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Dear Colleague

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**Skills and Knowledge for Sustainable Communities:  
Issues for Policy and Practice**

**A one-day conference  
10.30am – 4.30pm, Wednesday 3 June 2009  
Coin Street Neighbourhood Centre  
108 Stamford Street, South Bank, London SE1 9PH**

I am writing to invite you to join us for a special event to reveal the findings from a major research programme, sponsored by the Economic and Social Research Council and the HCA Academy, which offers new insights into learning, knowledge development and skills needed to create and maintain sustainable communities. At this free one-day conference, we will explore new ideas for improving the skills and knowledge needed to create and maintain better places, emerging from 11 research projects from across the UK and covering issues including:

- Professional development
- Cohesive communities
- Regeneration
- Environment
- Young people and schools

The event will provide an opportunity to learn more about the 11 research studies, the emerging themes and the wider policy implications of the programme as a whole. The conference will be a forum for built environment and regeneration professionals, community organisations, strategists, analysts and policy makers to engage with the research community and influence the skills agenda for sustainable communities.

The conference has been designed around a series of interactive workshops that will enable participants to debate the policy implications. Participants will receive draft policy papers, a full set of research summaries and case studies.

The conference will be held at the Coin Street Neighbourhood Centre, a few minutes walk from Waterloo Station, which is a contemporary purpose-built meeting centre and a fine example of a social enterprise. A draft programme of the day is attached; further details will be circulated nearer to the event.

There is no charge to attend the conference.

A detailed description of the 11 projects can be found at <http://gs.strath.ac.uk/suscoms>

We would be grateful if you would RSVP on the attached form to Fax: 020 8542 9333 or e-mail [Strathclyde@vistaevents.co.uk](mailto:Strathclyde@vistaevents.co.uk) by Wednesday 20 May.

We do hope you will be able to attend, as we are keen to have your organisation represented. If you are unable to accept, please pass this letter on to a colleague who would find the event of interest.

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