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## **RURAL AFFAIRS FORUM LOOKS FOR NEW MEMBERS**

The South West Rural Affairs Forum is looking for new members to use their expertise and experience in planning for the region's rural future.

In the past four years, the South West Rural Affairs Forum has made an important contribution to helping ensure a rural dimension is reflected in regional and national policy-making on a wide range of issues, including housing, planning, sustainable food and farming and young people's needs. It has held three very successful conferences, at which people from across the region were able to discuss with the policy-makers ways in which the problems of rural transport, access to healthcare and environmental issues in the region could be addressed.

It has also contributed to a wide range of consultations including reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, the Regional Housing Strategy and the Children's Green Paper.

Speaking on behalf of the Forum its Chair Professor Michael Winter said:

"We need extra members so that we can carry out our role, by adding extra dimensions to our voice. We speak directly to Ministers so it's vital we have a good cross section of the rural community in the South West".

The Forum is keen to have members from all sectors of society and all ages. It is particularly looking for members with experience or expertise in one, or ideally more than one, of the following areas:

- Tourism
- Black and minority ethnic groups
- Education learning and skills
- Issues of particular relevance to young people under 25
- Environment
- Farming/landowning

For an information pack and information on how to put forward a suggested name or to register an interest in becoming a member by **30<sup>th</sup> June 2006** please contact Lynne Bell, SWRAF Secretariat GOSW, Tel: 0117 900 1924 or follow the Rural Affairs links on:

[www.gosw.gov.uk](http://www.gosw.gov.uk)

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