

LGA Conference Fringe Event

How can community-led approaches build thriving neighbourhoods?

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- **What does it mean for the council to be working in ways that are adaptive to the needs of different neighbourhoods?**
- **How can communities take a lead on neighbourhood renewal and what does this mean for the role of the council?**

Key contact

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Timings:

- 16:00 Speakers arrive- familiarisation and final planning
 16:30 Attendees arrive for drinks

 16:45 Session begins- conversation followed by Q&A
 18:00 Session ends- drinks and networking
 18:30 Event ends

Speakers

Speaker	Job title/Org
Cllr Jane Ashworth OBE	Leader, Stoke-on-Trent Council
Patrick Melia OBE	Chief Executive, Sunderland City Council
Anna Francis	Co-director, Portland Inn Project
Matt Leach	Chief Executive, Local Trust
Jessica Studdert (Chair)	Interim Chief Executive, New Local

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Session Outline

Time	Duration	Interaction	Speaker
16:45	10 min	Intro and framing Introduce panel Structure for conversation (Audience questions welcome) Then: Question to each panellist in turn	Jessica Studdert
16:55	5 min	What approach have you taken in Stoke-on-Trent to identifying and supporting communities with lower social capital and building community capacity?	Cllr Ashworth
17:00	5 min	How have Portland Inn Project taken the lead of neighbourhood renewal and what has this meant for the role of the council in Stoke-on-Trent?	Anna Francis
17:05	5 min	What does responsive working centred on neighbourhoods look like in Sunderland?	Patrick Melia
17:10	5 min	How can councils effectively support areas experiencing low levels of social capital?	Matt Leach
17:15	35 min	Discussion – A chaired Q&A including questions directly from the chair and taken from the floor. We expect the audience to be primarily senior councillors and local executive officers.	Jessica Studdert
17:50	10 min	Closing comment from each speaker – to end the session, Jessica will return to each speaker in turn for closing remarks, wrapping up the session with key themes.	All panellists
18:00	-	Panel ends – drinks will be served for informal networking and discussion.	

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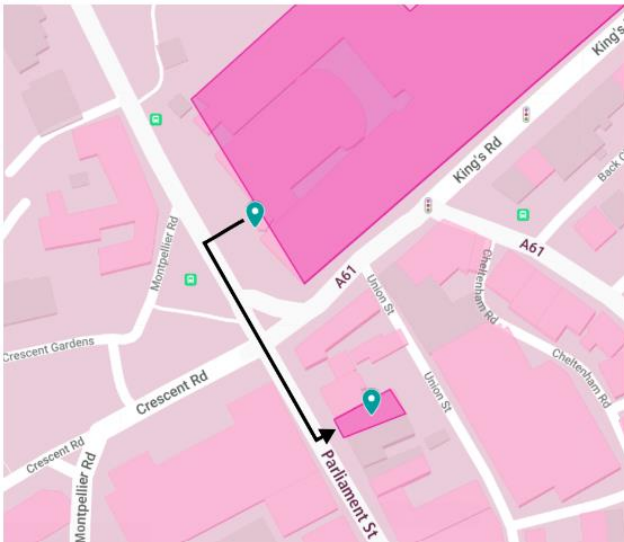
Tuesday 22 October

Piccolino, Harrogate

46-48 Parliament Street, Harrogate,

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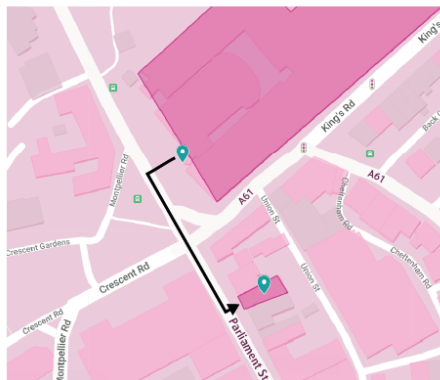
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Finding Piccolino

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Leave the Convention Centre by the main door, turn left, cross the junction and walk up Parliament Hill.



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Chaired by:

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Running Order

16:30 Arrival and refreshments

16:45 Session begins

18:00 Drinks, networking and further discussion