

NLGN ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2016

Power, Prosperity, Place

09:30 – 16:45, Wednesday 3rd February 2016

Livery Hall, Guildhall, 71 Basinghall Street, London, EC2V 7HH

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9.30 REGISTRATION AND MORNING COFFEE

10.00 WELCOME FROM CITY OF LONDON

10.05 INTRODUCTION
Simon Parker

10.30 PLACE MEANS PARTNERSHIPS

Curating a holistic vision of a place can't be done by local authorities in a vacuum. Collaboration with other public sector agencies and private businesses must play a key roles in the success of any strategy for building more successful places.

This panel will feature a discussion on collaboration and partnerships with representatives from partners that will determine the future of successful places. They will share their stories of success and the barriers they face when seeking greater collaboration and each provide us with an example of what they'd change to aid greater working partnerships going forward.

Ravi Baghirathan - Deputy Director, Strategy Group, NHS England
Terrie Alafat - Chief Executive, Chartered Institute of Housing
Peter O'Reilly - Chief Executive, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service

11.45 COFFEE BREAK

12.15 KEYNOTE SPEECH
Melanie Dawes CB - Permanent Secretary, Department for Communities and Local Government

13.00 LUNCH

13.45 BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

1. SUCCESSFUL LOCAL ECONOMIES

The cuts have fallen disproportionately on pro-growth services in councils while large ticket items such as social care and street services have taken priority. As money gets tighter, councils have to focus on improving their local economic strategies.

How will this be done? Regeneration, productivity, inclusive growth? All of these and more are essential for the future of places. This session will examine the new ways councils and their partners are approaching growth strategies and developing a distinct vision for the economic future of their place.

Cllr David Finch – Leader, Essex County Council
Sarah Reed – Deputy Chief Executive, Sunderland
Richard Watts – Leader, London Borough of Islington

2. CITIZEN COLLABORATION – NEW DELIVERY AND NEW SOLUTION

Many services currently delivered by councils might find new leases of life if brought closer to citizens themselves. New delivery models have made a vast difference in council's ability to deliver services such as parks and some street cleaning services. But could this be expanded in much more creative and ambitious ways?

For example, both welfare and skills services have long been ripe for improvement and the devolution agenda has done much to advance the opinion that it is councils, with their knowledge of their communities' fragilities, needs and talents, who are best placed to create new welfare and workforce settlements for areas. Any new settlement for the future must involve charities, businesses and communities all making a greater contribution to overcome local socio-economic disadvantage. But how will we achieve this? What is already working well? And how do we tackle apathy?

Matthew Pike – CEO, Collective Impact Fund
Nick Temple – Deputy Chief Executive, Social Enterprise UK
Karl Wilding – Director of Public Policy, NCVO

15.00 COFFEE BREAK

15.15 OTHER VOICES

Politics is changing and the certainties of class-based politics are falling away. What is the effect of this on traditional party politics? While we might not see the effect of this in the make-up of Parliament, at a local level you are more likely to see other parties and independents represented in large numbers.

This panel will discuss the effect of place and localism on traditional party politics at a local level and what it might mean for the future at a national level.

Sian Berry – Green Party Candidate for London Mayor
Cllr Sue Derbyshire – Leader of Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Marianne Overton MBE – LGA Independent Group Leader

16.00

THE POWER OF PLACE

Recent polling conducted by Ipsos Mori and NLGN found that the public know little about the “devolution revolution”. This survey showed that three quarters of people know little or nothing about plans to devolve power to a local level.

This session will explore public attitudes in more depth and examine what arguments might be used to further persuade the public of the case for greater devolution, local decision making and greater fiscal autonomy.

Ben Page - Chief Executive, Ipsos Mori
Jessica Studdert - Deputy Director, NLGN
Heather Jameson - Editor, The MJ

17.00

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