

August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Dear Colleague,

**EXPERIMENTS IN SOCIAL POLICY: WHY AND HOW THEY MATTER.**

We are delighted to announce that Professor Robert Slavin, Director of the Institute for Effective Education at the University of York and Chairman of Success For All, is visiting Belfast on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009 to lead a seminar on Experiments in Social Policy.

We hope that you will avail of this opportunity to hear from Professor Slavin, a leading educational psychologist and the driving force behind Success For All – a restructuring programme that helps schools to identify and implement strategies designed to meet the needs of all learners.

Experiments comparing innovative educational programmes to ordinary practices are rare, especially in the UK. Yet they are essential for understanding “What works”.

This presentation will discuss the importance of experiments in education, how they should be done and relate this to evaluations currently in progress in Northern Ireland. Professor Slavin will also demonstrate types of experiments, why and when experiments are essential, and problems of random assignment.

We have enclosed Professor Slavin’s biography which we hope will give you an insight into his academic achievements throughout the last four decades.

The seminar will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 3.00pm in the Dunmisk Conference Room, Stormont Hotel, Belfast. Registration will be opened from 2.30pm. The seminar is scheduled to finish at 5.00pm.

As places are limited, we respectfully request that you book your place as soon as possible by emailing [oonagh@together4all.org](mailto:oonagh@together4all.org) or calling 07887 875644. Alternatively you can call Together 4 All’s office number – 028 3839 6546.

Kind Regards,

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