Work in Border area takes off

IN the absence of project staff, the Border Region of IDASA operated on a limited scale during the last six months of 1988. The recent appointment of a regional co-ordinator should, however, boost activities once again.

At the time of going to press, we were planning our first township visit for businessmen in the region.

We have decided to refer to these township visits as "social history" tours as we intend tracing the history of the township and only visiting one township per tour. We plan to start with the business sector, and the visits will initially only be open by invitation.

A major issue in worker relations in the Border area is housing. Management cannot fully understand the issues unless they have seen the townships firsthand and met the leaders of the communities in which their workers live.

For February we have planned an informal discussion evening to find out what expectations the people of the greater East London area have of IDASA. After last year's six-month lull, this will serve to re-introduce IDASA to the region. Having lived on the Border for a number of years I look forward to the challenge of getting the debate on a non-racial future for South Africa under way.

The details of proposed projects will be published in the local press and people on our mailing list will get a printed programme of events on a monthly basis.

THE highly significant Second Carnegie Inquiry into Poverty and Development in Southern Africa has completed its investigations. The recent publication of the book Uprooting Poverty, The South African Challenge, by the Inquiry's director, Professor Francis Wilson, and Dr Mamphela Ramphele underlines just what the project has been able to achieve.

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