



social inclusion

PEER REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT IN SOCIAL INCLUSION

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Agenda

Peer Review:
Sure Start

London 4-5 May 2006



On behalf of
European Commission
DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities



Wednesday 3 May

Arrival of participants in London

Strand Palace Hotel, 372 Strand, London, WC2R 0JJ (T: + 44.20.7836.8080)

- 18.30 Gathering in the Strand Palace Hotel lobby
- 19:00 Welcome drink offered by the Department for Work and Pensions
(Location to be confirmed)

Thursday 4 May

Venue: CiPFA Conference Centre 3 Robert St.

Chair: Geoff Scammell

- 09:00 – 09:20 **Welcome address**
by Julia SWEENEY, Department for Work and Pensions (*to be confirmed*)
and Hugues FELTESSE, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities,
European Commission
- 09:20 – 09:30 **Introduction**
Presentation of the programme
by Monika NATTER, Peer Review manager, ÖSB/C-I/IES
- Sure Start Programme**
Short presentation by Naomi EISENSTADT, former head of Sure Start
- 09:30 – 10:00 Comprehensive policies and actions to prevent and alleviate child poverty and to break
the intergenerational heritage of poverty:
Sure Start programme, the UK policy approach
by Eduard MELHUIISH, National expert UK
and Geoff SCAMMELL, Department for Work and Pensions
- 10:00 – 10:30 **Comments by peer country participants**
Key elements of comment papers concerning similar policies and measures considered
or experienced in their countries or in Europe.
- 10:30 – 10:50 *Coffee Break*
- 10:50 – 11:05 **NGO statement**
Presenting the viewpoint of their organisations and/or the beneficiaries they represent
with a comparative European perspective
- 11:05 – 12:30 **General Discussion**
Facilitated by Eduard MELHUIISH, National expert UK
- 12:30 – 13:30 *L u n c h, offered by the Department for Work and Pensions*

- 13:30 **Site visits (two projects)**
Church Street Children's Centre
Thomas Coram Early Childhood Centre
- 19:30 *Dinner offered by the Department for Work and Pensions*

Friday 5 May

Venue: CiPFA Conference Centre 3 Robert St.

Chair: Geoff Scammell

Discussion facilitated by ÖSB/C-I/IES, Monika NATTER

- 09:00 – 09:30 **Feedback from the site visits**
- What struck participants most during the site visit?
 - Do similar situations/problems/policies exist in the participating countries?
 - What aspects are most important to remember?
- 09:30 – 10:00 **Presentation of the discussion paper**, the European context of the good practice under review, focusing on evaluation results and comparative aspects, **and synthesis of the main questions and key issues for debate**
- by Fred DEVEN, Population and Family Study Centre, CBGS:
- 10:00 – 10:15 *Coffee Break*
- 10:15 – 12:00 **Discussion of transferability aspects of the policy by peer countries**
(in two working groups)
- 12:00 – 12:45 *Snack Break*
- 12:45 – 13:30 **Feed back** from working groups
- 13:30 – 14:30 **Relevance and key learning elements for peer countries and stakeholder representatives**, facilitated by Fred DEVEN
- 14:30 – 15:00 **Closing remarks**
- by Geoff SCAMMELL, Department for Work and Pensions
and Hugues FELTESSE, European Commission
- 15:00 **Close of Review**