



CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

ENGLAND AND WALES

Resolution: Social Action

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Deepening Social Engagement and the development of Caritas

The Bishops' Conference warmly welcomes the development plans proposed by Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) for the further development of Catholic social action in England and Wales with the aim of deepening the Church's social engagement at the service of the gospel. They agree that:

- i During 2012 and 2013 there should be "roadshow" events in each diocese in England and Wales, organised in each case in close collaboration with the diocesan Bishop, parishes, agencies and charities, to explore the possible creation and development of appropriate local 'Caritas' structures, and to further local collaboration of existing work;
- ii Provincial meetings be held, led by the Bishop of Salford, to reflect and discuss emerging issues;
- iii CSAN lead a research programme to assist dioceses in this work.