NEW LOCAL
STRONGER THINGS

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09.25 **Welcome**
Katie Kelly, Chair, New Local, **Jessica Studdert,** Interim Chief Executive, New Local
Michael Cogher, Deputy Chief Executive, City of London Corporation

09.50 **Lightning talk: Celebrating Big Local changemakers**
Stephen Perez, Arches Local

10.00 **In conversation with:**
Cllr Georgia Gould, Leader, London Borough of Camden

10.30 Town Square open for refreshments, networking and stalls

	BIG IDEAS STAGE	BIG CONVERSATIONS STAGE	WORKSHOPS	ROUNDTABLES
11.00	**Community powered public services: An agenda for the next government** **Prof John Denham** Director of the Centre for English Identity and Politics, Southampton University **Halima Khan** Senior Advisor, PPL and Affiliated Researcher, Bennett Institute for Public Policy **Steve Skelton** Director, Question Factory Chair: **Jessica Studdert** Interim Chief Executive, New Local	**Double-disadvantage: developing community capacity and resilience in priority neighbourhoods** Building on the learning from almost 15 years of delivering the Big Local programme, Local Trust will lead a strategic interactive workshop on how local authorities can identify levels and types of community need at the neighbourhood level. Hosted by **Local Trust**	**Strength-based conversations (an introduction)** Combining strengths-based approaches with community power can prove highly impactful and it all starts with a different type of conversation between public servant and citizen. So, what are the key features of a strengths-based conversation, what is current best practice and what are the ideal outcomes? Hosted by **Community Catalysts and Local Social**	**How do you move to community power without falling foul of statutory and regulatory requirements?** **Claire Kennedy** Joint Chief Executive, PPL and Vice Chair, New Local **Ben Hughes** Head of Wellbeing and Public Health, Essex Council **Shefali Kapoor** Director of Communities, Manchester City Council
11.55	**Overcoming the powerlessness of poverty and inequality** **Sacha Bedding** Chief Executive, Wharton Trust **Cllr Kaya Comer-Schwartz** Leader, London Borough of Islington **Matt Leach** Chief Executive, Local Trust **Katie Schmuecker** Principal Policy Advisor, JRF Chair: **Nicola Steuer** Director of Practice and Research, New Local	**How to use community power to provide better preventative care and reduce short-term demand** The public sector is painfully aware that the best way to address the problems of long waiting times and short-term demand is simply to provide better care. But how is this best done and how can it be made to work when short-term demand itself saps all resource and energy?	**Unlocking and practising collective imagination** Join JRF in using the new Collective Imagination Toolkit to explore tools and strategies for collectively learning, unlearning, imagining and enacting just, equitable, and regenerative futures for communities and wider systems. Participants will practise two toolkit tools, gaining insights into applying them in various organisational contexts. Hosted by **JRF**	**What is radical leadership in an era of community power?** **Katie Kelly** Chair, New Local **Alison McKenzie-Folan** Chief Executive, Wigan Council **Kim Wright** Chief Executive, Brent Council

12.40 Town Square open for lunch, networking and stalls — EAST CRYPT

13:45	**Who gets heard?** **Becky Bainbridge** CEO, Reclaim **Dr Clenton Farquharson CBE** Trustee, Disability Rights UK, National Co-production Advisory Group, Think Local, Act Personal **Rev Charles Kwaku-Odoi** Chief Executive, Caribbean & African Health Network **Ayesha Hakim Rahman** Acting Deputy Director of Strategy, Improvement & Transformation, Tower Hamlets and Founder, RISEilience Chair: **Shaheen Warren** Principal Practice Lead, New Local	**Building belonging in Barking and Dagenham: Radical approaches to reducing social isolation** Building on the work being done in Barking and Dagenham, this session hosted by Care City CIC, Ageable CIC and BD Collective, will share how they reimagined a radically different experience for those experiencing loneliness. Understand the set of tools and resources they've created to help teams co-design directly with people in an equal and collaborative way. Hosted by **Care City**	**A seat at the table: Sharing ingredients for great places** Join community innovators from across the UK for a masterclass in neighbourhood transformation. Together they will share stories and exchange ideas centred around 'ingredients' particular to each place and its people. Those in attendance will leave 'bursting at the seams' with new knowledge of locally-led change, and ready to take away and adapt recipes for their own work and local contexts. Hosted by **Footwork**	**The double-running dilemma** **Meena Kishinani** Board Member, New Local **Liz Cowie** Assistant Director Strategy, Communications & Engagement, Barnet Council **Andy Ferrier** Chief Executive, Test Valley Council	**The Long Table methodology: What does Power mean to you?** Sometimes questioning our most basic concepts can generate the most interesting practical ideas. Using the Long Table method of investigation, this session asks what does power actually mean and, more importantly, what does it mean to you?
14:40	**Community power in an age of division** **Samuel Augustine** Programme Development and Communications Officer, Shared Futures **Stephanie Draper** Director of Innovation and Practice, Involve **Cllr Eve Holt** Strategic Director, GM Moving and Councillor, Manchester City Council **Misbah Malik** Senior Policy and Engagement Officer, Hope not Hate Chair: **Catriona Maclay** Principal Practice Lead, New Local	**The Data Café** Data can inform and even mobilise communities but it can also confuse and alienate. How can data be collated and presented in a way that empowers communities to collaborate with public services for positive impact? A chose-your-own adventure session with speakers from Open Data Manchester and OCSI.	**Exploring systems leadership: Changing the narrative to 'troubled system'** People facing multiple disadvantages, such as homelessness and substance misuse, often fall through gaps between services and systems, hindering their ability to lead fulfilling lives. Carl and Gav will explore Systems Leadership and Practice, demonstrating its application to these issues. Understand system dynamics, experience complexity, and learn an accessible model to support those facing multiple disadvantages. Hosted by **MEAM**	**Learning, measurement and evaluation to make the case for community power** **Robert Pollock** Chief Executive, Cambridge Council, Board Member, New Local **Charles Barlow** Head of Community Partnerships, Warwickshire Council **Eleanor Carter** Research Director, Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University	

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15.45 **Welcome back**
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15.50 **Keynote: Ruth Ibegbuna**
Changemaker and serial founder of cool organisations including Rekindle School and the Roots Programme

16.20 **Lightning talk: Juno,** Working with care experienced young people to shape residential care
Sherrie and **Chloe,** Experts by experience, Juno

16.30 **The art of the possible**
Samira Ben Omar, Independent consultant and New Local Board Member
Brendan Martin, Founder and Managing Director, Public World
Mick Ward, Senior Associate, Nurture Development
Chair: **Katie Kelly,** Chair, New Local

17.15 Stronger Things 2024 ends

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