



## AIMS

The conference will:

- Provide a platform for community voices
- Explore sectoral approaches to partnerships
- Share good practice
- Challenge perceptions
- Investigate the relevance of community partnerships to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
- Encourage institutional support for community partnerships

There is significant focus on Africa during 2005: the UN MDGs summit, the development of NEPAD and AU, and in the UK, the Commission for Africa and the UK's Presidency of G8 and EU. **Are any of these relevant to community needs?**



Planning the conference in The Gambia

## OUTCOMES

- a greater awareness of the vital contribution that international partnerships of all kinds can make towards:-
  - community development,
  - development awareness,
  - social cohesion
  - international understanding
- action to promote and support such links
- a greater understanding of good practice



Mutual learning

## BACKGROUND

International community linking involving towns, schools, faith-based groups, local authorities, commercial organisations, healthcare institutions and NGOs has developed since the 1980s. In the UK many of these partnerships are with communities in Africa.

In 2002 54 agencies including southern NGOs, development organisations, UK politicians, representatives of the commercial sector and individuals met to explore ways in which community partnerships could become mainstream in the UK. BUILD (Building Understanding through International Links for Development) is a UK-based coalition of international development agencies and others driving this agenda forward.

BUILD is organising this conference in collaboration with Link Community Development in South Africa it will be part of a continuing process of encouragement and support for the "Building of Global Communities" across the world.

## THE AGENDA

This will explore the opportunity for vulnerable and marginalised groups to make their voices heard through community links at many levels and ultimately to bring about change. International partnerships can be a powerful force for increased social cohesion locally. International and local politicians will be present to listen to the experience and voices of the participants. The agenda will be set through a consultation process including BUILD members and their partners throughout Africa. It will include schools partnerships for global and

development awareness and their role in school and community development; women and children's participation; interfaith work for development; the role of international partnerships in social cohesion; trade justice; and partnerships in the context of the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

## PARTICIPANTS

The conference will be open to all who can make a particular contribution to the purpose and aims. **Participants from outside Africa and the UK are particularly welcome!** It is hoped to particularly attract people involved in community links within Africa. Political leaders, community leaders, civil servants and representatives of multi-national corporations will be present to learn from participants.

## ABOUT UNIVERSITY OF FORT HARE



University of Fort Hare, Alice campus

The University of Fort Hare is situated on a beautiful modern campus on the historic site of Fort Hare which played a crucial role in the historical advancement of South Africa, and, more particularly, in the history of the Eastern Cape in the mid 19th Century. It spawned many generations of leaders, including Nelson Mandela, Oliver Tambo, Mangosutho Buthelezi. Steve Biko was also a graduate of the University.

Alice is a small town about 2 miles from the rural location of the university campus across the Tyhume river. It lies between King William's Town and Fort Beaufort. It is 70 miles from East London, the closest city and airport.

## AFRICA 2005

A Conference, University of Fort Hare,  
Eastern Cape, South Africa  
26-30 September 2005

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I would like to attend the "BUILDING GLOBAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS" at University Fort Hare, Eastern Cape, South Africa 26 - 30 September 2005 and enclose a cheque for £50.00 deposit (cheques made payable to "Global Communities")

I would like to stay at University Fort Hare Alice Campus £250

I would like to stay at a guest house at Hogsback £300

I understand that the total cost of the conference will be £250/£300 (please delete as appropriate) and will pay the balance before 1 September 2005

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to:  
Pepi O'Neill, UKOWLA, The Upper Office, The Dutch Barn,  
Elm Tree Park, Manton, Wiltshire, SN8 1PS,  
United Kingdom

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## RURAL SCHOOL VISIT

The cost will be £195 which will include:

- Monday 19 September** Transport from East London to guest house in Umtata  
*induction at guest house*
- Tuesday 20 September** Transport to host family and school  
*school based activities*
- Friday 23 September** Collection and transport to coastal resort for feedback and weekend.
- Sunday 25 September** Transport to University of Fort Hare for Conference

While at the guest house in Umtata and the coastal resort the price will **only** include Bed and Breakfast but while staying with your host family it will be on a full board basis.

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I would like to visit a rural school

I enclose £195

Please return this form and your cheque to  
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