



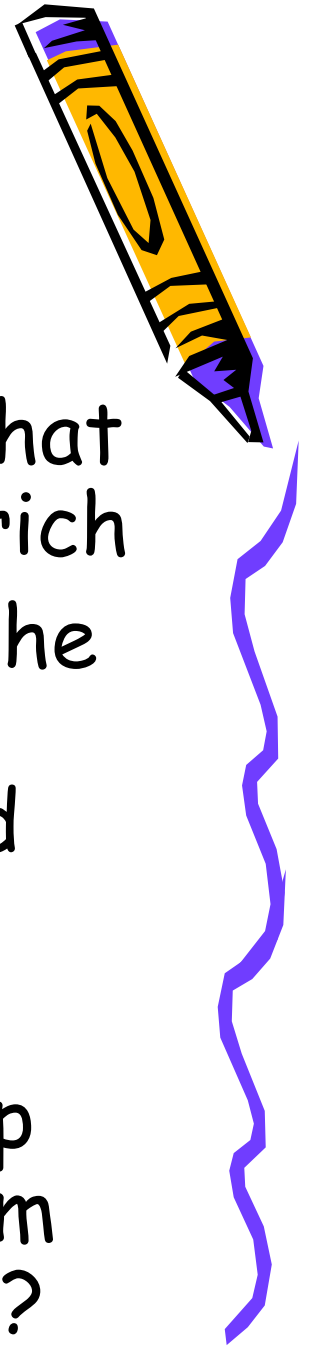
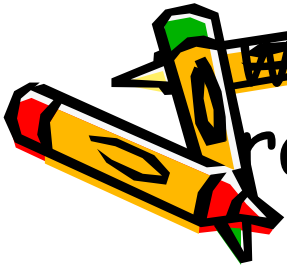
# The Significance of the Economic Crisis on UK Community Development

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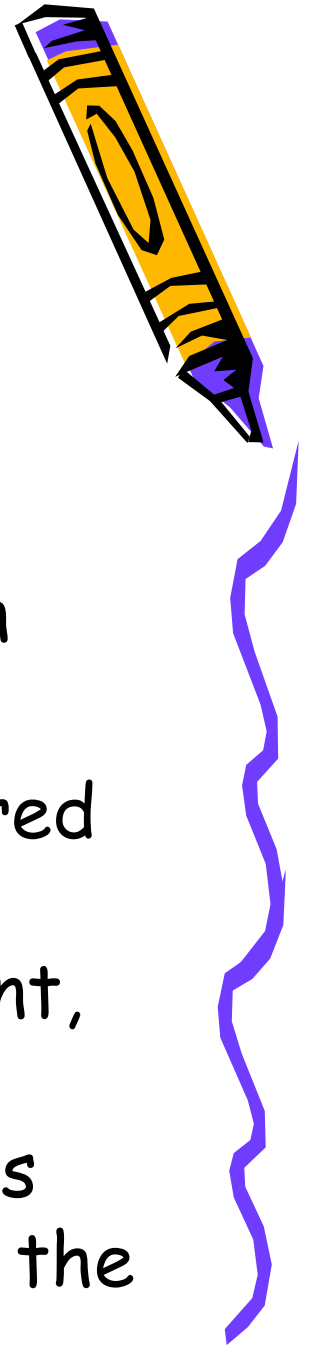
# Economic and Political Crisis: time for new community based politics?

- UK economic downturn similar to that in other countries, both poor and rich
- UK political crisis has come from the revulsion voters feel to elected representatives who has benefited from loosely defined and applied allowances and expenses
- Is this a time for a radical shakeup with power coming from the bottom rather than dictated from the top?



