



Examples of good practice in the UK

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Pathways

- The journey to employment
- Step by step
- Involvement, confidence building
- Tackling barriers
- Training
- Links to Enterprise
- Jobs or Self Employment or Social Enterprise

Merseyside, England

- Worst off areas (a third of Merseyside)
- Local Partnership - Residents, Enterprises, NGOs, Local Government, National Government, Colleges. Perhaps a large firm, or hospital, or police
- Local People also created a Pathways group, so that they could be represented on the Local Partnership
- Later, Pathways representation on the Monitoring Committee

Pathways Partnership

- Money to meet and research
- Existing statistics for the local area often poor quality or did not exist
- More consistent small area statistics (school qualifications, free school meals, unemployment, state benefits)

The process

- Set up a local Partnership
- Build trust and understanding
- What are the problems for the area?
- What resources are there (including ESF and ERDF)
- What can we do?

Change

- ESF and ERDF projects
- Bending resources (from other budgets)
- Joined up solutions

Liverpool City Region CES

- Special status - some EU 2007-13 direct to the area
- Local Government and NGOs and Enterprises
- Joined up thinking
- Challenging targets - qualifications, unemployment
- Partnership working

CES

- Funding to support the unemployed
- Intermediate Labour Market
- 6,300 short term jobs

CES

- Better statistics - common standards for departments
- Support for Enterprise (not branding the wiring)
- Procurement - local jobs for local people
- North West Construction Hub - simplification
- Housing Compact on Worklessness, Apprentices
- Skills for Growth Agreements

CES

- Planning for 2014-20
- ESF and ERDF combined
- Devolution from Central Government?
- Wider issues for Employment and Skills

2014-20 Programme

- Community-led Local Development
- Integrated Sustainable Urban Development
- Financial Instruments (loans)
- Social Business
- Social Innovation
- Simplification

The question

How do public authorities create the conditions, motivation and empowerment for people to take the initiative to help themselves?

Doing it for themselves

“In a modern LEI approach, we shouldn’t make projects for certain target groups, the target groups themselves should be the actors, the active persons. Certain priorities or fields of activities (for young people, or migrants for instance) should be defined in advance, but then the final beneficiaries should have the freedom to act within this frame.”

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