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### **Join the 'Executive Forum'**

St Albans City and District Council, working together with Oaklands College, Jobcentre Plus, Centre for Voluntary Services (CVS), and the Old Albanian Sports Club have set up an Executive Forum for local senior executives plus high calibre professionals who have recently found themselves out of work. It is designed to help them get their careers back on track, whilst benefiting from being amongst a group of people at similar career levels, albeit in differing organisations.

The Executive Forum is aimed at local people within the district who have recently been made redundant, but it is uniquely tailored for senior managers and executives with a high earning power.

The Executive Forum is:

- A free programme running over a period of 6 weeks.
- A framework of relevant information designed to enable participants to explore options and skills.
- A programme which focuses on the individual and includes CV development, application and interview techniques.
- An opportunity to explore self-employment, lecturing, teaching and opportunities in mentoring and volunteering.
- Opportunities to network with like minded individuals.

All delegates will benefit from weekly networking sessions at the **Old Albanian Sports Club**, plus tailored one-to-one sessions providing information and guidance that is relevant to the individual.

Places are limited to a maximum of 15 delegates on each programme so individuals will need to book in advance. For further information or to book a place, please e-mail: [Marion.Turner@oaklands.ac.uk](mailto:Marion.Turner@oaklands.ac.uk) or ring 01727 899518.

Further information is available on [www.oaklands.ac.uk](http://www.oaklands.ac.uk)

The first session will commence on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009 at the Old Albanian Sports Club on the Harpenden Road from 1pm until 4 pm.**

Cllr Melvyn Teare, portfolio holder for culture and heritage commented: "The district has seen a 91 percent increase in unemployment over the last year, and a large proportion of those people losing their jobs are senior professional executives. It is therefore crucial that the district responds and brings confidence into the local economy."

Mark Dawe, principal and chief executive of Oaklands College commented: "We have the resources in place to offer a one-stop solution to local business professionals. We are at the heart of our community, working with learning and skills councils and we want this forum to provide the perfect platform to offer a modern service that can simply help people get back into employment and stay there".

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