

# Collaboration Network



## A new cross-sector learning network

Successful collaboration and engagement, internally and with external partners, is critical to many organisations' performance. Access to good information or learning on this topic is limited to specific industries or sectors or can be overly academic.

We believe that learning across and between different organisations can have real impact.

As a consequence we have established a network to allow participating organisations to share and learn from each others practical experience whilst also bringing together all the latest thinking and expertise.

Different themes will be explored within the overall collaboration agenda. An advisory group has been established to make sure the outcomes are relevant and useful. Issues to be covered are likely to include:

- Using collaboration to tackle wicked problems
- Collaboration within organisations - the benefits and the challenges, particularly in a target driven environment
- Collaboration as a cultural shift - what drives the change?
- Examining the difference between partnership working and real collaboration.

### The benefits of membership include:

- **Opportunity to influence the research and see your concerns tackled at very low cost**
- **Access to a programme of workshops, practical learning and networking sessions**
- **Briefing papers and case studies**
- **In-house workshops to optimise collaboration in your organisation**
- **The opportunity to learn from others and help translate their experience**

A range of membership options are available but access to the basic network is **free of charge**.

### To join:

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### Advisory Group

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*Security and Business Continuity Director*

**John O'Brien- BITC Managing Director, MOSAIC and Director of Business in the Community**

**Mark Thurston- CLM, (2012 Olympic Delivery Partnership)**  
*Head of PLUG*

**Michael Trickey -Welsh Assembly Government Making the Connections Team**

**James Blake - Department of Communities and Local Government. Deputy Director of Partnerships**

**Tim Bundy - Ford Retail, Business Development Director**

**Richard Montagu - Alstom, Sales and Marketing Director**

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**Professor Soo Downe - University of Central Lancashire, Faculty of Health**

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