

Launch of a New Centre at the University of Sunderland

CENTRE FOR APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES (CASS)

Wednesday 5th June 2013 12-6PM

The Future of Welfare-ness: Social Inclusion in Austere Times

This is an important opportunity to hear leading researchers and activists discuss the effects of the current austerity approach on social welfare policy and practice. Also, there will be the chance to hear about the cutting edge research being conducted through this new centre, with the option to become an active Associate Member. Speakers include:

Jo Curry – Chief Executive, Voluntary Organisations' Network North-East (VONNE) 'Surviving or Thriving: The resilience of the voluntary sector in the Northeast'

Represents the VCS on multi sector boards including the ERDF and the North East Child Poverty Commission

Jane Tunstall – Visiting Professor of Social Work, King's College London 'Moral challenges for research in the age of austerity'

Has extensive experience conducting government and third sector funded research including a national evaluation of Sure Start, as well as family support and children's services

Michael Lavalette – Professor of Social Work and Social Policy, Liverpool Hope University 'Social work during austere times: whose side are we on?'

Author of *Radical Social Work Today* and *Social Work in Extremis*, joint editor of the journal *Critical and Radical Social Work* and national co-ordinator of the Social Work Action Network

Rob MacDonald – Professor of Sociology, University of Teesside 'Austerity, social security and research: some reflections'

Deputy editor of the *Journal of Youth Studies* and deputy director of the Social Futures Institute at Teesside

Location: Prospect Building, St Peters Campus, **University of Sunderland**, SR6 0DD

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