

Getting involved in 2010: What are you doing?

The European Commission and European Parliament have designated 2010 as the [European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion](#). One of the key aims of the European Year in 2010 is to raise public awareness of the importance of combating poverty and social exclusion for personal, social and economic development. There are four key priorities for the year:

- recognition of the fundamental rights of people in a situation of poverty and social exclusion to live in dignity and to play a full part in society
- shared responsibility and participation through increased public ownership of social inclusion policies and actions
- promotion of a more cohesive society through sustainable development, solidarity and policy coherence
- reiteration of the strong commitment of the European Union and member states against poverty and promoting this commitment at all levels of governance.

The [UK Government](#) is supporting activities that contribute to one or more of the following objectives:

1. **Raise awareness** of the causes, prevalence and consequences of poverty and social exclusion, and of UK and European strategies and policies that aim to tackle these issues.
2. **Promote and facilitate the engagement** and participation of a broad range of actors who have a role to play in developing and delivering solutions to tackle poverty and social exclusion, including business and trade unions, voluntary and community organisations, social enterprises, people experiencing poverty, and the organisations that represent them at a local, regional and national level.
3. **Ensure a lasting legacy** from the Year, including the identification and sharing of good practice and knowledge, and the development of effective structures that facilitate ongoing dialogue between relevant actors.

A limited number of projects will be funded by the UK Government (applications are now closed), but we are all well aware that there a wide range of activities that voluntary organisations, churches, community groups, trade unions and others undertake that will help contribute to meeting the objectives of the European Year. The [Poverty Alliance](#) wants to make sure that during the course of the European Year as many activities as possible take place in Scotland that will help raise

the profile of poverty issues, will involve people with experience of exclusion and will leave a lasting legacy. We also want to be able to share with other organisations, including anti-poverty groups across Europe through the [European Anti-Poverty Network](#), the kinds of events and actions that are being taken to address poverty. These actions can include seminars, workshops, conferences, new publications, demonstrations. If you want us to help publicise the work you are doing then please fill in the table below. We will put all the events on our website and will include updates on our enews. During the course of the year we will also be organising discussion seminars throughout the year to ensure that organisations and groups have an opportunity to lobby for an effective legacy for the European Year.

| Event Name | Type of Event ¹ | Organisation | Event Details ² | Location/Venue | Open to All? ³ | Contact ⁴ |
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1. Please let us know whether the event is a conference, seminar, training workshop, publication launch, demo, etc.
2. Please give a short description of the event – no more than 50 words.
3. Please let us know if the event is free or whether there is a charge. Please let us know if the event is invitation only
4. Don't forget to add contact details and registration details for the event.

Please email back this form to admin@povertyalliance.org or fax it to 0141

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