

# WORKING TOGETHER TO ADDRESS POVERTY IN BEDFORDSHIRE

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## **PROGRAMME**

### **REGISTRATION** & REFRESHMENTS







#### **Helen Nellis**

**HM Lord-Lieutenant for Bedfordshire** 

Helen was appointed Lord-Lieutenant in 2012. She is a qualified Barrister and has lectured internationally. Helen is a Trustee, President and Patron of a number of charities and chair of a number of large statutory organisations



#### **Bill Rammell**

10.30AM - 11.00AM

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Vice Chancellor University of Bedfordshire

Bill Rammell took office as Vice Chancellor at the University of Bedfordshire in September 2012. Prior to that he was Deputy Vice Chancellor at Plymouth University. Bill was MP for Harlow from 1997 to 2010 during which he was Minister of State for Further and Higher Education in the Labour Government and also served as Minister of State for the Foreign Office and Minister of State for the Armed Forces. With a commitment to widening access to higher education that is rooted in personal, academic and government experience, Bill leads the University's mission to deliver the best possible student experience. He is passionate about the University's record and role in transforming lives, promoting employability and world-leading research.



#### Sir Stuart Etherington

11.00AM - 11.30AM

**Chief Executive NCVO** 

Sir Stuart Etherington has been Chief Executive of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations since 1994. He read politics at Brunel University before taking an MA at Essex. His first job was as a social worker for the London borough of Hillingdon in 1977. His first senior role was in 1991 as Chief Executive of the Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID). He is a Pro-chancellor of Greenwich University. Sir Stuart, 57, was knighted in 2010 for services to the voluntary sector. His government appointments have included the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit. He has also served on the Cabinet Office Performance and Innovation Unit's Advisory Board on the Voluntary Sector and HM Treasury's Cross Cutting Review on the role of the voluntary sector.



#### Rt Revd Peter Doyle

11.30AM - 12.00PM

**Bishop of Northampton** 

Bishop Peter Doyle was educated by the Jesuits at St. Ignatius Prep School, Buckhurst Hill and at St. Ignatius College, Stamford Hill. Having won a scholarship to Sandhurst he was due to go there after his "A" levels and then onto the Royal Artillery. However, in his final year at school, he decided to offer himself for the priesthood. The Bishop was ordained priest on 8th June 1968 and worked in parishes in the Diocese of Portsmouth. Just before his appointment as Bishop of Northampton, Bishop Peter took on the role of chairman of Churches Together in Winchester. He was chaplain to the High Sheriff of Hampshire. He was ordained as the twelfth Bishop of Northampton in 2005.



**BREAKOUT SESSION 1** 

Please find your room on

the attendee list

12.00PM 1.00PM

1.00PM **LUNCHTIME** 

Refreshments will be served in breakout rooms

Lunch will be served in Room 5



#### **Lord McKenzie of Luton**

1.45PM - 2.15PM

Shadow Spokesperson (Work and Pensions) in House of Lords

Lord McKenzie (Bill McKenzie) was, up to the General Election of 2010, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Work and Pensions and the Department for Communities and Local Government. He is also a former Partner at accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers where, among other things, he ran their practice in Vietnam. Bill is currently Shadow Spokesperson (Work and Pensions) in the House Lords. Bill brings a wealth of experience to his work in the Lords through his previous roles as

Minister, Advisor to the Treasury, and Leader of Luton Borough Council. He has always been a supporter of the voluntary sector and is at present a trustee of NOAH Enterprise and President, RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents).

**BREAKOUT SESSION 2** 

2.15PM

1.45PM

Please find your room on the attendee list

3.00PM



Refreshments will be served in breakout rooms

**CONFERENCE CLOSE & SUMMARY** Jim O'Connor MBE, Chief Executive NOAH Enterprise

3.00PM - 3.15PM