

Working with Local Government

- 09:30** **Welcome and introduction**
Aspirations for the day
An opportunity to share experience and expectations for the day.
- 10:00** **Local Government - *structure and functions***
Structures and functions of local authorities: counties, districts, London's councils, city and metropolitan authorities, unitary councils; Policy priorities and roles
- 11:00** **Refreshments**
- 11:15** **Working with local government - *Councillors, officers - understanding the language and culture of local authorities.***
The roles of councillors and officers, how different parts of the council is organised and how they interact.
- 11:45** **The local government agenda**
Current local government priorities, including central government policies such as City Deals and reform of local government finance
- 12:30** **Lunch**
- 13:30** **Local government's partners**
Councils' partners and their role in convening and supporting this local delivery ecosystem (and what this jargon means!)
- 14:00** **Guest speaker session: A view from the inside**
A serving Councillor provides a first-hand account of what life is as local elected politician.
- 15:00** **Refreshments**
- 15:15** **Group work**
Small groups work on one of three case studies using their learning from the day and their own personal experience to develop a stakeholder map and agenda for action.
- 16:00** **The practicalities of doing business with/influencing local government**
Covering procurement frameworks, grants/funding rounds and the various formal and informal processes councils use to engage different stakeholders. How to align your objectives to the council's.

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Personal action planning

Participants develop a personal action plan, based on their learning during the day, for further working with local government

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