

## **The politics of everything – political literacy and citizenship**

**7 November 2008 - Newcastle**

### **Aims of the day**

- to explore what constitutes post-16 citizenship and why political literacy is so central to it
- to explore a range of approaches and methods designed to engage young people in active citizenship activities
- to exchange ideas and experiences with other practitioners and consider examples of good practice in relation to political literacy and citizenship
- to select a range of free resources to assist you in delivering political literacy and citizenship

### **Programme**

10.00	Arrival, registration and refreshments
10.15	Welcome, introductions and expectations
10.30	Getting started - Post-16 citizenship and the support programme Citizenship and the importance of political literacy
10.45	Practical Politics – an interactive session of practical activities which will enable you to support young people in planning and carrying out their own campaigns on any issue – Pete Pattisson, National Subject Lead for the new citizenship curriculum
11.45	Break – tea / coffee
12.00	The political process – activities and resources designed to encourage engagement in the political process – Claire O’Neil, Parliamentary Education Unit
12.45	Lunch
13.35	Getting going again
13.45	How to involve young people in local decision making including activities covering the true meaning of politics, current affairs and democratic structures – Leo McIntyre, member of Bath & North East Somerset’s Youth Democracy Project and Kate Scully, Youth Democracy Worker for Bath & North East Somerset Council

- 14.45 Learning to argue, techniques for effective discussions about political issues  
– Brenda Dean, LSN Regional Trainer for the South-East region
- 15.30 Evaluation
- 15.45 Close