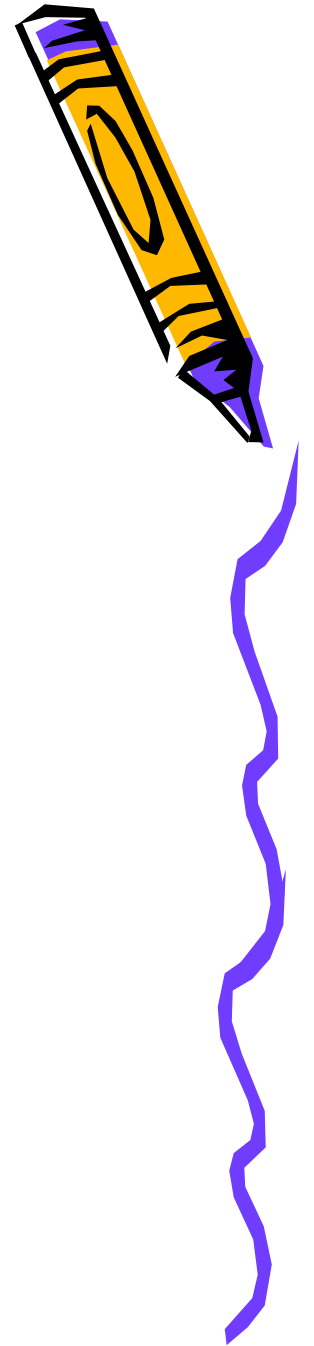
# Economic crisis

- Deep recession that emerged from financial crisis that had its roots in lending practices, inadequate regulation and increasing inequality
- The present crisis in the UK is considered to be the worse since the 1930s, with 0.5% bank rate, increasing unemployment, falling property prices and increasing house repossessions, increasing business failures, IMF projected 4.1% decline in the UK economy



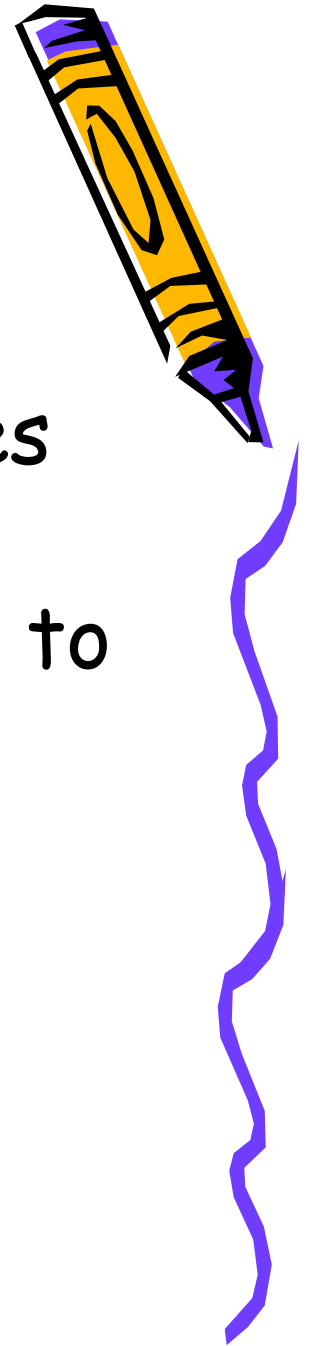
# Political Crisis

- Parliamentary
- Participation



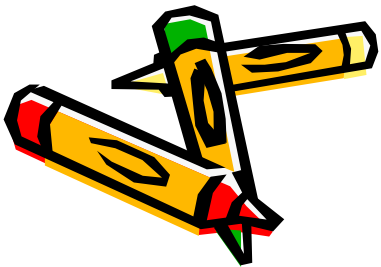
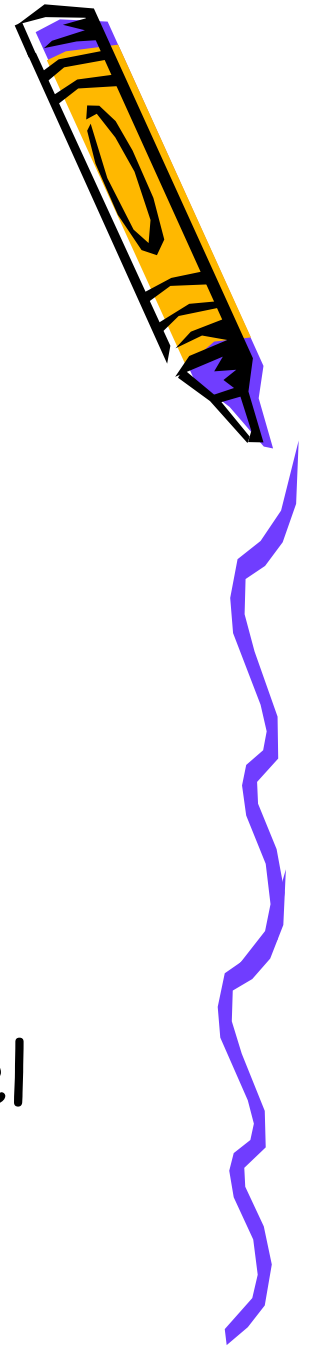
# Community Development under New Labour

- Assist the state address key issues of social exclusion
- Social exclusion that can be linked to adherence to a neo-liberal agenda
- Social Exclusion Task Force
- Expansion of locally based interventions



