



WOLVERHAMPTON CITY
LEARNING REGION

PROGRAMME

Building a Learning Region

**What it Takes to Make a Learning City / Region:
Key Lessons From Bristol, Swansea and Cork**

Thursday 24th May 2018

7.30am – 9.30am

University of Wolverhampton Science Park,
Auditorium, Technology Centre (PA Building),
Wolverhampton Science Park, WV10 9RU.

Event Hosted by University of Wolverhampton



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Welcome to this Wolverhampton City Learning region event hosted by the University of Wolverhampton.

Learning Cities/Regions is an international movement developed and coordinated by UNESCO. It is based on the idea that when communities come together to focus on the role that learning plays in the lives of residents, we can achieve more and transform lives, organisations, cities and regions.

The purpose of this event is for us to hear from key representatives from Bristol Learning City, Swansea Learning City and Cork Learning City about key lessons we can learn from their experiences to date with building a sustainable and successful learning city/region. This will inform next steps with developing the Wolverhampton City Learning Region initiative through a partnership approach based on collaborative working.

EVENT SCHEDULE

- 7.30am** Arrival / registration / breakfast / opportunity for networking.
- 8.00am** Welcome. Host Dr Mary Mahoney introduces Jackie Dunne, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Access and Lifelong Learning) University of Wolverhampton.
- 8.05am** Speaker - Bristol Learning City, Tommy Jarvis.
- 8.25am** Speaker - Swansea Learning City, Judith James.
- 8.45am** Speakers - Cork Learning City, Denis Barrett and Willie McAuliffe.
- 9.05am** Panel Discussion and opportunity for questions, Chair: Jackie Dunne.
- 9.25am** Dr Mary Mahoney, closing remarks and thanks.
- 9.30am** Event closes. Please hand in your evaluation/pledge card & name badge.

SPEAKER PROFILES

Bristol Learning City – Tommy Jarvis

Tommy Jarvis is the Bristol Learning City strategic lead and programme manager. Tommy has supported the development of the Bristol Learning City since 2015 and over the last 12 months has been working with partners to agree a set of outcomes and targets to focus on in the coming year. In addition to the work of the Learning City, Tommy currently oversees a city wide Leadership for Learning programme across all school phases. Tommy is passionate about creating city partnerships that improve outcomes for residents, particularly children and young people.

Swansea Learning City – Judith James

Judith James is Head of Strategic Regional Collaboration at Swansea University and the Associate Head of their School of Education. Judith supports collaboration between Swansea University and regional organisations, including the Swansea Bay City Region Board, The Regional Learning and Skills Partnership, Local Authorities, Higher and Further Education and Employers. Judith has been a member of the UNESCO Expert Group on Developing Learning Cities and has contributed to the development of the UNESCO Global Network for Learning Cities (GNLC). Judith has been influential in bringing the UNESCO Learning City pilot to Swansea.

Cork Learning City – Denis Barrett and Willie McAuliffe

Denis Barrett is the Cork Learning City Co-ordinator with Cork City Council, bringing together a diverse partnership to promote learning of all kinds, and for all people, of all ages, interests and abilities. Willie McAuliffe is former Principal of a college of further education and currently working with trainee teachers in University College Cork. He is current chair of Cork Lifelong Learning Festival and Co-chair of committee on Growing Lifelong Learning in Cork. Cork is the second City in the Republic of Ireland. A University City since 1845, and a port city, it is located on the south coast, and has a long history as a trading base with both Europe and Globally. It has a population in the metropolitan area of 300,000 approx. Its current main industries and employment are in the Technology, Pharmaceutical and Education sectors.

Wolverhampton City Learning Region Initiative

The goal of the initiative is to put learning at the heart of the Wolverhampton City Learning Region which includes the city and its surrounding areas that face similar problems linked to aspiration, a skilled workforce and increasing understanding of the role that learning plays in economic and social development.

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