

Appendix B: Slides presentation Chris Church for

Workshop 1 Environmental Justice and Health Inequalities – time for a European Perspective!- Tuesday 22 June 2004, Healthy Planet Forum, Budapest

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***Environmental Justice
and Health Inequalities***
- Is there a 'new agenda'
emerging that takes Equality
seriously?

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**Environmental Justice - new
approaches to old problems?**

- ◆ The core idea is not that new
- ◆ The new focus on 'these issues' offers new opportunities to bring about both environmental and social change

But is there any cohesive new agenda?

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The current background

- ◆ Work on Health Inequalities has focused attention on inequity
- ◆ In the UK the Acheson Report highlighted the role of a poor environment in causing poor health
- ◆ The focus on Environmental Rights (a major concern for ANPED)
- ◆ The Environment - Poverty convergence

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EJ in Europe so far

- ◆ Friends of the Earth in Scotland (now England, Europe?)
- ◆ Much work on Environmental Rights - *'the right to a safe and healthy environment'*
- ◆ Much other work that does not use the terminology
- ◆ EJ work has focused on areas of high poverty
- ◆ Minority ethnic groups still under-represented in environmental work

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Across Europe?

- ◆ The Aarhus Convention on procedural environmental rights adds another perspective
- ◆ The Budapest WHO Ministerial Health and Environment conference is trying to avoid discussion of any action on inequalities

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Different issues within EJ

- ◆ *Six overlapping areas:*
 1. Working with communities;
 2. Work to ensure that every community genuinely has Access to Justice and Information;
 3. Developing better joint working between health and environmental organisations;
 4. Work with local government;
 5. Work with the business sector;
 6. Work on the national policy changes needed

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Towards some next steps

- ◆ How do we tackle the issue of under-representation?
- ◆ How do we use the idea of EJ and what are the implications?
- ◆ More research, but action-focused
- ◆ What role for the Network? *And....*
- ◆ **Will your next piece of work increase or decrease environmental inequality?**