

**REGENERATION MANAGEMENT RESEARCH WORKSHOP  
FRIDAY JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> 2004  
UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL**

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

The Fourth Regeneration Management Workshop is to be held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2004 at the Foresight Centre, University of Liverpool. The workshop is to be hosted under the sponsorship of the Science Enterprise Centre, University of Liverpool and the Centre for Local Policy Studies, Edge Hill College of Higher Education, and organized by colleagues from Durham, Edge Hill and Liverpool.

Workshop Purpose

The purpose of the workshop is to examine many of the current regeneration processes that are taking place in the context of a wide range of national initiatives and a complex pattern of local delivery. The 'management' of regeneration should help communities to draw out value from programmes, but too often this management comes at the expense of local autonomy and political engagement and may even debilitate the aims of intervention. It is essential therefore to critically reflect on our experiences of regeneration not only to identify what works, but to be clear about for whom regeneration works and how.

Key Workshop Themes

Abstracts are welcome on any aspect of the regeneration process but the organizing committee are keen to encourage contributions on the following features:

*The governance and scrutiny of regeneration*

Much work has been completed on local governance, partnership and network structures in regeneration, but less attention has been paid to the actual dynamics and maintenance of relationships that emerge from collaboration. Questions to be considered include what are the motivations behind participation? Do professional ambitions get in the way of regeneration? We might also ask, during the process of evaluation, how are those holding the resources and power truly scrutinized? And how are those who support capacity building and who make regeneration sustainable supported and if appropriate, rewarded?

*The process of regeneration*

We assume regeneration will be beneficial for the recipients. However, the processes of regeneration are relatively new to communities and practitioners alike. It is debatable whether or not we have the knowledge to get 'it' right and perhaps we should see the process of regeneration as a means of learning about the way a community functions. A critical examination would ask, on behalf of whom does regeneration take place, and whether those who deliver and evaluate regeneration are capable of making the impact required. It would analyse the processes of regeneration, seeking to learn what is required for intervention, and then indicate what communities need after an initiative ends.

Papers that consider these and similar questions in a critically constructive manner are likely to demonstrate leading edge research in this field and are actively sought by the organizers.

Call for Abstracts

This is an open call for abstracts from researchers working in the field of regeneration. The organizers seek to encourage the maximum diversity of approaches. Papers that explore theoretical and conceptual debates as well as those which are based upon empirical work, or are collaborations between practitioners and academics, are welcome. Abstracts of no more than 400 words should be sent to John Diamond or Alan Southern at the address set out below by Monday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2004.

### Speakers

The organizing committee are expecting to invite a small number of speakers who have some level of expertise in this field. These speakers will help 'set the scene' of the debate during the day. All other abstracts will be reviewed prior to invitation. It is hoped that a small number of speakers will be current or recent research students who would welcome the chance to position their work alongside more experienced researchers and practitioners.

### Full papers

A future communication will provide details of when full papers, in the region of 5000 words, are to be submitted. The aim of the organizing committee is to make available for circulation the work of each speaker.

### Workshop fees

There is no charge for participation in this workshop thanks to the finance made available from the sponsors. Lunch will be provided at the Foresight Centre. Places on this workshop are limited and early confirmation of attendance, either as a presenter or as a participant is encouraged. If needed, travel directions and accommodation will be advised at a later date.

### Organizing committee

For further details of the workshop contact any of the organizing committee by email or telephone.

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**REGENERATION MANAGEMENT  
PRE-WORKSHOP SEMINAR**

**MAKING REGENERATION WORK**

**THURSDAY JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> 2004  
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A pre-workshop seminar will be held on Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm to 4.30 pm at the Foresight Centre, University of Liverpool. The aim of this seminar will be to encourage debate between practitioners and academics working in the field of regeneration. Guest speakers will include representatives from community-based organisations, from the private sector, from academia and from the public sector. The theme of the seminar will be about making regeneration work and contributions are welcome from any section of the regeneration community.

There is no charge to participate in this seminar. Light refreshments will be served. Places on the seminar are limited and early confirmation of interest is recommended. For further details contact either John Diamond or Alan Southern at the email or telephone number listed above.