

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOP



Organized by the Abeingo Community Network (ACN), with the financial sponsorship of Big Lottery Fund, UK.

Date: Saturday 12th June, 2010.

Time: 11:00am

Venue:

Churchill Gardens Residence Club,

224 Churchill Gardens

London, SW1V 3HS.

Objectives of the workshop:

Overall, the workshop aims to enable women and women's groups to participate in their own economic empowerment discussions and stimulate the efforts to start business and employment creation projects for girls and women in the UK and East Africa.

Specifically, the workshop will:

1. Examine ways of accessing financing sources for women's economic empowerment projects
2. Develop strategies for expanding membership to ACN with a view to enhancing the efforts to mobilize collective resources for their economic empowerment
3. Discuss the strategies for building viable networks with other women groups in the UK with similar objectives, and sharing business development information
4. Identify ways of strengthening the financial stability of families among the black and ethnic minorities in the UK.
5. Inform the participants of the wide ranging opportunities for business/trade between the United Kingdom and East Africa, and the investment opportunities in East Africa.

Expected Outcomes:

1. An informed cadre of businesswomen who will champion increased economic empowerment activities as role models.
2. A business plan for guiding women's efforts to create self-employment and businesses. .

Deliverables:

1. A workshop report.
2. A mailing list of individual women and groups for the purpose of sharing economic empowerment information.

Topics that will be covered:

1. Health and wealth.
2. Possible business financing opportunities.
3. Government support to businesswomen in East Africa.
4. Private sector support for women in business.

A detailed workshop programme will be e-mailed to registered participants prior to the workshop.

Speakers:

Speakers at the workshop will include:

- Leading businesswomen who are already leading examples of women in enterprise in the UK.
- The trade representatives of Embassies and High Commissions of the East African community countries,
- Business promotion consultants and charities based in London.

Booking places.

The number of participants to the workshop is unlimited. It is open to any person of any nationality, women and men, who wish to obtain information about getting into business, and/or participate in information sharing forums about creating wealth through enterprise. However, for planning purposes, please confirm your participation to Susan Kivayi at kivayi@live.co.uk before the 5th June 2010.

Participation is free of charge.

The programme will start at 11:00am. There will be a lunch break at 1:30pm, and the event will end at 4:00pm. This will be followed by an informal networking session in the Pub adjoining the meeting hall until late. This informal session will be a forum for creating useful contacts for the future.