



**Liverpool Local Involvement Network (LINKs)**  
*Stronger local voices for health and social care*

## **Liverpool LINK Open Space Event**

Thursday 27th May 2010

4.30pm to 8.00pm

at the

LACE Conference Centre, Croxteth Drive  
Liverpool, L17 1AA.

### **Programme**

- 4.30pm    Arrival – Tea and coffee
- 5pm        Welcome and introduction - Mike Marsh, Chair of  
              Liverpool LINK
- Open Space activity explained
- Convenors selection of Main Headings and choice of  
              topic
- 5.30pm    BUFFET BREAK – Participants also select the group  
              they wish to participate in
- 6pm        Work groups commence
- 7.45pm    Evaluation of event and summary - Mike Marsh
- 8pm        Finish



## **The principles of Open Space**

Open space are events that bring together a range of people, to discuss issues around a central theme. The events are based around workshops that participants create and manage themselves.

### **1. *Whoever comes are the right people***

This reminds participants that they don't need the CEO and 100 people to get something done, you need people who care. And, absent the direction or control exerted in a traditional meeting, that's who shows up in the various breakout sessions of an open space meeting.

### **2. *Whenever it starts is the right time ...***

*This* reminds participants that "spirit and creativity do not run on the clock."

### **3. *Whatever happens is the only thing that could have***

*This* reminds participants that once something has happened, it's done and no amount of fretting, complaining or otherwise rehashing can change that. Move on.

### **4. *When it's over, it's over.***

This reminds participants that we never know how long it will take to resolve an issue, once raised, but that whenever the issue or work or conversation is finished, move on to the next thing. Don't keep rehashing just because there's 30 minutes left in the session. Do the work, not the time