



NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT NETWORK

# A CHANGEMAKING FUTURE FOR COUNCILS

Councils operate in an increasingly complex and challenging environment. The pressure to deliver and innovate simultaneously is more intense than ever. NLGN has been working with councils for over 20 years helping them address their challenges by becoming more impactful and focused. Our membership network – made up of the most forward-looking authorities – brings a huge wealth of expertise and experience to this work. At NLGN, councils learn as much from each other as they do from our in-house research and member support teams.

All of our work with our members is informed by a deep understanding of the national policy context with a research, events and influencing programme focused on the biggest issues confronting the sector. In short, NLGN is fuelled by a 'changemaking' vision for itself, its members and the wider local government sector. A vision where the values of creativity, collaboration and self-determination shape everything councils do.



# WHAT'S ON OUR 2017/18 AGENDA?

Our research, events and peer-learning agenda is driven by our members. This is underpinned by our 'changemaking' vision and our focus on helping councils and communities embrace greater creativity, collaboration and self-determination.

## INNOVATION AND DELIVERY AREAS

LOCAL ECONOMIC GROWTH  
DEMAND MANAGEMENT  
COMMERCIALISATION  
REORGANISATION  
USE OF DATA  
NEW TECHNOLOGY

## POLICY RESEARCH AND INFLUENCING

SOCIAL CARE  
HOUSING  
CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY  
PUBLIC SERVICE AUTOMATION  
PUBLIC HEALTH



## ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

*"We seek three things from NLGN. First, its work must be relevant to our agendas. Second, its thinking must push boundaries, challenging us to approach issues in new ways and generating fresh insights. Third, its outputs must be useful – they must go beyond being interesting to being of practical consequence. It is not easy to deliver against all three of these criteria but NLGN has a habit of doing that time and again. In an age of uncertainty, NLGN reliably delivers fresh, engaging and practical insight that strengthens our ability to challenge orthodoxy."* **Gavin Jones, Chief Executive**

# NLGN MEMBERSHIP

NLGN's members are at the heart of our work. This community of innovative councils from across the country drive our thinking and enjoy a range of exclusive membership benefits, including:

## NETWORK AND LEARN

- Participate in our Innovation Exchanges – these day long sessions bring together senior officers in an intensive workshop to share ideas, lessons learned and best practice on core challenges for councils.
- Free invitations to NLGN's high profile networking events including our Annual Reception at Parliament and two tickets to our Annual Conference.
- Participation in our wider programme of events including practical workshops and policy roundtables.

## ACCESS RESEARCH AND EXPERTISE

- Receive our Innovation Briefings – case-study rich and to-the-point briefings with original insights into how councils have led innovation in practice.
- Arrange facilitated sessions from NLGN's senior team with your staff or stakeholders.
- Connect with NLGN's research team, using their expertise to gain access to data and findings not available to non-members, and shape our future research.

## RAISE PROFILE AND INFLUENCE

- Speak at NLGN events and write articles on the NLGN blog.
- Feature as best practice in NLGN's leading research.
- Be part of an agenda-setting community of local authorities at the vanguard, inputting your experience and expertise to shape our priorities.

Our members also benefit from a reduced rate for tailored strategic and transformation support as well as convening and facilitating further stakeholder events.

## STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

*"As leaders of place and public services we face many complex challenges and opportunities as we look to deliver the best outcomes for our residents. Our relationship with NLGN has been hugely beneficial, whether it be helping to shape our pioneering work to empower our residents and communities or helping us develop a shared vision with partners. They bring a fresh and often challenging perspective about the future of public services."* **Philip Atkins OBE, Council Leader**

## DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

*"Access to ideas, experience and collaborative learning has never been more important as we wrestle with the ongoing challenge of declining resources and rising demand. NLGN provides many such opportunities and is valued here for the focused and action oriented work it does."* **Ada Burns, Chief Executive**



## FIND OUT MORE

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