



A joint event of the Cumbria Financial Inclusion Forum and the Cumbria Rural Forum

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Cumbria County Council, Action with Communities in Cumbria and Derwent and Solway Housing Association

“The Impact of Welfare Reform upon Financial Inclusion in Cumbria”

4th October 2012

Eden Suite, Conference Centre, Newton Rigg Campus, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 0AH

Programme

- 9.30am **Registration and Coffee**
- 10.00am **Welcome & Introductions** – Cllr Oliver Pearson, Portfolio Holder for Stronger Communities, Cumbria County Council
- 10.15am **What are the changes** – Judith Wilkinson, Department of Work and Pensions, Cumbria Partnership Manager.
- 10.30am **Understanding the impact on Cumbria** – Cumbria Observatory and Cumbria Rural Forum.
- a. The data for Cumbria and its potential implications
 - b. The Rural Share of the data.
- 11.00am **Workshop** – Reflections on the labour market in rural areas and who are the vulnerable groups across all of Cumbria.
- 12.00noon **LUNCH** – Kindly sponsored by Derwent and Solway Housing Association
- 12.50pm **Question & Answer Session** – Responses from the morning speakers on written questions (Delegates will have question forms in the conference packs and be encouraged to complete them after the mornings presentations.
- 1.10pm **What are we doing in Cumbria?** –
Ben Brinicombe – Response from the Social Housing Sector
Martin Telford– Response from Advice agencies
Speaker to be Confirmed– Response from Local Authorities
Antoinette Ward - Northern Fells Group – Local community solutions

- 1.50pm **Workshops** – Please state your preference on the booking form
Opportunity to attend two of three. 40 mins each
- Workshop 1**- Housing and changes to Welfare Benefits
- Workshop 2** – Universal credit and the consequences
- Workshop 3** – Digital inclusion ‘Digital by Default’ how the offline access online services
- Each workshop will have a key input, discussion and then address set questions for feedback.
- 3.15pm **Feedback and Plenary** - Oliver Pearson, Portfolio Holder for Stronger Communities, Cumbria County Council and Lorraine Smyth – Cumbria Rural Forum
- Opportunity for delegates to rank the local actions to identify those most thought to make a difference.
- 3.30pm **Close**

**Please complete the attached
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