

**“Building a Big Civil Society: All in it Together”
Monday 7th March 2011, Ellesmere Port Civic Hall**

Outline Programme

- 9.30am Registration and coffee
- 10.00am Welcome & Introductions
- 10.15am Big Society in Action
A local resident's journey through local engagement and involvement
- 10.30am WORKSHOPS
Workshop sessions to identify and assess current local activity relating to the Big Society

COFFEE TO BE AVAILABLE DURING THE WORKSHOP SESSIONS

- 12.30pm LUNCH (and networking)
- 1.15pm KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Richard Caulfield (Chief Executive, Voluntary Sector North West)
- What is the vision of the Big Society? Richard will set the context and the principles of the Big Society i.e. volunteering, developing voluntary & community sector, increasing influence, building active communities etc....*
- 1.35pm WORKSHOPS
Workshop session will build on the previous session by identify the gaps in activity which will form the basis of a “West Cheshire Big Society Action Plan”
- 3.35pm Summing up and Next Steps
- 3.45pm Close