

Community-led improvement and levelling up of 'left behind' neighbourhoods

Thursday, 9th – Friday, 10th September 2021

Programme

Chair: Sue Tibballs, Chief Executive, The Sheila McKechnie Foundation
Rapporteur: Dan Gregory, Advisor, Common Capital

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From 12:00	Arrival and Registration	St George's House
13:00	Lunch	Dining Room
14:00	Welcome and Introduction Gary McKeone Programme Director, St George's House	Vicars' Hall
14:10	Introduction to the Consultation Sue Tibballs, Chief Executive, The Sheila McKechnie Foundation	Vicars' Hall
14:20	Session 1: What is the problem? Revisiting our approach to regeneration and renewal: why have previous local area based initiatives failed?	Vicars' Hall

As foundational research for Local Trust shows, residents of neighbourhoods across England with high levels of community need experience worse outcomes across a range of indicators compared to other deprived areas. This is despite decades of investment in area-based regeneration programmes.

What role does community power play in helping turn local areas around, and what sort of support and investment in local social infrastructure is needed to ensure 'left behind' neighbourhoods do not fall even further behind?

Opening remarks: Matt Leach, Chief Executive, Local Trust
Followed by general discussion



15:30	Afternoon Tea	Vicars' Hall
15:50	<p>Session 2: What is to be done? How do we level up outcomes across health, education and employment?</p> <p>Recent evidence sessions of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for 'left behind' neighbourhoods have looked at the issues facing those communities that experience particularly poor educational, employment and health outcomes. What's the role for communities in working to tackle these issues, and how can they best be supported to take the lead locally?</p> <p>Opening remarks: Sacha Bedding, Chief Executive, The Wharton Trust</p> <p>Followed by general discussion</p>	Vicars' Hall
17:00	Break	
17:15	Evensong (<i>Optional – please be seated by 17.05</i>)	St George's Chapel
18:00	Group Discussion	Vicars' Hall
19:30	Dinner	Dining Room
20:30	<p>Leaving No Place Left Behind: key findings from the Commission into Prosperity and Community Placemaking</p> <p>Toby Lloyd, Chair of the Commission</p> <p>Followed by general discussion</p>	Dining Room
21:45	Tour of St George's Chapel – led by Simon Durnford, Military Knight of Windsor	St George's Chapel

Friday, 10th September

07:30	Mattins (<i>Optional</i>)	St George's Chapel
08:00	Holy Communion (<i>Optional</i>)	St George's Chapel
08:00	Breakfast	Dining Room
09:15	<p>Session 3: Practice and experience Reflections on the discussions so far, informed by the professional practice and lived experience of participants at the consultation.</p> <p>Opening remarks: Sue Tibballs</p> <p>Followed by general discussion</p>	Vicars' Hall
10:30	Tea and Coffee	Vicars' Hall
11:00	<p>Session 4: What is needed and what is next? Developing recommendations and an agenda for action</p> <p>What is needed in terms of developing a shared national policy agenda to successfully level up neighbourhoods and address glaring disparities in outcomes? What are the key components of a new policy approach to community-led neighbourhood improvement - and what needs to be done to strengthen the case for investment in 'left behind' neighbourhoods, and particularly their social infrastructure, to secure long-term transformational change?</p> <p>Opening remarks: Alison Jones, Development Manager, Little Hulton Big Local</p> <p>Dan Gregory, Advisor, Common Capital</p> <p>Followed by general discussion</p>	Vicars' Hall
12:15	Concluding remarks: Sue Tibballs	Vicars' Hall
12:30	Lunch and departure	Vicars' Hall