

**Roundtable #2 on workforce issues:
Equality, Diversity & Inclusion and future jobs**
Thursday 29 June, The Storyhouse, Chester

PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

(subject to change)

09:30 Registration

10:00 **Welcome and introductions**

10:05 **Introducing Session 1: What's stopping us reaching EDI?**

Mark Saunders, facilitator

10:15 **Setting the scene – short presentations to inspire**

- *AMPLify* programme: Laying the foundations to build a legacy
- Embracing neurodiversity
- What does a menopause-friendly workplace look like?
- LGBTQIA+ inclusion

10:45 **Group exercise & discussion**

- Is the Place sector visible and accessible to all?
- What changes could we make to accommodate currently excluded groups?
- Do we need a finer focus on different demographics?
- Feedback

12:00 **Plenary re-group**

Deliverable: series of 'personal(ised)' case studies, blogs, 'my experience was...' 'if only there was....'

12:30 **Networking lunch**

13:30 **Introducing Session 2: Future skills and jobs**

Mark Saunders, facilitator

13:35 **Setting the scene – presentations to inspire**

- What are the skills we will need in 2035?
- What new approaches/soft skills do we need post-pandemic?
- Is AI a threat or an opportunity?
- The future is data

14:05 **Group exercise & discussion**

- How do we get from here to there?
- Identify some future specific implications in Place if we automate?
- What should we be doing as 'Place?' Is central Government ready?
- Feedback

15:20 **Plenary re-group**

15:50 **Summary and close**

Mark Saunders, facilitator

Deliverable: Balanced white paper discussing the pro's and con's, highlighting challenges such as retraining/funding and the benefits or otherwise of ChatGPT