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There is increasing interest in the effects of the social environment on health, and in the concept of social capital. This seminar seeks to define social capital and provides an opportunity to consider the relevance, potential and challenges it presents.

## **Aim**

The event will aim to answer the following questions:

- What are the mechanisms by which social capital influences health?
- Does social capital add new insights into what we already know about the impact of social relations on health?
- Much of the debate on social capital assumes it is a positive concept, but are there costs as well as benefits?
- Can the concept of social capital suggest options for intervention or policy development?
- Can social capital explain health outcomes from local community-based work?
- Does the concept of social capital help us to understand how to improve health and reduce inequalities?
- What value is placed on social capital by stakeholders?

## **Format**

Several key speakers will address the issues, and delegates will have an opportunity to discuss the main themes.

## **Potential participants**

This seminar will be of interest to the community and health development sectors and those working in public health, regeneration, economic development, primary care, social inclusion and social services.

**Date**

23 March 2006

**Time**

10.00am-1.30pm, including lunch

**Venue**

Park Plaza Hotel, Belfast International Airport

**Booking**

Booking forms are also available to download or submit online at: [www.healthpromotionagency.org.uk](http://www.healthpromotionagency.org.uk)

**Closing date for applications**

8 March 2006

This seminar is restricted to 80 delegates. Anyone with a confirmed booking who fails to attend will be charged an administration fee of £30. Substitutions for anyone unable to attend will be allowed up to one week in advance of the event. A letter confirming the booking will be sent to successful applicants, along with further details of the programme and a map of the location.

**Cost**

There is no charge for this seminar as funding has been provided by the DHSSPS through Investing for Health and the Healthy Living Centres Support and Development Programme which is funded by the Big Lottery Fund and managed by the HPA.



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