

MP Ken Livingstone to speak at Irish Forum

KEN Livingstone MP will be the main speaker at the Camden Irish Forum annual meeting and public gathering.

Mr Livingstone has stirred up a good deal of controversy over his meetings with Sinn Fein officials both in Ireland and at home.

His outspoken criticism of government policy and support for the troops out movement are set to make it an interesting evening.

As a borough, Camden boasts an Irish population of 30,000. The forum was set up in 1990.

In its brief history the group has tackled issues such as support for travellers in Carol Street, Camden Town and anti-Irish racism.

Group spokeswoman Angie Birtill said: "While disadvantage and discrimination continues to be experienced by many Irish people, the need for groups such as ours to speak out is as important as ever."

The meeting, which begins at 7pm on January 27, is open to all Irish people who live or work in the borough.

As well as Labour's Ken Livingstone, Camden Euro MP Stan Newens, Herman Ouseley of the Commission for Racial Equality, and Marian Larragy of Camden Voluntary Action will be speaking.

The meeting will be held at the forum headquarters in Murray Street, Camden Town.