



Ideopolis: Knowledge Cities

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Welcome to our first monthly Ideopolis update. This issue features:

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IDEOPOLIS? An Introduction

The [Ideopolis programme](#), investigating how the changing economy affects different cities, is a key part of [The Work Foundation's](#) research. Over the past four years we have developed the concept of the Ideopolis – a sustainable knowledge intensive city that drives growth in the wider city region. Our 2006 [report](#), looking at the impact of the changing economy on different places, identified nine drivers of successful knowledge cities and city regions.

Our current [project](#), running till July 2008, is investigating the Ideopolis framework further through three core projects (collaboration, higher and further education and the labour market in the changing economy). It is funded by seven organisations (the Arts Council, the Department for Communities and Local Government, the Greater Norwich Partnership, the London Chamber of Commerce Commercial and Education Trust, Manchester City Council, One NorthEast RDA and the University of Bristol).

We publish [working papers](#) and conduct bespoke projects with specific places, drawing on our research. These include work with [Sheffield City Region](#) and North Staffordshire (forthcoming).

If you would like to find out more about the Ideopolis programme, please contact the Programme Director [Alexandra Jones](#).

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

In January we published [From Enterprise Priorities to Enterprise Powerhouses: A working paper](#), reviewing how public expenditure supports

certain cities across the UK to develop their 'knowledge' economies. Please contact [Naomi Clayton](#) if you would like to know more about the report.

FUTURE PUBLICATIONS

In February we are publishing a paper on **Growth Theory and Cities**, investigating the implications of Endogenous Growth Theory and New Economic Geography for public policy. [Neil Lee](#) is the main contact if you have any queries.

GETTING INVOLVED

We are currently talking to places involved in collaboration as part of our research paper, including Leeds City Region, Portsmouth and South Hampshire, and the Tees Valley. If you would like to be interviewed as part of this paper please contact [Katy Morris](#).

Co-funded by The Work Foundation's Knowledge Economy programme, we are currently working on a paper looking at the role of higher and further education in cities in the knowledge economy. If this project is of interest please contact [Laura Williams](#)

EVENTS

In the next few months we are holding events including:

- [“Building The British Knowledge Economy” Conference](#): March 6th 08
- From Enterprise Priorities to Enterprise Powerhouses: April 08, date tbc.
- Ideopolis Conference: July 08, date tbc. More details to follow soon.

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

KEEPING IN TOUCH

This is the first in our monthly updates series to keep you in touch with the latest developments in our research. 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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