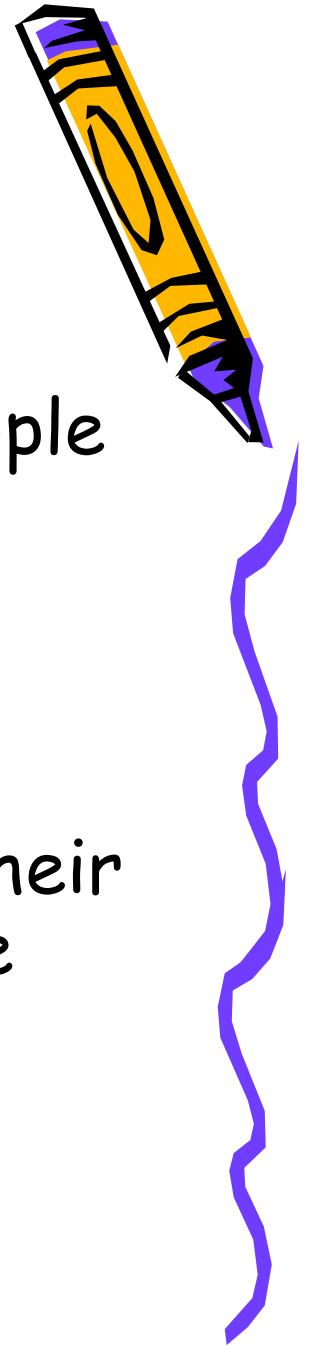
# Partnership, accountability, active citizenship and the stake-holding society

- Encourage and develop local initiatives and decision making - often challenging local authorities whom the New Labour considers failing
- Smooth delivery of nationally developed policies at the local level



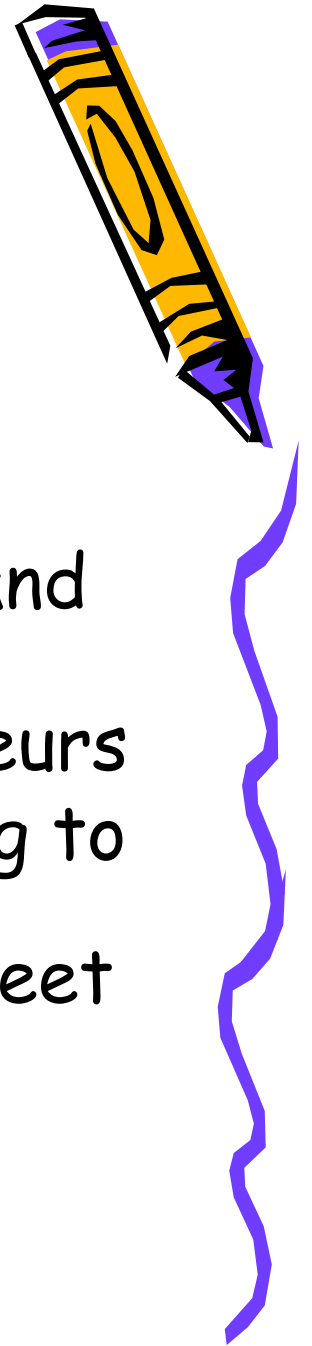
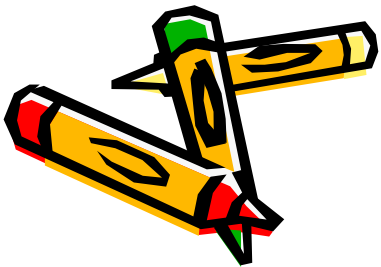
# Criticisms of New Labour community development

- Several positives including involving people in the decision-making, increased resources
- Need to train and support community members
- Local authorities need to re-consider their practices and language. Are they people friendly?



