

# Ela Bhatt,

the founder of

## SEWA

(The Self Employed Women's Association)

will open the 2009 Conference

'Building Community Centred Economies'

17<sup>th</sup> June, 2009

**A once in a life time opportunity to meet  
Ela Bhatt, the 'gentle revolutionary'**

In June 2009, we have the honour and privilege of welcoming to Brisbane  
Elaben Bhatt,  
founder of the Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA) and a Global Elder  
Elaben will give the Les Halliwell Address at the  
'Building Community Centred Economies' conference.

Elaben's address will open the conference and set the scene  
for what promises to be a remarkable three days.

Check the website for full details of the conference and how to register.  
Tickets are available separately for this address and the welcoming ceremony  
at a cost of A\$82.50 (inc. GST).

We are also looking for sponsors for this event  
Please contact us if you are interested in this very special opportunity.



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Elaben Bhatt is one of the world's most remarkable pioneers and entrepreneurial forces in grassroots development. In 1972 she founded the Self Employed Women's Association ([www.sewa.org](http://www.sewa.org)) in Gujarat, India. SEWA, which began as a trade union, has now grown to into a diverse women's development organisation encompassing union activities, employment and self-reliance initiatives, a women's bank, micro-finance and economic development programs. SEWA has over a millions members and is one of the worlds most respected Non-Government Organisations.

Elaben is one of the Global Elders ([www.theelders.org/elders/](http://www.theelders.org/elders/)) and is a recipient of the Right Livelihood Award, the alternative Nobel Prize.



***“Change, to be real, has to come from the people; it cannot be trickled down, imported, or imposed. As a country, we can create a climate for change if we can put our trust in the people. For that, everyone must have a voice. The poor...especially need to be heard”***

Elaben Bhatt, *We Are Poor but So Many: The Story of Self-Employed Women in India*,  
Oxford University Press, 2006