

# The North East economy in 2012 Where's the growth going to come from?

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012, Sunderland

The **Institute of Economic Development North East** is delighted to welcome **Iain Wright, MP (Shadow Minister for Competitiveness & Enterprise, BIS)** as our opening speaker to share his views on the key issues challenging growth in the region. (Government Speaker tbc)

In addition, we have assembled a panel of NE economic development practitioners from a varied background of expertise and experience to discuss and debate those issues policy makers, private, public and third sector stakeholders face in trying to facilitate further growth in the North East economy. This will be chaired by Keith Burge (ERS) National Chair of IED.

To facilitate the discussion and provide context, Andrew Graves of TBR will present the latest data on economic trends in the North East, setting the scene for a likely lively debate.

**Guest Speakers:** **Iain Wright,**  
MP for Hartlepool & Shadow Minister for Competitiveness & Enterprise

**Presentation:** **Economic trends in the North East, Andrew Graves, TBR**

## Discussion Panel Members

- Paul Woolston, Chair, **North East Local Enterprise Partnership**
- Vince Taylor, Head of Strategic Economic Development, **Sunderland City Council**
- Prof. John Tomaney, **CURDS, Newcastle University**
- Katie Schmuecker, Associate Director, **IPPR**
- Clive Gray, **Blyth Tall Ship** (Social Enterprise)

Followed by IED North East AGM

**Date:** Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012  
**Time:** 09.00 – 09.30 (registration) – 13.00 (followed by AGM)  
**Location:** Council Chamber, Sunderland City Council  
**Cost:** Members: £10 (fee to be refunded on attendance); Non-Members: £ 35.00

To reserve a place please contact **Mike Jessop** on 0191 252 8955 or via **Mikejessop@ied.co.uk**