

## Local Government Essentials East - A Day of Discovery and Development

Friday 28 February 2025 (09:00 – 15:20)

The Nucleus, Chesterford Research Park, Little Chesterford, Saffron Walden, CB10 1TS

### AGENDA

Timings	Session
09:00	Registration and refreshments
09:30	<b>Welcome and aims of the day</b> Sharon Bleese, Head of Business Development, East of England LGA (EELGA)
09:35	<b>Meeting the Challenges of LGR and Devolution</b> Philip Simpkins, Management Consultant and former Chief Executive, Bedford Borough Council
10:00	<b>Workforce Solutions for a Changing Landscape - Preparing for Local Government's Future</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selena Ayling, Director of Operations, Opus People Solutions</li> <li>Sam Goody, Associate Director, Opus People Solutions</li> <li>Alison Golding, Assistant Director - Workforce &amp; Transformation, West Northamptonshire Council</li> </ul>
10:30	<b>Launching Local Government Essentials East – Events and Toolkit</b> Cairistine Foster-Cannan, Chief Executive, East of England LGA (EELGA)
10:45	Refreshments and time to move to workshops
11:15	<b>Workshops: ROUND 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Digital Transformation: The Key to Savings and Efficiencies (ROOM 2)</b> James Wickham, Associate, EELGA Talent Bank</li> <li><b>Sexual Harassment: How Can Every Person Meet Their Legal Duties? (ROOM 3)</b> Emma Swan, Facilitator, Cultural Awareness Hub</li> <li><b>Members and Officers Working Together to Achieve Success in Planning (ROOM 4)</b> Simon Payne, Associate, EELGA Talent Bank</li> </ul>
12:00	Comfort break and time to move to workshops
12:15	<b>Workshops: ROUND 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Demystifying Equality Impact Assessments (ROOM 1)</b> Jacqui Gavin BEM and Jiten Patel, Facilitators, Cultural Awareness Hub</li> <li><b>Transformation in Local Government: The Art of Positive Disruption in Transformation (ROOM 2)</b> Martyn Cockram and Tim Carr, Associates, EELGA Talent Bank</li> <li><b>The New Procurement Act – Overhead or Driver for Economic Growth (ROOM 3)</b> Ken Cole, Associate, EELGA Talent Bank</li> <li><b>Building Trust - Developing Reputation (ROOM 4)</b> Dominic Chessum, Associate, EELGA Talent Bank</li> </ul>
13:00	Lunch and an opportunity to network and meet EELGA Talent Bank Associates and Cultural Awareness Hub Facilitators

13:45	<b>Workshops: ROUND 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>From Unconscious Bias to Conscious Inclusion</b> (<i>ROOM 1</i>) Jiten Patel and Jacqui Gavin BEM, Facilitators, Cultural Awareness Hub</li> <li>• <b>Empowering Local Authorities: Educating Staff to Break Barriers for LGBTQ+ Inclusion</b> (<i>ROOM 2</i>) Tracy Martinez, Facilitator, Cultural Awareness Hub</li> <li>• <b>Housing - Tackling the Homelessness Crisis</b> (<i>ROOM 3</i>) Liz Bisset and Trish Reed, Associates, EELGA Talent Bank</li> <li>• <b>Empowering Elected Members for a Brighter Future</b> (<i>ROOM 4</i>) Gilli Galloway, Associate, EELGA Talent Bank</li> </ul>
14:30	Comfort break
14:45	<b>Panel Session: Workshop leaders and invited guests</b> Q&A and reflections from the workshop sessions Chaired by Sharon Bleese, Head of Business Development, East of England LGA (EELGA)
15:15	<b>Summary of the day and close</b> Cairistine Foster-Cannan, Chief Executive, East of England LGA (EELGA)
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