

## AGENDA

### Growth, Skills and Innovation: Building prosperity in East London

**Date:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – 09:00 – 12.30 (followed by a networking lunch)

**Address:** L39, One Canada Square, Canary Wharf E14 5AB

#### Session Overview:

Queen Mary University of London, the East London Civic Action Network (ELCAN) and the East London Business Alliance (ELBA), are bringing together an audience including Heads of ESG, CSR, HR from the City and Canary Wharf, alongside key non-profit and local authority stakeholders for a collaborative effort to define a shared vision for growth, skills and innovation in East London.

#### Objective

Our core objective is to bridge the gap between regional/national policy (London Growth Plan, Inclusive Talent Strategy, Industrial Strategy) and "on the ground" delivery, partnership working and corporate community investment impact in East London. After hearing from a panel of leaders across different sectors, we will engage our East London stakeholders, employers, education providers and local communities to gather diverse perspectives. This will allow us to map local insights directly against wider strategic objectives to identify key opportunities.

Together, we seek to establish a **shared** vision - one that balances high ambition with **collaborative delivery**.

Time	Topic	Speaker
8.45	Arrival, Refreshments & Networking	All
9:10	<b>Welcome</b>	Julie Hutchinson, CEO, ELBA
9.15	<b>Keynote: The Evolution of Place</b>	Sir Nigel Wilson Chairman, Canary Wharf Group
9. 25	<b>Objectives for the Day</b>	Professor Colin Bailey President and Principal, Queen Mary University
9.35	<b>Opportunities and Challenges for East London</b>	Rt Hon Sir Stephen Timms, Member of Parliament for East Ham
9.45	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <b>Bridging the Gap: Skills, Social Value &amp; the Future Workforce of East London</b>	Chair:  Julie Hutchinson
	Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Ann Hepworth</a>, Group Chief Strategy Officer, Barts Health NHS Trust</li> <li>• <a href="#">Dr Philippa Lloyd</a>, Vice-Principal for Policy and Strategic Partnerships, Queen Mary University of London</li> <li>• <a href="#">Lord Andrew Mawson OBE</a>, Founder, Bromley by Bow Centre and 360 Degree Society</li> <li>• <a href="#">Laura Dubeck</a>, Head of Sector Workforce, Greater London Authority (GLA)</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Anna Purchas</a>, London Office Senior Partner and Regional Chair, KPMG</li> <li>• <a href="#">Vicky Scott</a>, Chief Executive, Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service (THCVS)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Tom Venner</a>, Chief Development Officer at Canary Wharf Group</li> </ul> <p>This panel will move us from policy to action, exploring how the London Growth Plan will create 150,000 "good jobs" while ensuring they are accessible to East London's local talent. Leaders from the GLA, NHS, KPMG, and Queen Mary University of London will discuss the opportunities and challenges associated with bridging skills gaps and embedding social value into major local assets, communities and infrastructure.</p>	
10:45	<b>Break and Refreshments</b>	
11:00	<p><b>Roundtable Discussions</b></p> <p>During this segment, guests are invited to join one of the following concurrent roundtable sessions. Each group will focus on a specific strategic theme for the region, led by industry and academic experts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Social Mobility:</b> Jane Hollinshead, Chief of People, Canary Wharf Group and Ishani Chandrasekara, Professor of Accounting Education, QMUL</li> <li>2. <b>Health and Work:</b> Aelswith Frayne, Head of Employment and Skills, LBTH</li> <li>3. <b>Entrepreneurship:</b> Leah Thompson, Associate Director of Entrepreneurship and Joanne Zhang, Professor of Entrepreneurship and Strategy, QMUL</li> <li>4. <b>Inclusive Innovation:</b> Amir Rizwan, Director of London Social Ventures and David Miller, Senior Social Ventures Lead, QMUL</li> <li>5. <b>Procurement, social value &amp; employment equality:</b> Tessa Wright, Professor of Employment Relations and Eama Khanom, Head of Procurement, QMUL</li> <li>6. <b>Skill Gaps:</b> Stephen Hanshaw, District Operations Manager, DWP and Jamie Hilder, Senior Business Development Manager, QMUL</li> <li>7. <b>Revitalising High Streets.</b> Alison Blunt, Professor of Geography and Deputy Vice Principal for Impact (Culture, Civic &amp; Community), QMUL</li> </ol>	Sarah Gifford, Civic Engagement Lead, QMUL
12:00	<b>Plenary</b>	Sarah Gifford
12:10	<b>Closing remarks</b>	Sir Nigel Wilson
12.20	<b>Next Steps</b>	Professor Colin Bailey
12.30	<b>Networking Lunch</b>	
14.00	<b>Close</b>	