



**Wednesday 30th June 2010**

**Silton Hotel, Blackpool**

**12.00 – 5.00**

## **Monkey Puzzle 2010**

If you look at the monkey puzzle logo you will see that while from a distance it looks like a beautiful, coherent pattern, but when you get closer you see that it is made up of a load of diverse monkeys all doing their own things. It is this harmony between diversity and a single vision that makes the puzzle work.

As the Third Sector Strategic Partnership in Blackpool we have been working hard over the last 18 months to develop and deliver strategies that will help us reach our World Class ambitions, however with the huge changes that face us it can be a bit of a puzzle how we can make everything work or even make them better. We have not only a new government but a new type of government and while public spending is being cut dramatically there is talk of the Big Society and even Civil Society. This offers the Third Sector both challenges and opportunities.

The purpose of the event is for workers, volunteers and activists from the third sector to come together and determine the agenda for the next few years by firstly understanding how everything works currently but also what opportunities there are for the future and what we want to end up with.

There will be loads of opportunity to discuss issues while at the same time making some collective decisions that will help us make the most of opportunities offered and to reduce the impact of threats perceived.

This is also a great opportunity to find new partners both at a home and abroad and also look at new ways of raising awareness of your group.

This really is the 'NOT TO BE MISSED' event of the year.

See you there

Neil Colquhoun  
Third Sector Strategic Partnership





## 6 Great reasons to come along and be a Third Sector Monkey Puzzler!



### **Working in partnership has never been so important don't miss this!**

Blackpool Strategic Partnership: How does it work at the moment? What role does the Third Sector play in the BSP? What is the future of the partnership and its work in the light of changes to government policy?



### **Strong Active Communities are the bedrock of a stable and prosperous town. If you believe in community, you can't miss this!**

Strong Active Communities: This Blackpool Strategic Partnership sub group is one of the community links to the wider partnership. Hear from its members what it plans are for the coming year and how you can get involved.



### **Many organisations work really well without applying for grants. Learn how to get more members, raise your profile and raise funds all at the same time.**

Fundraising without grants: A whole workshop full of tips and ideas to raise money for your cause without ever filling out a grant application.



### **Funding is going to become harder to access and if you're organisation is not able to convince funders then the money won't follow.**

Getting fit for funding: A users guide to making sure that your organisation is as attractive as possible to funders.



### **Just how big and bold is Blackpool's Third Sector?**

Third Sector Census in Blackpool: Witness the launch of the new online third sector directory and hear the highlights of the State of Sector Report commissioned by Blackpool TSSP.



### **Working with European Partners can enhance your ability to deliver and also raise your profile.**

Hear how you can get involved in the European X-change Programme being organised by Blackpool and working with communities from Lithuania, Czech Republic, Spain and Italy

To book a place go to [www.blackpooltssp.org.uk/monkeypuzzle](http://www.blackpooltssp.org.uk/monkeypuzzle) and register your interest or telephone Emma Duffy on 01253 624 505.

This event is FREE and there is a buffet lunch at the beginning.

Please do not abuse it by booking a place and then not turning up. This is a waste of food and jeopardises future FREE events.