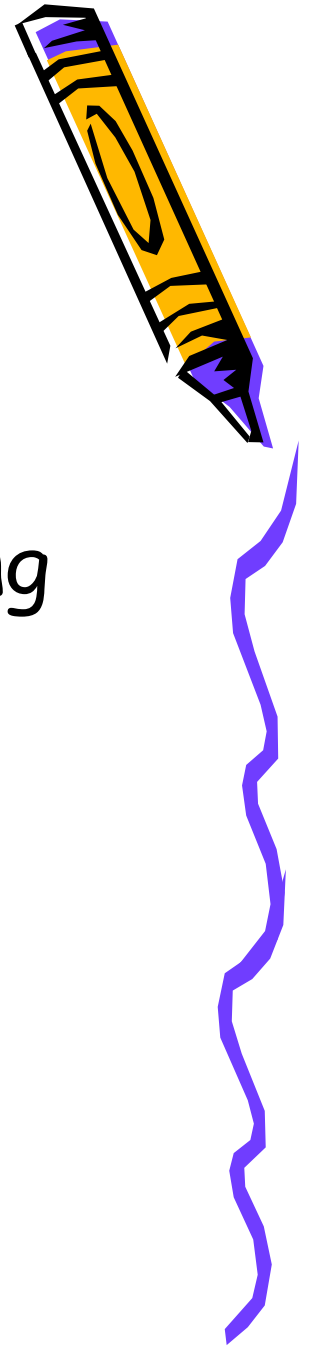
# Social Innovation and Enterprise

- Barrack Obama - office of social innovation
- UK - National Endowment for Science and Technology and the Arts (NESTA)
- Networks of social and civic entrepreneurs
- Critics say if public expenditure is going to be cut unmet needs could expand and social innovation would not be able to meet these needs.



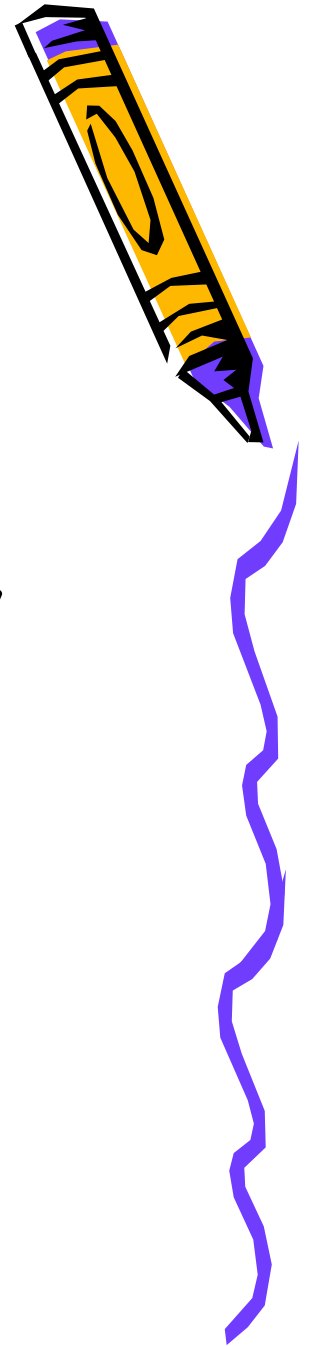
# Challenges for community development

- Acting local think globally
- Harnessing the energies of an aging population that is active and educated
- Harnessing the internet



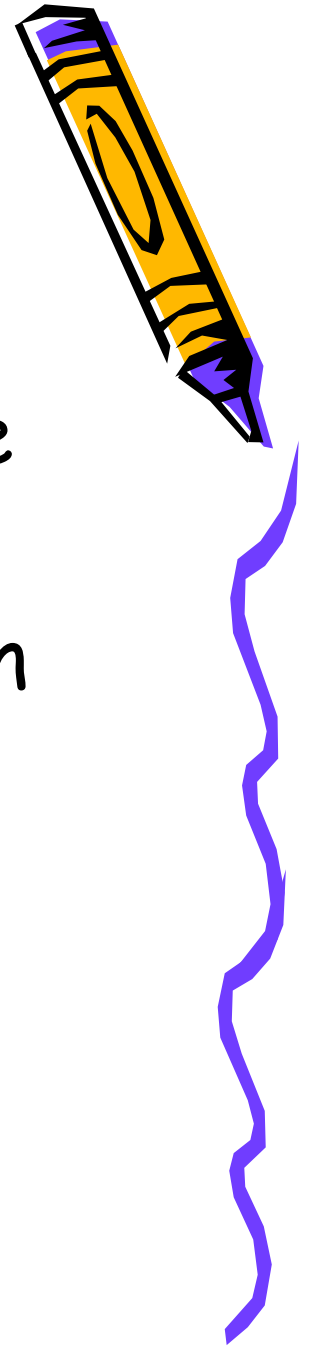
# Alternative approaches

- G20 campaign (established groups and anti-establishment, order and disorder)
- Community companies



# What of the future?

- UK community work in strong place
- Predicated on neo-liberal policies
- Neighbourhoods have to respond in particular manner
- The financial and political crisis is going to change the nature of community work



## And finally.....

- Opportune time in modern history to make some fundamental changes - the question we need to pose is the role community development can play in this

