

## Notice of Special General Meeting

A meeting of the Association will take place following the AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at the Voluntary Sector Resource Centre, Holloway Road, London

The business to be transacted is as follows: -

### 1. Changes to the Constitution

To consider proposals from the NEC to change the Constitution.

*For a detailed commentary on the proposals please see the Members' Page on the website.*

A. Part 1: As the **Object** – after 'Adult Education' add 'and Lifelong Learning'

B. Part 2: **Powers** –

- a) where relevant change all consistent with the above
- b) add, 'undertake educational projects, including those concerned with parenting, family and intergenerational learning'.

### Notes:

The above amendments are approved in principle by the Charity Commission which is legally empowered to grant this consent.

New rules for charities, contained in the 2006 Charities Act also permit the following changes to the Constitution without the previous formalities.

C. Part 5: **National Executive Committee**

It is proposed that the National Officer posts of : -

- a) Honorary Secretary & any new Deputy Secretaries should be filled by open recruitment by the NEC and not restricted to current ECA members.
- b) Vice Chair should be elected by the NEC from amongst its members. Where a co-opted member becomes the Vice Chair that co-opted place may be re-filled by the NEC
- c) Honorary Treasurer should be elected as presently but for a period of 2 years to make this post consistent with the other elected national officers.

D. Part 6(e)i): Insert after 'The **quorum at a General Meeting** of the Association shall be ten individuals' 'or such other number as the National Executive Committee shall from time to time determine,.....'

### 2. Proposal to Change Status of the Association – Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

In the light of the growth of the Association's project based activity the NEC is empowered to enter into consultations and to incur expenditure, with a view to establishing a 'legal personality' for the Association through incorporation which limits liability for trustees.