



SCOTTISH CITIES KNOWLEDGE CENTRE – IDEAS FORUM

UNLOCKING URBAN LABOUR MARKETS - RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY, Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation, High School Yards, Edinburgh EH1 1LT, 25th Oct 2013, 10.30-15.45

This 'Ideas Forum' aims to assess whether and in what ways city labour markets have resilience to the economic crisis, and to understand why some urban labour markets are better able to withstand, recover or adapt in the face of the crisis than others in terms of:

- City Size and Location, e.g. arising from depth and size of markets and infrastructure.
- Housing, Neighbourhoods and Urban Form, e.g. role of collapsed housing market in labour market (mal)adjustment; opportunities to start businesses from home; social capital; local institutions and networks; quality of residential and business properties and locations; socio-economic segregation and edge city economic developments producing skills and spatial mismatches between workers and jobs.
- Dynamism and Diversity, e.g. scale of response through migration and retraining; flexibility in labour market; opportunities for new entrepreneurial activity; transfer between firms and industries; diversity of workforce skills; nationality mix.
- Institutions, Governance and Policy, e.g. training and enterprise initiatives; innovation at neighbourhood, city and firm levels; links between labour market institutions and employers.

10.30- 10.40: INTRODUCTION

*Dr Donald Houston
Director, Scottish Cities Knowledge Centre, University of St Andrews*

10.40-13.00: MORNING SESSION

UK PATTERNS OF RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY IN CITY REGIONS TO 2012

Professor Alan Townsend (and Professor Tony Champion), University of Durham

*CAREER PROGRESSION AND CITIES: ESCALATORS, ELEVATORS, AMBITION,
AGGLOMERATION AND ACHIEVEMENT*

*Professor Ian Gordon,
London School of Economics*

*ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND NEIGHBOURHOODS: PROMOTING RESILIENCE
OR REPRODUCING INEQUALITY?*

*Professor Stephen Syrett,
London Middlesex University*

COFFEE BREAK

*CONNECTING JOBS AND PEOPLE: TRANSPORT SYSTEMS AND THE
COMMUTING TIMES FOR DIFFERENT GROUPS IN THE POPULATION*

*Professor Ronald McQuaid,
University of Stirling*

CITIES, REGIONS AND THE GEOGRAPHY OF TRAINING PROVISION

*Professor Mike Danson,
Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh*

*INTERNET-ENABLED EMPLOYMENT: NEW FORMS OF FRAGMENTED AND
FREELANCE WORK*

*Professor Anne Green,
University of Warwick*

13.00- 13.45 LUNCH

13.45- 15.45: AFTERNOON SESSION AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

EMPLOYABILITY INITIATIVES IN GLASGOW, (TBC)

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LONG-TERM SCARRING OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE GREAT RECESSION

*Professor David Bell,
University of Stirling*

COFFEE BREAK

*FROM RESILIENCE TO RECOVERY:RE-EMPLOYING HIGH-SKILLED PEOPLE IN
EDINBURGH*

*Mr Jim Galloway,
The City of Edinburgh Council*

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:

Identifying key trends, knowledge gaps, and opportunities for policy development

CLOSE, 15.45