowledge about what practices are taking place across the EU.

Details of the events

- The **Troubled Families event** is taking place in **London, UK on 9-10th April** and will be selecting a pool of good practices for the following sub-themes:
 - 1) Anti Social Behaviour
 - 2) Offenders' Families
 - 3) Long term Unemployment/multi-generational employment
 - 4) Educational Problems

- The **Disaffected Youth event** is taking place in **Stockholm, Sweden on 19-20th May** and will be selecting a pool of good practices for the following sub-themes:
 - 1) Youth Not in Education, Employment or Training
 - 2) Youth Inclusion and Empowerment.

- The **Marginalised in Communities event** is taking place in **Athens, Greece on 11-12th June** and will be selecting a pool of good practices for the following sub-themes:
 - 1) Homelessness
 - 2) Physical, mental and learning difficulties,
 - 3) Offenders/Ex Offenders

4) Drugs and Alcohol abuse.

Travel, accommodation, food and refreshment costs for these events will be met by the event organisers.

The working language for all events will be in English.

If you are interested in attending any of these events, please contact Kirsty Jacobs at kirsty.jacobs@noms.gsi.gov.uk. Please identify what event you are interested in attending, and what sub-theme your area of expertise corresponds to, by Monday 3rd March.