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## **LONDON MAYORAL CANDIDATES HUSTINGS WEDNESDAY APRIL 16**

### **THE ABBEY CENTRE, SW1 AT 10-30AM**

**Iain Duncan Smith MP and the Centre for Social Justice have invited the Labour, Liberal Democrat and Conservative mayoral candidates to present their proposals to combat social breakdown in London at a hustings before an audience of 200 London voluntary organisations and guests on 16 April 2008.**

**Mr Duncan Smith, chairman of the CSJ and former leader of the Conservative Party, will give a platform to Brian Paddick, Boris Johnson and John Biggs, GLA Member on behalf of Ken Livingstone, at the Hustings held at The Abbey Centre, Main Hall, 34 Great Smith Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 3BU.**

**Wednesday 16 April 2008. Doors open 10am. Hustings 10.30am - 12 noon.**

**The event follows the publication of a new CSJ report on social breakdown in London to be published on Monday April 14. A press briefing on Breakthrough London will be held at 10-30am on Monday April 14 at Portcullis House.**

**All media invited to both events.**

Philippa Stroud, Executive Director of the CSJ, will chair the hustings, giving ten minutes for each candidate to present, with a 30 minute question and answer session.

The voluntary groups and charities invited work in London boroughs to tackle youth and gang crime, long-term worklessness, homelessness and addiction. Many help

truanting pupils, young offenders and families in poverty. They have first-hand knowledge of what is effective in helping people out of poverty in London.

To arrange an interview with Iain Duncan Smith or for further information on the Centre for Social Justice call Nick Wood on 07889617003.

## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

**The Centre for Social Justice** is an independent think tank established by Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith MP in 2004. The Centre seeks effective solutions to poverty in Britain.

The Centre for Social Justice draws national media attention to small poverty fighting groups from across the UK. They promote the role of the voluntary sector to senior policy makers, including John Reid MP, Clare Short MP, Sir Menzies Campbell QC MP, Charles Kennedy MP, Oliver Letwin MP and David Cameron MP.

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