

# Cuts, freezes and squeezes

**What next for our communities?**

**A debate on participation,  
leadership, and the Big Society**

**Chair: Dr Robert Beckford**

**Venue: Deaf Cultural Centre, Ladywood,  
Birmingham**

**Date: 5pm, Monday 25 October 2010**

## **The axe is falling on public spending. What will this mean for community organisations and the people they serve?**

**As resources become scarcer, can we avoid heightening competition between communities? Do local activists and leaders have the skills to deal with potential tensions?**

**The Big Society is big on community empowerment, but will it give people the skills to deal with these issues? What are the challenges facing BME communities and how can we meet them head on?**

To debate these questions and more brap have assembled a panel of expert speakers, including:

- Naseem Akhtar community activist and international speaker
- Prof Monder Ram OBE director, Centre for Research on Ethnic Minority Entrepreneurship
- Paul Slatter Director of Chamberlain Forum
- Eddie Edmeade regeneration specialist
- Joy Warmington brap CEO
- Dr Robert Beckford (chair) author, broadcaster, and television presenter

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**Price:** entrance is FREE, but places must be booked in advance.

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