

# Neighbourhood Governance: Reflecting on UK and European Experience

Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010  
10:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Blackburne House Conference Centre  
Seminar Room D  
Blackburne Place  
Liverpool L8 7PE

## Introduction

The devolution of power and the governance of neighbourhoods remain key issues for the United Kingdom and its local authorities, given the progress made under the National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal, the Modernisation agenda, and recent discussions of The Big Society.

ECOTEC Research and Consulting has recently completed a number of major studies investigating the effectiveness of models of neighbourhood governance, including a two-year evaluation of the National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal on behalf of Communities and Local Government, and a comparative review of three governance approaches at a sub-city level using international cases in Liverpool, Lille, and Rotterdam.

ECOTEC, with North West Together We Can and Liverpool City Council, are delighted to host a half-day seminar in Liverpool to discuss the findings of neighbourhood governance to date, and to debate the policy implications for local and national government in the context of the Big Society.

This half-day seminar is aimed for regeneration practitioners, academics, and professional interested in neighbourhood renewal and community development.

**To book a free place on this seminar go to the North West Together We Can website events page or follow this link:**

<http://www.nwtwc.org.uk/events/booking-form.php>

**Closing date to register 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010.**



## Seminar Agenda

- 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. COFFEE & REGISTRATION
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m. WELCOME & INTRODUCTORY REMARKS  
**Eve Davidson**, North West Together We Can  
Dr. **Ruth Lupton**, London School of Economics
- 11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EVIDENCE & PRACTICE IN NEIGHBOURHOOD GOVERNANCE
- Evidence from the UK and Europe  
**Jonathan France** and **Tim Fox**, ECOTEC Research & Consulting
- Neighbourhood Management and Total Place in Liverpool: An Update  
**Lesley Thompson**, Head of Neighbourhood Management Services, Liverpool City Council
- Perspectives from the Frontline  
(Cobalt Housing, *TBC*)
- 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. **What does this mean for us?**  
**Small Group Discussions**
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. LUNCH & NETWORKING
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. FEEDBACK & QUESTIONS
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. WHAT'S NEXT FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD GOVERNANCE
- Changes in National Policy  
Dr. **Ruth Lupton**, London School of Economics
- What's Missing?  
Dr. **Liz Richardson**, University of Manchester &  
Dr. **Catherine Durose**, De Montfort University
- 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. PANEL DEBATE/Q&A: TOWARDS THE FUTURE
- Dr. Ruth Lupton**, London School of Economics  
**Jonathan France**, ECOTEC Research & Consulting  
**Dr. Catherine Durose**, De Montfort University  
**Lesley Thompson & Geoff Jackson**, Liverpool City Council  
**RSL representative** (Cobalt Housing, *TBC*)

## **Participants:**

**Eve Davidson** is the Programme Manager for North West Together We Can, the empowerment network for the North West supported by the Department for Communities and Local Government.

Dr. **Ruth Lupton** is a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion at the London School of Economics. She works mainly on understanding patterns of neighbourhood decline and regeneration, and on education, housing and urban policy. She recently led the team evaluating the government's Mixed Communities Initiative, and was a member of the National Equality Panel with a brief to cover geographic and neighbourhood-level inequalities. Before joining LSE, Ruth worked in local government for Epsom and Ewell Borough Council.

**Jonathan France** is a Principal Consultant at ECOTEC Research & Consulting. He leads ECOTEC's local area regeneration and culture and sports work, and is a specialist in policy and programme evaluation. His interests lie in understanding and improving the impact of policies designed to tackle spatial concentrations of disadvantage, and the role of culture in promoting regeneration.

**Tim Fox** is a Principal Consultant in ECOTEC's Leeds office. He has over fifteen years experience, mainly in private consultancy, managing a wide spectrum of often complex regeneration and economic development related projects for a range of public sector clients. Tim has led on research and consultancy contracts for the European Commission, National Government, Regional Development Agencies, URC's and Local Authorities, mainly focussing on area based regeneration and impact evaluations.

**Lesley Thompson** is the Head of Neighbourhood Management Services at Liverpool City Council.

Dr. **Liz Richardson** is a Research Fellow in the Institute for Political & Economic Governance (IPEG) at Manchester University. Her work is primarily qualitative research aimed at understanding policy interventions in and with disadvantaged neighbourhoods and groups. She has worked hands-on with residents, young people and practitioners on neighbourhood, housing and urban design problems, linked to community-focused solutions.

Dr. **Catherine Durose** is an RCUK Research Fellow at the Local Governance Research Unit, De Montfort University. Catherine has researched extensively on neighbourhood working and community participation. Catherine recently co-edited and contributed to a book, 'Changing Local Governance, Changing Citizens' published by Policy Press in 2009.

**Geoff Jackson** is the Neighbourhood Manager for Alt Valley at Liverpool City Council.