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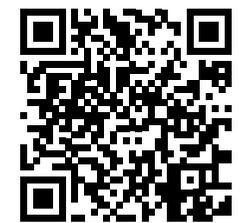
AGENDA > Wednesday 23 February 2022

9.30am	Welcome and introduction	<p>Lynsey Sweeney Managing Director, Communities that Work</p> <p>Stephen Evans Chief Executive, Learning and Work Institute</p>
9.45am	Keynote	<p>Councillor Kevin Bentley Leader of Essex Council</p>
10.10am	<p>Plenary panel</p> <p>Working locally to level up employment and skills opportunities</p>	<p>Chair: Chaminda Jayanetti The Guardian</p> <p>Johanna Hoyal Head of Local Labour Market Strategy, Department for Work and Pensions</p> <p>Lord Bassam Chair of BITC's Place Taskforce</p> <p>Jane Hickie Chief Executive of the Association of Employment and Learning Providers (AELP)</p>
11.00am	Recess and On demand content	<p> Watch on-demand content</p>
11.15am	Breakout sessions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Green jobs, young people and the labour market 2. Retraining and work progression routes 3. Tenant voice and employment support 4. Emerging learnings from CRF
12.05-12.15pm	Recess	
12.15pm	Keynote	<p>Jon Yates Executive Director, Youth Endowment Fund</p>

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS > 11.15 - 12.05

01 GREEN JOBS, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE LABOUR MARKET

In this session, we'll explore the future labour market, green skills and young people's prospects as the economy recovers from the pandemic. L&W's major study earlier this year showed that young workers have been under-represented in the recovering sectors, with industries that typically employ young people hardest hit in the long term. The pandemic has also seen a large growth in young people in full-time education as they shelter from the storm, which in turn has impacted employer vacancies.

Recent research has argued for government investment in green jobs to create an additional 130,000 jobs for young people to avoid a shrinking youth labour market, regional disparities and an unequal recovery. We'll look at the overall picture and ask how the Levelling Up and Net Zero strategies can help create opportunities for young people, including through the housing sector, and what this means for skills provision and local join up.

Chair



Victoria Whittle
Clarion Futures



Chantel Hampton
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Anna Round
Youth Futures Foundation



Rachel Statham
IPPR



Cindy Boa
Future Voices Group

02 RETRAINING AND WORK PROGRESSION ROUTES

The pandemic has undoubtedly created economic challenges, as well as health challenges. The employment impacts have not been equally distributed and have exacerbated previous inequalities. Those with greatest need to up- and re-skill are more likely to: live in localities with already high unemployment, work in sectors that are more at-risk, have lower qualification levels and less access to training, and are currently in low paid work. In other words, they are least resilient to losing their jobs.

For everyone to take part in the government's planned "high-skill, high-wage" economy, many people will need to retrain and change careers. Support to do this will need to engage people through high quality and locally based provision. In this session we'll consider the scale of change, why we need to prepare, and how we can ensure a range of partners are involved, including local government, employers, social housing and training providers.

Chair



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Emily Jones
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Karen Johnson
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Ian Caplan
DWP

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03 TENANT VOICE AND EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT

The social housing white paper seeks to change the relationship between landlord and tenant and bring tenant voice to the fore. As we move towards social housing as the service provider and tenants as the customer - rating those services to a strengthened regulator - how will matters of employment, skills, life chances and earnings come into play?

Can social housing providers bring tenant voice and satisfaction into services for working-age tenants, that seek to improve their employment and earnings chances?



Lynsey Sweeney
Communities that Work



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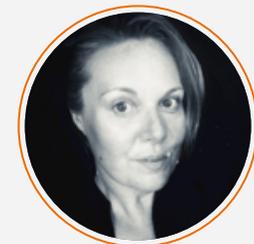


04 EMERGING LEARNINGS FROM CRF

The Community Renewal Fund (CRF) has been deployed across a broad range of projects since November '21 and is widely seen as the rapid-delivery precursor to the UKSPF. The UK Government has said that CRF will help to inform the design of UKSPF, but also made it clear that the funds are distinct in regard to 'design, eligibility and duration'. In this session, we want to explore the experience of CRF from a distinct range of viewpoints, and to draw out key lessons - a smart wish list - for optimum implementation of the UKSPF from 2022 onwards.



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Welcome

Thanks for joining today.

This is the third joint conference we've run with the Learning and Work Institute, and we are proud to count them as partners: not just for today, but through our ongoing work on the Housing and Employment Taskforce. Partnerships with adult learning, employment support and skills providers is critical, and the Taskforce holds those links between DfE and DWP funded sectors and social housing.

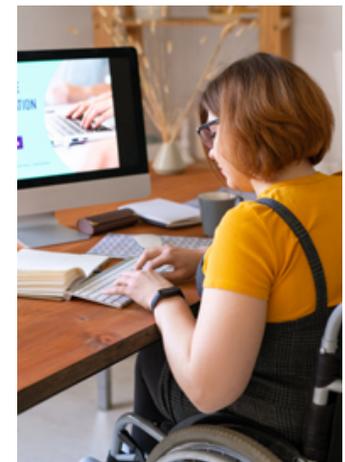
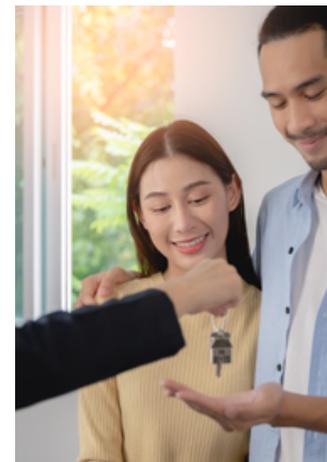
Greetings to all our members today, nice to see you here.

If you're in social housing but not in Communities that Work, [join us](#).

Enjoy today!

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