

Member Development Conference and Celebration The Future Picture of Local Government

28th November 2014
Macron Stadium, Bolton

The public sector landscape continues to adapt and change as local authorities and partners continue to explore how services are delivered and how their operating models need to change and adapt to deliver those services in new and innovative ways.

Already we have seen new models of service delivery emerge across the North West and beyond as councils seek to not only continue to meet the financial constraints whilst managing local demand, but seek to position themselves to deal with the longer terms challenges such as an ageing population, climate change and technological development to name but a few.

So how does the emergence of different models of delivery meet these challenges now and in the future? How do the governance structures need to account for wider responsibility and engagement to support the delivery of services to citizens? How does the role of the local councillor change and adapt within the structures and remain a pivotal interface between citizens and organisations?

In collaboration with the **LGiU**, authors of the latest think piece – **Municipal Futures; How we might begin to think differently about local government** – we will explore:

- The current and future challenges facing local government,
- The varying approaches to service delivery across the North West and beyond
- How local government needs to transform and shift from 'doing things' to 'making things happen'
- How we can support councillors through this transformation
- How do we develop a new language to talk about local authorities; about what a council does and what it is

Through input, case studies and quality conversations, we will aim to open up a vibrant dialogue and debate around the key focus, features and structures of the local government in the future.

In addition, we will celebrate the great work that councils and councillors have been doing around the North West, in building their skills and understanding to support their council, services and citizens through their development strategies as we award the North West Charter for Elected Member Development.

Each authority has been awarded one free place, additional places will be based on £50 per person, so please reserve your place early. To book on please reply to events@nwemployers.org.uk

A full agenda will be sent out nearer the time. The approximate timings are 10am 'til 2.30pm.

Should you have any questions with regards to the event please feel free to call the team on 0161 834 9362.

Regards

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