

Coventry University

CALL FOR PAPERS 10TH REGENERATION MANAGEMENT RESEARCH NETWORK

At Jaguar Centre, COVENTRY UNIVERSITY on
WEDNESDAY 30 June 2010

Papers are invited from practitioners, policy makers and researchers to share ideas and experiences on:

WHAT NOW FOR REGENERATION? EXAMINING POLICY AND STRATEGY OPTIONS FOR THE NEXT DECADE OF UK REGENERATION

Over recent months there has been growing speculation that UK regeneration is now entering a new era of activity, with the current economic recession acting as a significant watershed moment for all sectors operating in regeneration and associated fields. The current recession has brought with it fresh challenges for realising regeneration with significantly reduced public expenditure and private investment, as well as creating heightened pressure points around local employment and housing; all at a time when localities are still developing new partnerships, and operating within new planning and environmental frameworks.

At the same time, the recent 'entrepreneurial urbanism' that has so characterised towns and cities over the last decade and has been halted abruptly by the financial challenges of recent months and potentially, signalling the end of the 'Third Way experiment'. Looking ahead, the General Election of 2010, the next Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR2010) and the prospect of a change in political direction at the national level for regeneration all point to a qualitatively different regeneration model than has been experienced over recent years.

The focus of the 10th regeneration annual event will aim to explore the recent changes in regeneration experiences of the last decade, and to look ahead to possible changes over coming years. The changing fortunes of several UK towns and cities offers one perspective on regeneration. Challenges in the form of long term worklessness, affordable housing, debt, and continued deprivation provide an alternative perspective. Potentially, these represent exciting times for those interested in changes to regeneration policy.

We are particularly interested in contributions from researchers, practitioners and policy makers that reflect on the priorities set locally and nationally for achieving regeneration in a new operating environment, and/or exemplar approaches and models. These might reflect a variety of regeneration management models and policy paradigms, as well as reflective pieces on the post-1997 regeneration era. We value papers that address the following priority areas that would facilitate discussion about how to move forward:

- New and less transient models of regeneration management
- Post-Capitalist and Post-Third Way approaches
- New pressure points and possible solutions
- New and continuing skill competences

All interested parties are invited to submit, by email, a paper proposal (abstract) of around 500 words by no later than 8th January 2010 to the Research Network's organisers:

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