



Ideopolis: Knowledge Cities

June 2008: 16 July Conference, Collaboration and City Leaders Network

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WHAT'S NEW?

- [The Ideopolis Conference 2008, Successful Cities in the Changing Economy](#) will be held on 16 July in central London. Confirmed speakers include Rt Hon Hazel Blears MP, Will Hutton (CEO The Work Foundation), Andrew Lewis (the Northern Way), Mike Crouch (Regional Cities East), Geoff Mulgan (The Young Foundation) and Simon Jenkins (The Guardian).
- We held our first **Ideopolis City Leaders Network** event entitled "Are all economic strategies the same?" on 30th April at the LSE. Sir Peter Hall and Greg Clark gave most interesting and thought provoking presentations to the Network members and Sir Peter kindly referenced the event and discussion in his weekly online article for Regeneration and Renewal.
- Our second City Leaders Network event was held in Manchester on Thursday 5 June and looked at skills and how to attract and retain skilled workers. We were delighted to have **Dr Charlie Ball** of HESCU and **Ray Mills**, Partner at PwC, speaking at this event and Simon Fanshawe of Brighton and Hove Economic Partnership chairing. Their presentations ensured a lively debate and discussion. Papers from this event will be available to Network members shortly.

- Our third City Leaders Network event is on 4 July at The Work Foundation's offices in London. **Sir Bob Kerlake** and **Tom Bridges** of Arup have kindly agreed to give a unique insight into city leadership, answering the question 'Who runs the city?'
- We are currently setting up our **Ideopolis City Leaders Network offering for 2008-9**. If you are interested in joining the Network and have any content you would like to see included please contact [Sarah Barnett](#).
- The Ideopolis Team will be present at all three Party Conferences this year within a unique integrated programme of events on urban issues under the collective partnership of The Urban Hub. The partners within the **Urban Hub**, along with The Work Foundation, are the Centre for Cities, RIBA (the Royal Institute of British Architects), CABI (the Commission on Architecture and the Built Environment) and the Core Cities Group. The party conference programme will cover a wide range of urban issues, including housing and transport to the impact of recent economic turbulence on cities.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- [Can Collaboration help places respond to the changing economy](#) is now completed and available to download. Please contact the authors of the paper, [Alexandra Jones](#) and [Katy Morris](#) if you have any questions or thoughts on this paper.

FUTURE PUBLICATIONS

- **The role of higher and further education in cities** report in the knowledge economy has now completed its case studies of Leeds, Birmingham, Brighton and Norwich and the written report is being finalised within the next week. This will go online at The Work Foundation's website and the link will be emailed to you in the next update.
- **The impact of the knowledge economy on city labour markets**. We have been looking at three medium-sized cities and tracking how their economy and industrial structure have changed over the last twenty years. What have the consequences of economic restructuring been for less-skilled workers? How have cities managed these consequences? This report will be published in September 2008.

GETTING INVOLVED

The **2008 Ideopolis Conference, Successful cities in the changing economy** will take place on 16 July in central London.

EVENTS

- The Work Foundation hosts a wide range of events – [details of these can be found here](#)

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

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 and information on how to work with us. Please send any questions or comments to [Sarah Barnett](#).

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