

Good practice in focus

We've listened to your feedback – and this year the Assembly programme is more practical than ever.

We've worked with a forum of monitoring officers, independent chairs and standards committee members to develop a range of workshops, plenary sessions and advice clinics that will concentrate on good practice, and answer your questions on key areas of the standards framework.

Learn from experience

Session themes include sharing the lessons you have learnt about local assessment, your experiences of managing investigations and sanctions, understanding the latest revisions to the Code of Conduct, the practical outcomes of alternative action and a step-by-step guide to setting up joint standards committees.

For the first time, experienced monitoring officers and standards committee members will be in the spotlight, delivering focused question and answer sessions, giving you another chance to hear from colleagues across the country and learn from their experiences.

Book now

This is the most important event of the year for members and officers focused on local standards and the Code of Conduct. Last year's event sold out. Contact us to secure your place now.

To find out more or to book your place, please contact Benedict Business Resources:

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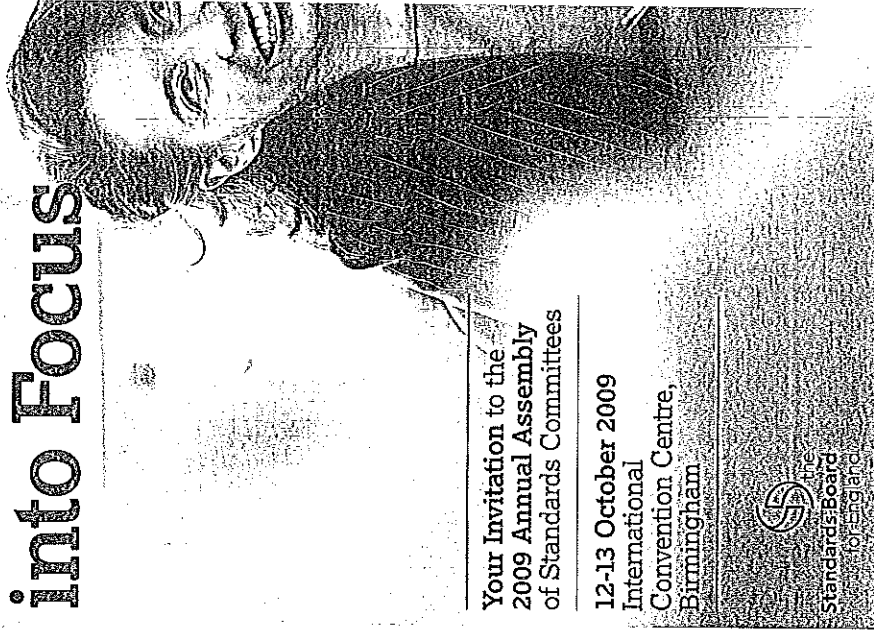
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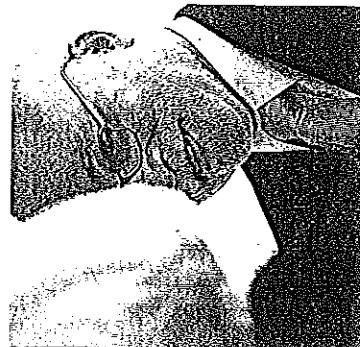
Bringing Standards into Focus



Your Invitation to the
2009 Annual Assembly
of Standards Committees

12-13 October 2009
International
Convention Centre,
Birmingham

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We are now taking bookings for the 2009 Annual Assembly of Standards Committees, which will take place on 12 and 13 October 2009 at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham.

This year, we're opening the floor to you, focusing on your experiences, the expertise you have, the challenges you've faced and the successes you've achieved.

We're bringing more than 800 members of the standards community together at the 2009 Annual Assembly gives you the opportunity to discuss how you're delivering local standards and to share good practice, ideas and innovations.

Practical, expert advice

We understand that many of you have got to grips with the processes of the local standards framework and are now focused on further development and innovation.

You're working to build a wider role for your standards committees and proactively drive the standards agenda forward in your authorities.

The 2009 Assembly has a range of sessions concentrated on helping you to achieve this. Delivered by local government experts, these sessions will bring key issues into focus, including:

- making sense of political party governance and discipline
- exploring the effectiveness of the ethical environment
- working effectively with members, council leaders and chief executives to embed high standards in the culture and governance of your authority
- improving the skills of your standards committee

There will also be practical, expert advice on raising the public profile of your work via the internet and local media.

Share good practice

With more than 800 delegates from across the local government community expected to come together at the Assembly, we believe it is vital for standards committee members and chairs, independent members and parish representatives to attend.

Feedback shows that the Assembly is also the most important event of the year for officers managing standards, and they will find the opportunity to share good practice and network with their peers invaluable.

Demand for last year's Assembly was higher than ever, and the event was fully booked by early July. Places at this year's event are limited to five per authority, allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Many authorities have already registered their interest. For this reason, we urge you to book early to avoid disappointment.

Book your place

For the second year running, there is no price increase for the event, with full conference attendance held at £430 plus VAT. The price of one-day attendance has been reduced to £230 plus VAT.

To book your place at the 2009 Assembly, please complete the enclosed booking form and return it to our event managers, Benedict Business Resources. Contact details are provided on the booking form.

You can also book online and get further information on our website, www.standardsboard.gov.uk

We look forward to seeing you in Birmingham.

