

## **Ethos and Criteria for joining the forum**

### **Reading International Development Forum**

#### **Ethos and rules**

- 1 Enable people to understand the links between their lives and those of people throughout the world
- 2 Increase awareness of the economic, political, social and environmental forces which shape all our lives.
- 3 Promote skills, attitudes and values, which enable people to bring about change and take control of their own lives; and to work towards a more just world, where powers and resources are equally shared.
- 4 Promote understanding about the root causes of poverty inequality, human rights violations and environmental destruction globally
- 5 Content & behaviour must be non-discriminatory e.g. not sexist, racist or discriminatory against people of different faiths or disability, on grounds of sexuality or HIV/AIDS status
- 6 Main emphasis must be internationalist & include information, education and cultural activities
- 7 Organisations must be properly constituted and any merchandising should be related to the group's concern or theme and must not be for personal gain.
- 8 Organisers of RIDF reserve the right to exclude unsuitable events.