



Help us make a difference to our City Region

Invitation for Expressions of interest to join the Board of Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)

Introduction

The Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership's role is to help create a globally competitive place at the heart of the UK – delivering inclusive growth by attracting and developing more business and talent and creating more sustainable employment and high value jobs

We are a strategic partnership of organisations, businesses and individuals from the public and private sectors committed to realising the economic potential of our City Region by working together. We provide strategic advice and guidance on how the City Region's potential can be realised and we support the management of its delivery for the benefit of its businesses and residents.

The current Board comprises local business and education leaders, alongside council leaders from Halton, Knowsley, Sefton, St Helens and Wirral and The Mayor of Liverpool.

We are inviting expressions of interest from individuals who can complement the skills and capabilities of our current Board members and can contribute to the work of the Board and through it the growth of the City Region.

Role of the LEP Board

The LEP Board provides leadership in the following areas:

Strategic Economic Development: The LEP is the main economic development interface with Government and the LEP Chair is a member of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority. Through an executive team, in support of the LEP Board, the primary responsibility is to lead on economic strategy. The LEP is responsible for producing and maintaining the Liverpool City Region's Growth Strategy which helps inform City Region investment through the Single Investment Fund.

Business Growth: The LEP undertakes both leadership and delivery management activities to stimulate business growth both in numbers and size. The LEP is the appointed Growth Hub Manager for Liverpool City Region and, through local partners in each Borough, assists existing businesses to grow and increase productivity, promoting entrepreneurship and innovation, increasing the number of businesses in the City Region as well as advising and assisting businesses regarding available funds and additional investment;

Key Growth Sectors: The LEP manages and supports the development of the City Region's key Growth Sectors. These have been identified as having the greatest growth potential and economic impact on the City Region and where the City Region has both national and international competitiveness on which to build and comprise:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Health and Life Sciences
- Low Carbon Energy
- Maritime and Logistics
- Visitor Economy
- Digital and Creative
- Financial, Professional and Business Services

These sectors are supported by sub-boards who provide focus and expertise within their sector but also in the context of a shared vision and economic strategy for the City Region formulated by the LEP and its City Region partners. More can be found out about these sub-boards on the LEP website and opportunities to join these sub-boards are advertised as they become available.

Board Member Role

We are seeking individuals who share our passion, commitment and belief in the City Region from all sections of the Liverpool City Region community (and beyond where there are demonstrably strong links to Liverpool City Region) and representing our diverse attributes and culture (the LEP's equality and diversity statement is published on the website). Individuals should also possess expertise, experience and knowledge at an appropriate level that can be applied to developing or challenging strategies designed to deliver growth.

The role is not financially remunerated, but reward comes in being engaged in driving this important agenda forward for the benefit of current and future generations. It also comes with significant commitments including:

1. Attend 6 meetings per year equating to 4 days including reading of papers.
2. Attend 3 strategy development sessions of 1.5 days commitment per annum.
3. If required, act as a Champion for one of the above sectors or themes which requires attendance at those sub-boards, a commitment of approximately 1.5 days per annum.
4. Represent the LEP on appropriate external bodies or task and finish groups that may exist at city-region, region, national or international level.
5. Where necessary, represent the LEP and City Region in meetings with Government or any of its departments and agencies.
6. Be prepared to make statements to, or be interviewed by, the media to promote economic strategy or policy or respond to enquiries.

How to register your Interest

If you are interested in being considered to join the LEP Board or in any future opportunities to support the City Region that may arise through the LEP and believe you have the passion, knowledge, experience and expertise to assist the City Region's growth, and can meet the commitments set out then write to us at info@liverpoollep.org with a subject of LEP Board EOI, outlining your suitability and interest in the role. We look forward to hearing from you.

The closing date is Friday 26 May 2017

Please note that Liverpool City Region LEP Board roles, including Chair, are voluntary roles and are not remunerated