

Seasonal Greetings to all our Members

The Directors and staff wish all **Members** and **Partner** organisations a **Merry Christmas** and a much better **New Year** in **2012**.

New for 2012



Congratulations to two of our longest serving Members who have been made **Honorary Fellows** for long and outstanding service.

Colin Lomax and **Malcolm Perrins** have both now retired but have been with the **Institute** for almost the same length of time with over **43 years** in Membership between them.



New Corporate Members

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Driving Local Economic Growth

The **LGA** has organised a workshop for lead **Councillors** which will take place on **Monday 9th January 2012** at Local Government House, Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ between **10am - 4pm**.

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£1 billion to help regenerate regions lying unspent

Whilst the economy continues to struggle, over **£1.2 billion** of money earmarked to help stimulate some of **England's least prosperous regions** is lying **unspent**, according to a report released by the **Industrial Communities Alliance**.

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New Look Website coming in January

We're **refreshing** our **website** to improve **navigation** and **appearance** as well as introducing **new** features

Renewal Reminder

Don't let the **Christmas** and **New Year** celebrations make you forget to **renew**.

Subscriptions can be paid by cheque, BACs or Card – online payment open 24/7.

Member News

Ian Parker is Senior Property Advisor at the **Ethical Property Foundation** and he's leading the national roll out of the Foundation's **Property Advice Service** for **charities** and the **VSO sector** to all English regions from **January 2012**. The aim is to develop a **network** of **referral organisations** and **professional institutions** such as the IED who are already working with the **third sector**.

"**IED Members** will know how such a service can be **promoted** and used through their **networks** and help put us in touch with small groups who need help, inviting us to a meeting – essentially working together in their **communities**", said Ian. "We will be hoping to **make contact** with **IED members** over the coming weeks but they could also get **in touch with us** as well. So we want to raise awareness, make contact and **collaborate**."

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Jim Coleman of



... would appreciate **your help** on a project for a private developer in **Azerbaijan**. As part of the project, they are testing **external perceptions** of the **country** and its **capital city**. If you have a few minutes to spare, he would be very grateful if you could **please complete** a very **short** survey – please click on the link below. The **survey** examines **knowledge of Azerbaijan** and will take only a **few minutes** to complete.

Take the Survey [HERE](#)

Gulf of Mexico

Daniel Mouawad reports from the United States with the latest in his series of articles, "**All at Sea in the Gulf of Mexico**". [→ FULL ARTICLE](#)

Have Your Say

Have an opinion? Want to publish an article? Share good practice? Whatever you have to say let us know by email for inclusion in the next issue.

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Don't forget to record your CPD on-line.

Click the **logo** and log on to the **Members Area** to file your **CPD activity**

Consultants Group needs new Chair

The **IED Consultant Members** need a new **Chair** as Rob Weaver has moved away from ED related work.

Interested? If you think **you** might be interested in **ensuring** that the views of **Consultant Members** are heard please let us know by email to johnlockett@ied.co.uk

News & Views from EDDLDC

The latest updates and comments from the **Economic Development Distance Learning Consortium (EDDLC)** on key issues can be viewed below.

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Many thanks to the EDDLDC for providing these articles and to Bert Nicholson for putting them together

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