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LBRO NEWS

Experiences shared are problems halved

Our latest shared learning seminar brought together around 60 local regulators from district councils to discuss shared services and other approaches to service design and delivery such as systems thinking. The speakers were Rob Powell, Director, LBRO; Sue Blakeley, formerly Corporate Director of East Staffordshire and Erewash Borough Councils; Maurice Cann, Head of Regulatory Services for Hambleton and Richmondshire District Councils; and Robert Simpson, Principal Environmental Health Officer, Stafford Borough Council.

Presentations: www.lbro.org.uk/resources/shared-services.html

Shared learning: www.lbro.org.uk/docs/sld-shared-services.pdf

First pilot of better regulation course

The first pilot of the leadership in better regulation module has taken place in Cornwall. It was well received by regulators and has reinforced findings from elsewhere in the country. Seventeen local regulators were sent out to listen to the views of five diverse local firms – among the results, smaller businesses felt there should be more prosecutions of rogue traders while larger firms had not appreciated the advice and support that officers could offer.

Trading 'Plaices' at the fish market

Our next Trading Places visit takes place on June 14 and will involve a tour of Grimsby Fish Market during its busiest time. There will be discussion with some of the market operators to see how they meet the challenges of complying with legislation. Afterwards, there will be a visit to a nearby fish product producer to hear about sustainability, see their laboratories, and get an insight into intake analysis and the processing of fishery products

Visit www.lbro.org.uk/lbro-projects-trading-places-list.html

Ten out of ten

The final regional meeting (East Midlands) took place in Nottingham. Topics included emerging Government policy, developments on Primary Authority, and working together to support business. All ten sessions of our regional sessions were well attended, and we calculate we have reached an audience of over 300 regulators.

Award for LBRO Chairman

Chairman of LBRO, Clive Grace, received a 'President's Award' from the CIEH at House of Commons reception for his significant contribution to environmental health. The award came with a citation which particularly emphasised the strategic direction of LBRO and the creation of the World Class Coalition. There was a lot of positive interest in LBRO's transition into a new streamlined body within BIS.

Over the moon

A team of ten from LBRO took part in the recent London Moonwalk to raise money to battle breast cancer. Along with around 17,000 others, they donned highly decorative bras and followed the 26.2 miles route of a London Marathon course on a chilly night. They raised over £2,000 – to donate visit

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