



**‘Maximising Rural Regeneration through RDPE: Business Support’**  
**28<sup>th</sup> October 2010, 10.30 - 16.30**  
**Beech House - Lincoln**

**AGENDA**

The aims of this workshop are to:-

- To explore the range of business support facilities available via the RDPE;
- To discuss and communicate different approaches in the development of RDPE business support activities;
- To consider the practical challenges and solutions to accessing RDPE funding to support businesses; and
- To identify the potential roles and opportunities for local authorities to support the development of businesses in their communities through RDPE;

10:30-11:00	<b>Registration and coffee</b>
11:00-11:15	<b>Introduction</b> Rebecca Frost, RDPE Network and Ivan Annibal, RSN
11:15-12:00	<b>The perspectives and partnership opportunities arising from the role of Higher and Further Education Bodies in Business Support</b> Initial overview by Professor Val Braybrooks, University of Lincoln
12:00–13:00	<b>The Business Link perspective and the changing landscape for business support</b> Initial overview by Tom Bell, Business Link North West
13:00-13:45	<b>Lunch</b>

13:45-14:45	<b>“On the ground” business support from the perspective of a Local Action Group</b> Initial overview by Rob Poole, Cornwall Council
14:45-15:00	<b>Refreshments</b>
15:00-16:00	<b>A regional overview of business support through the RDPE across Axes 1 &amp; 3</b> Initial overview by Melanie Fischer, <i>emda</i>
16:00-16:20	<b>Summing up and key messages</b> Ivan Annibal, RSN
16:20-16:30	<b>Next steps</b> Rebecca Frost, RDPE Network
16:30	<b>Close</b>

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