



Thursday 2nd December at 4pm

A DISCUSSION ABOUT LEP'S IN THE NORTH WEST

**Venue: Birchwood Golf Club, Warrington 1 mile from Junction 11 of M62
(Directions <http://www.birchwoodgolfclub.co.uk/articles/contacts/directions>)**

This is a significant Event for all regeneration practitioners. The IED NW Branch has organised 4 key LEP representatives from Greater Manchester, Greater Merseyside, Cheshire & Warrington & Cumbria **plus** the Head of Economic Development at Lancashire County Council (where they are finalising the LEP Partnership) to attend a Discussion Forum. The Event aims to reflect and discuss LEP issues from the sub-regions in the NW.

The four LEP representatives and Lancashire County Council will give a quick overview of their Bids/Partnerships, discuss how they will work together and indeed how they might be able to make a difference compared to previous models. The event will then take comments, views and questions from the floor **with the intention that the session is a highly interactive debate offering a good perspective on the future 'local growth' agenda for all that attend. This "open floor debate" will allow those that can shed particular information and guidance about LEP's to share this with the audience.**

We look forward to seeing you & your colleagues at this FREE IED Event, which will be followed by the 26th NW Branch AGM.

Programme Details

Tea & coffee on arrival

- 1) 4pm Welcome and Introduction, Chairman of Branch IED, Nigel Wilcock followed by overview by the Panelists:

Aidan Manley, MD of Cheshire & Warrington Commission representing the C&W LEP
Dave Moorcroft, Director of ED, Mersey Partnership representing the Greater Merseyside LEP
Baron Frankel, Director of Economic Strategy, New Economy, Greater Manchester LEP
Martin Kelly, Head of Economic Development, Lancashire County Council
Rob Johnston, CEO Cumbria Chamber of Commerce representing the Cumbria LEP

- 2) Approx 4.45pm Questions/Answers/ Information Sharing to develop an Open Floor debate
- 3) Finish at approx 5.30pm (or longer if the debate is active!) followed by opportunity to network.

If you have any queries about the Event on 2nd December please contact: Barbara Mothershaw, E mail: b.mothershawassociates@btopenworld.com Mobile 07836 214283