



# The Big Society:

**Fig leaf for cuts or opportunity for empowerment?**

## CDX Regional Events 2010 – North West Programme

Thursday 14 October 2010 at GMCVO, St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green North, Manchester, M12 6FZ

- 9.30am** Registration
- 10am** Welcome & introductions. Tanwir Rauf, CDX Development Officer – Practice
- 10.05am** Policy Overview. Emma Lees, CDX Development Officer – Policy
- 10.25am** Big Society: Not a policy, a developing space. Emma Lees
- 10.30am** Presentation: The Giant Gloomins v. The Big Society  
Nick Beddow, CDX Chief Executive
- 10.45am** Discussion groups: Big Society: A threat to community development?
- 11.20am** Break
- 11.30am** Discussion groups: Big Society: What are the opportunities for community development?
- 12.10pm** Key Issues: What CDX is doing about the Big Society agenda  
Nick Beddow & Sophie Ballinger, CDX Development Officer – Communications
- 12.30pm** Lunch
- 1.15pm** Supporting the Big Society in the North West: North West Together We Can Network (NWTWC) & Neighbourhoods North West, (NNW)
- 1.35pm** Discussion Groups
- 2.30pm** Doing more for less – Supporting, Training and Mentoring Volunteers and community members: Action for Sustainable Living, Greater Manchester
- 2.50pm** Discussion
- 3.30pm** Close