

Feedback from the first SSP Conference June 2006

The subject of the first conference this year was the Local Area Agreement. Workshops on the day covered the four cross cutting themes of the LAA which are:

- **Partnership working**
- **Citizenship, Pride & Identity**
- **Creating Sustainable Communities**
- **Equality, Inclusion and Cohesion**

The workshops were asked to 'draw' a picture of how they saw partnership working and what success would look like if we reached our ideal in Partnership working. The groups were also asked to think of a 'strapline' to describe what success would look like.

As you can all imagine these plenary sessions proved to be lively and the feedback entertaining. Some of the straplines which the workshop groups came up with were:

'Swindon a place I want to be'

'Swindon, the place public/business/community and voluntary sectors are all linked and working together'

'Public responsibility in delivering engagement'

'Young People, the energy of Swindon'

'Swindon the friendly place where everyone matters and everyone can make a difference'

There was also an interesting take on the Council's PRIDE slogan.

Passion,
Respect,
Integrity,
Determination,
Energy

One group came up with:

P – personal development/participation,

R – respect/recreation/responsibility,

I – Interest/Involvement,

D – Delivery,

E – Environment/ enthusiasm/ enjoy/ enterprise/ engagement.

The overall feeling of the feedback was positive, people are proud to be part of a town which listens to the needs of its residents and tries hard to overcome barriers to work in partnership with agencies to deliver services for the people of Swindon.

They were also happy to live in a town where we celebrate diversity and culture with events like the Mela, Film Festival and the book festival.