



Ideopolis: Knowledge Cities

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Welcome to our second Ideopolis update. This issue features:

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WHAT'S NEW?

We have developed a unique offering for members of our **Ideopolis City Leaders Network**, which will include a series of events in London and Manchester. Membership of the network includes:

- Membership of a cross-sector forum in which to share ideas and practice about issues ranging from cutting-edge leadership, to the role of universities in creating innovative cities, to managing the challenges of worklessness;
- Access to cutting-edge policy research on cities and an opportunity to identify topics of interest;
- Attendance and participation in Chatham House events with high level speakers and senior attendees from different sectors;
- Receiving working papers outlining findings from the events and policy implications;
- Access to a growing database of best practice in economic development in international cities;
- Access to the Work Foundation's Ideopolis Cities Team.

Membership of the Network is currently by invitation only. If you would like more information about the Network please do not hesitate to contact [Sarah Barnett](#) or [Laura Williams](#).

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

[Building on what's there: what cities and policymakers can learn from endogenous growth and the new economic geography](#) by [Neil Lee](#), Senior Researcher at The Work Foundation, has recently been published as part of our Ideopolis working papers series. This paper distils the lessons for policymakers thinking about urban growth from all the academic literature on urban economics.

FUTURE PUBLICATIONS

We have nearly completed the interview process for our Collaboration paper and are writing up our findings. Our paper will investigate how collaboration across administrative boundaries might help businesses and highly skilled workers and increase innovation. If you would like to contribute to this paper we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact [Katy Morris](#) for more information.

We have also started working on the final paper for our Ideopolis Consortium output looking at the implication of the Knowledge Economy on labour markets in cities. This paper will form a major strand in our Consortium work. If you have any queries, please contact [Naomi Clayton](#).

GETTING INVOLVED

Co-funded by The Work Foundation's Knowledge Economy programme, we are continuing work on a paper looking at the role of higher and further education in cities in the knowledge economy: particularly relevant given DIUS' announcement that it hopes to create new university towns. This paper is due to be published in early April. If this project is of interest please contact [Laura Williams](#)

EVENTS

In the next few months we are holding or speaking at the following events:

- ["Building The British Knowledge Economy" Conference](#): March 6th 08
- From Enterprise Priorities to Enterprise Powerhouses: May 08, date tbc.
- Ideopolis Conference: July 08
- HE/FE Event: April 08, date tbc.

Please contact [Sarah Barnett](#) if you would like any more information on these events.

PREVIOUS EVENTS

We recently held a policy discussion on the emerging findings from our project on the role of higher and further education in cities in the knowledge economy. This roundtable involved central, regional, higher education and local government policymakers and managers and has enabled us to strengthen the policy recommendations and ensure that the report reflects some of the wider thinking in this area. We are currently writing our final report and case studies, due to be published in April. If you are interested in this project please contact [Laura Williams](#).

KEEPING IN TOUCH

We will continue to keep you updated on the latest developments in our research every month, however do look at [The Work Foundation's](#) website for more details of areas on which we are working. Please send any questions or comments to [Sarah Barnett](#).

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