

Closing the Disability Employment Gap

[Etc. Venues, Prospero House, 241 Borough High Street, London, SE1 1GA](#) | Weds 12 July

10.15 Registration & Morning Refreshments

11.00 Chair's Introduction - **Representative**, ERSA

11.05 **Government action and closing the gap**

- The Government's *Work, Health and Disability* Green Paper and where it will lead
 - *Work & Health Programme*: how it's different from previous programmes and what it means for disabled people
 - The future for work capability assessments
 - Universal Credit: continuing the roll out and assessing its impact
 - Improving employment rates for disabled people in social housing
 - Building skills through part-time work, training and apprenticeships
 - Developing partnership working between local government, the third sector, housing associations and employers
 - Ensuring good preparation for the work place and the importance of 'job-readiness'
- ⇒ **John Cooper**, Campaigns and Public Affairs Manager, United Response
- ⇒ **Clare Grey**, Disability Advocacy Adviser, The Shaw Trust
- ⇒ **Tom Hicks**, Head of Communications and Policy, Remploy

13.15 Networking Lunch

14.00 **Learning from success: good practice seminar**

- Exploring best practice in disability employment
 - Developing your strategy to support disabled people into the workplace
 - Promoting the benefits of work
 - Helping disabled people meet needs such as housing and childcare
- ⇒ **Anna-Renée Paisley**, Supported Employment Manager, Newham Council
- ⇒ **Avril Bankes-Fay**, Employment Team Manager, Pluss Mental Health Services & **Tracey Evans**, Support Worker, Leonard Stocks Centre
- ⇒ **Mat Ainsworth**, Assistant Director, Employment, Greater Manchester Combined Authority

15.25 Chair's closing remarks

15.30 Event Close

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