

**WEAK MARKET CITIES PROGRAMME  
City Reformers Meeting**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>-Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2006  
Graham Wallas Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Old Building, London School of Economics,  
Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AE

**AGENDA**

**Chair: Professor Anne Power**

The inaugural meeting of the City Reformers Group will take place over 2 days, structured around 4 key themes: physical-environmental, economics, social, and governance. Its main aim will be to plan the Weak Market Cities Programme. The main focus will be on innovation and ideas for city recovery that will help cities and their key reformers.

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| <b>12.30 - 1.30</b> | <b>Arrival, lunch (provided), introductions</b><br><i>Chairman's Dining Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Old Building</i>   |
| <b>1.30 - 1.55</b>  | <b>Welcome / Weak Market Cities Project: overview and timescales</b><br>Anne Power, London School of Economics<br>Jörg Plöger & Astrid Winkler, Researchers, Weak Market Cities Programme  |
| <b>1.55 - 2.15</b>  | <b>Questions, discussion, suggestions</b>  |
| <b>2.15 - 2.30</b>  | <b>Weak Market Cities in Europe – our shortlist</b><br>Lewis Dijkstra, Urban Actions Unit, European Commission   |
| <b>2.30 - 2.45</b>  | <b>Questions, discussion, suggestions</b>  |
| <b>2.45 - 3.20</b>  | <b>Physical &amp; environmental renewal</b><br>LEIPZIG: Sustainable approaches to urban renewal (Oliver Weigel)<br>BILBAO: Urban revitalization in post-industrial cities (Juan Alayo)<br><i>Respondents: Donna Stevenson (GLASGOW), Gerard Murden (LIVERPOOL)</i> |
| <b>3.20 - 3.55</b>  | <b>Questions, discussion, suggestions</b>  |
| <b>3.55 - 4.15</b>  | <b>Break &amp; refreshments</b><br><i>Chairman's Dining Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Old Building</i>   |
| <b>4.15 - 4.50</b>  | <b>Economic recovery: the role of city regions, global competition</b><br>NAPOLI: How do struggling cities recover? (Nicola Oddati)<br>SEVILLA: Catalysing inward investment (Miguel Rivas)<br><i>Respondents: Utz Küpper (DORTMUND), Geoff Mulgan (LONDON)</i>    |
| <b>4.50 - 5.30</b>  | <b>Questions, discussion, suggestions</b>  |
| <b>5.30 - 6.00</b>  | <b>General discussion – Which cities? Which projects?</b>  |

- 6.00 - 7.30**      **Free time**
- 7.30 - 10.00**      **Dinner**  
*The Terrace in the Fields Restaurant, Lincolns Inn Fields, WC2A 3LJ*  
 Welcome: Howard Davies, Director, London School of Economics  
 Speaker: Bruce Katz, Brookings Institution: 'Weak Market Cities: their potential for recovery and the uses of transatlantic learning'

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

*The morning session will be held in the Graham Wallas Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Old Building; the afternoon session will be held in Room D002, Clement House, on The Aldwych.*

- 8.30 - 9.00**      **Refreshments**  
*Chairman's Dining Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Old Building*
- 9.00 - 9.40**      **Social: how integration can be achieved**  
 MANCHESTER: Developing inner-city mixed income communities (Nick Johnson)  
 BREMEN: Changing social dynamics (Ralph Baumheier)  
*Respondents: Claude Jacquier (GRENOBLE), Massimo Bricocoli (MILANO)*
- 9.40 - 10.10**      **Questions, discussion, suggestions**
- 10.10 - 10.30**      **Break & refreshments**
- 10.30 - 11.10**      **Governance, leadership & local partners**  
 BELFAST: Governance & leadership (Patricia Elliott)  
 TORINO: Public-private partnerships (Paolo Verri)  
*Respondents: Bruce Katz (WASHINGTON D.C.), Jozsef Hegedüs (BUDAPEST)*
- 11.10 - 11.40**      **Questions, discussion, suggestions**
- 11.40 - 12.30**      **Where next? How to shape the project**  
**Specific questions on what kind of recovery and which projects**  
 Breakout groups: brainstorm
- 12.30 - 1.45**      **Lunch**  
*Senior Dining Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Old Building*
- 2.00 - 2.30**      **Feedback from groups**  
*Room D002, Clement House (on The Aldwych)*
- 2.30 – 3.00**      **Future direction of programme / pooling of ideas**
- 3.00-4.00**      **Tea and informal exchanges; follow-up discussions**

N.B. We would be most grateful if you could complete the questionnaire on your city and the event feedback form in your delegate packs, and hand them both to Astrid, Jörg or Laura before you leave.