

Dear Friend

European Social Forum 2004 - call for accommodation

I am writing to ask for your support with accommodation for the European Social Forum which will take place in London on 14-17 October 2004 at Alexandra Palace and various venues in Bloomsbury.

The European Social Forum is the regional meeting of the World Social Forum, which is a gathering of a vast range of organisations ranging from the World Council of Churches, the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, NGOs such as Oxfam and Greenpeace and many, many more, debating how to promote support of global social justice. Further information on the European Social Forum can be found at www.ukesf.org.uk.

The European Social Forum will open with a large event on Thursday 14 October followed by three days of discussion and debate involving leading activists from around the world, as well as music, drama, film, and exhibitions celebrating the global movement, all taking place in London at Alexandra Palace and other venues in the Bloomsbury area.

It is expected that more than 20,000 people will attend the London Forum from all over Europe and the UK. A significant proportion of the delegates are students and other young people on low incomes. We would like to be able to offer as many as possible of these free accommodation in appropriate places where they can use sleeping bags. Your help would be most welcome in this area.

If you feel that you would be able to help this process by offering accommodation space, whether it is community halls or church floors, Greater London Authority officers are available to meet with you at your request, prior to offering accommodation, to go through any issues that you may wish to clarify and further discuss before you offer accommodation. Past experience has shown that delegates are looking for a safe sleeping space, and are comfortable with basic rules of common sense.

The Greater London Authority will be acting as the main point of contact between you and the European Social Forum throughout the entirety of the process. Groups of people who request assistance in finding accommodation will be matched to appropriate accommodation only with prior agreement from the accommodation provider. Attached is a form enabling you to indicate what type of accommodation you are able to offer.

If you feel that you are able to help support this important event or would like more information, please contact Huw Edwards on 020 7983 4993 or at huw.edwards@london.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Ken Livingstone
Mayor of London



Is your organisation able to offer **communal accommodation** in London – from Thursday 14 October to Monday 18 October 2004 – to delegates attending the European Social Forum?

Accommodation:

Address:

Post Code:

Organisation:

Contact Name:

Role with organisation:

Email:

Website:

Tel:

Fax:

Address:

Post Code:

No of sleeping places for delegates:

No of nights' accommodation available (14-18 October 2004):

Please describe:

Are the premises fully accessible to disabled people?

Do the premises have toilets for disabled people?

If yes, how many?

Do you have washing facilities/showers and toilets for male and female?

If yes, how many?

Are there catering facilities available?

If yes, please give details:

Is smoking allowed in the building?

Will there be an on-site security presence?

Does the building conform to health & safety regulations?

Please provide information on public transport/distance to the venues for the European Social Forum at Alexandra Palace & Bloomsbury.

Any other information:

Thank you for completing this form. Please return to Huw Edwards at the GLA on 020 7983 4979; huw.edwards@london.gov.uk; City Hall, The Queen's Walk, SE1 2AA.