

Housing, work and welfare reform

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

09.00	Registration, refreshments and exhibition viewing
10.00	Introduction Lynsey Boother, Give Us A Chance Consortium and Kirsty McHugh, Chief Executive, Employment Related Services Association
10.10	Keynote Speaker: Matt Oakley, Social Market Foundation and Westminster Policy Institute
10:30	Plenary 1: Employment and benefits landscape This session will look at the current landscape of benefits and employment support and question where the opportunities lie for the housing and employment sectors. Chair: Lynsey Boother, Give Us a Chance Consortium <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deven Ghelani, CEO and founder, Policy in Practice • Kirsty McHugh, Chief Executive, Employment Related Services Association • Mark Hayward, Deputy Director, Big Lottery Fund • Laura Smethurst, Department for Work and Pensions
11:30	Morning breakout sessions (overleaf)
12:25	Lunch, exhibition viewing and networking
13.25	Self employment showcase David Linaker, AddMotion
13.35	Plenary 2: Integration and localism As the localism agenda picks up steam, we have an opportunity to develop more integrated services to support jobseekers and their local communities. This session examines how we can take this forward to ensure we can offer a truly holistic service to those we serve. Chair: Lynsey Boother, Give Us a Chance Consortium <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yvonne Arrowsmith, Chief Executive, East Thames • Yolande Burgess, Strategy Director, London Councils • Mat Ainsworth, GM Lead for Employment Initiatives, New Economy for Greater Manchester
14.35	Afternoon breakout sessions (overleaf)
15.30	Afternoon refreshments, exhibition viewing and networking
15.55	Plenary 3: Working Partnerships We know we are stronger when we work together. The final plenary of the day will look at issues related to partnership development between organisations and sectors at both a theoretical and practical level. Chair: Kirsty McHugh, Chief Executive, Employment Related Services Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Corry, New Philanthropy Capital, and advisor to What Works Centre • David Hughes, Chief Executive, Learning and Work Institute • Victoria Whittle, Head of Ready2Work, Affinity Sutton
16.55	Closing remarks

11.30 – 12.25 | Morning breakout sessions (1-3)

1. What it really means to take on a DWP contract

Room: Main Hall

This session will be a practical look at what needs to be considered before and during taking on a DWP contract, from IT systems to performance monitoring, and the cultural shift required to move into the contractual world.

- **Chair:** Liz Sewell, Director, Institute for Employability Professionals
- George Selmer, Director, ThinkWinDo
- James Walsh, Chief Executive, Steps to Work

2. Is social finance the answer?

Room: Meeting Room 1

This session will look at how organisations can access social finance, as well as hear practical examples of the pros and cons of accessing and using social investment.

- **Chair:** Steve Swan, Business Director, Tomorrow's People
- Christine Chang, Senior Director – Investment, Big Society Capital
- Anne Willmott, Business Action on Homelessness Director, Business in the Community

3. A helpful push or a push too far? The impact of conditionality

Room: Conference Room 4

This session will look at what conditionality means for clients and residents, where it can be helpful and where it can be detrimental, and the affect it can have on relationships between individuals and the organisations involved in the conditionality process.

- **Chair:** Helen Scurr, Managing Director, Ark People & Communities
- Alice Ashworth, Senior Policy Officer, Crisis
- Juliet Grant, Employment and Skills Manager, Family Mosaic

14.35 – 15.30 | Afternoon breakout sessions (4-6)

4. Making it work for you: The skills landscape

Room: Conference Room 4

This session will look at how skills funding and support can be accessed for residents and jobseekers. It will particularly focus on the apprenticeship levy and the impact this will have. **Chair:** Stephen Ram Kissun, Head of Marketing & Membership, AELP

- Jenny Allen, Policy Leader, National Housing Federation
- Andy Palmer, Chief Operating Officer, learndirect

5. Outside the box: Self employment and part time work

Room: Meeting Room 1

Self employment or part time work can be a useful option for jobseekers with particular commitments or personal circumstances, such as health conditions. This session will talk through alternate options for work and how they can be suited to certain groups.

- **Chair:** Paul Funnel, Founding Director, Enterprise Cube
- Matt Dooley, Head of Enterprise, PeoplePlus
- Rachael Bailey, Development Director, Women Like Us

6. Through the gate: The offender journey into housing and employment

Room: Main Hall

Supporting a prison leaver into stable housing and work can make a real difference to the level of reoffending. This session will examine through the gate provision for prison leavers and talk through the ideal journey taking in housing and employment.

- **Chair:** Pat McArdle, Chief Executive Officer, Mayday Trust
- Helen Middleton, Market Development Manager, Furniture Reuse Network
- Martin Hickerton, The Reducing Reoffending Partnership/Staffordshire and West Midlands CRC (tbc)