



Andorra's role helps boost regeneration

THE HARROGATE-based Andorra Group has recently played a major role at a government-endorsed conference. The University of York played host to the 4th National Regeneration Convention, supported by the Government's Neighbourhood Renewal Unit and the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, the government department with key responsibilities for regional and local government, fire, housing, planning and regeneration.

The Convention is a national event aimed specifically at those involved in all local regeneration partnerships and, in particular, at community representatives.

Now in its fourth year, the event has firmly established itself as the forum for all those involved in regeneration to share experiences and to discuss up-to-date policy and practice and new approaches.

The third Convention – in Nottingham last year – was attended by over 700 people from partnerships, local, regional and central government, housing associations, firms, consultancies and others involved in regeneration.

This year, the Convention looked at the ways in which programmes are being delivered in practice with special emphases on integration at the neighbourhood level, on skills, on linkages with other programmes, and on agencies.

Senior executives from across

the public sector were in attendance and the ministerial address was given by Barbara Roche MP, ODPM Minister for State Social Exclusion and Deputy Minister for Women.

Abi Ekoku, Andorra Group Director, spoke at the closing plenary on the importance of community interaction being a critical ingredient for successful regeneration delivery.

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