

Bristol 2050 – January/February Update

We officially launched our Bristol 2050 project at the Initiative Evening in September 2009. Since then we have been developing a programme of how to deliver this ambitious project – a business vision for the Bristol City Region in 40 years time, culminating in the Bristol 2050 Plan to be launched in October this year.

The search for 100 Subscribers

As in Chicago, we are intending to adopt a “subscribers” element to the Plan, with 100 subscribers sought. These will be companies or individuals who support the Bristol 2050 plan and are prepared to make a minimum £1000 contribution to its development. The subscribers package will include having their name in the front of the book, free copies of the hardback limited edition version of the book and free entrance to the launch event in October. The aim is to identify 10 initial subscribers, then ask them to write to others they think would be interested and encourage them to subscribe. The package will also be offered to all Initiative Members. Know anyone who might be interested – let us know?

Drivers of Change Workshop

We ran a half day workshop with on 20th January, facilitated by Arup, to help us identify and better understand the trends and issues shaping change into the future. The process designed by Arup seeks to identify what our world will be like in 2050 and to identify the leading drivers of change that affect our future. Over 40 senior people from around Bristol attended the workshop and a list of 25 key drivers was identified. The report and presentations are available on our website.

Visioning & Spatial Planning Workshop – 10/11th February

This workshop will be facilitated and led by David Lock (a internationally renowned town planner) and his team, with the main focus on spatial planning for housing, jobs and transport over the next 40 years. The aim will be to develop a spatial vision, identify key sites/areas and case studies drawing on the outputs from the Drivers of Change workshop.

Young Peoples Perspective – 17th March

Common Purpose will design and deliver this workshop for us, with up to 60 young people (14 year olds) from across Bristol secondary schools participating. The aim of the workshop is to enable these young people to contribute ideas to the Plan and to raise awareness of our work across Bristol schools and with young people in the city.

Topic Groups

As well as the main visioning group involving our members, we are just establishing a small number of topic groups. Their role will be to provide expert input on specific issues to feed into the development of The Plan. The topics selected to date are as follows:

- energy - demand management and smart technology
- waste - minimisation and zero waste
- poverty - eradicating poverty, regeneration and social inclusion
- food - local food growing opportunities, supply and sourcing
- crime – changing perceptions and reducing impacts.

If anyone would like to be involved in one of these groups, please contact [Tessa Coombes](mailto:Tessa.Coombes@bristol2050.com).

