

Working Together in Oldham

Thriving communities

Speakers biographies

8.30am – 4pm

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The Queen Elizabeth Hall

West Street, Oldham

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Oldham



Councillor Jean Stretton

Leader, Oldham Council

Jean Stretton became Oldham Council Leader on January 27, 2016 and had served as Deputy Leader since 2014. In June 2016, she took on the Fairness, Equalities and Cohesion portfolio in the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) following the devolution of more powers from Central Government. Cllr Stretton's remit includes the Inclusive Growth agenda.

Amongst her other duties, Councillor Stretton is chair of Oldham Credit Union. On governing bodies at both Oasis Academy and Limehurst Primary and has served on the Contour Estate Board since 2003. She is also a keen supporter of Oldham Foodbank.



Dr Carolyn Wilkins OBE

Carolyn is the Chief Executive at Oldham Council where she has taken forward a significant programme of growth and reform through the Co-operative agenda.

She is the lead Chief Executive for Greater Manchester on a range of issues including City Green, which includes Environment and Green Spaces, Climate Change and Air Quality. She is also leading the development of a Greater Manchester Leadership and Workforce Development Framework. In addition, she is the Chair of the Oldham Maggie's Fundraising Board and is currently a panel member on an independent inquiry into Civil Society.



Cormac Russell

Expert on Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) Institute at Northwestern University, Chicago

Cormac is the Managing Director of Nurture Development and a faculty member of the Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) Institute at Northwestern University, Chicago. Over the last 20 years Cormac has worked in over 30 countries around the world. He has trained communities, agencies, NGOs and governments in ABCD and other strengths based approaches in Kenya, Rwanda, Southern Sudan, South Africa, the UK, Ireland, Sweden, the Netherlands, Canada and Australia.

He is passionate about the proliferation of community-driven change and citizen-centred democracy, and has supported hundreds of communities to make ABCD visible through what he calls ABCD Neighbourhood Learning Sites. His motto, paraphrasing Benjamin Franklin, is: 'When it comes to Community Building, well done is better than well said'. In January 2011 Cormac was appointed to the Expert Reference Group on Community Organising and Communities First, by Nick Hurd MP, Minister for Civil Society in the UK which he served on for the term of the Group. Go to his website to get more information.



Dr Ian Wilkinson

Chief Clinical Officer, Oldham CCG

Ian retired from General Practice at the end of April 2017 in order to dedicate more time to the CCG during development of the Integrated Care Organisation. He has spent 37 years in General Practice at Woodlands Medical Practice in Chadderton and during this period also held a number of roles: as a Macmillan GP Facilitator; member of the British Oldham's Professional Executive Committee of the Primary Care Trust.

He was also a member of the Centre for Healthcare Development. He is currently a Non-Executive Director of the Greater Manchester Academic Health Science Network.



Rebekah Sutcliffe

Assistant Chief Constable GMP

Place Based Integration and Thriving Communities

Rebekah joined Greater Manchester Police in 1993 and spent much of the first part of her career as a detective. She was a Detective Chief Inspector on the Salford division, has conducted several reviews of major crime within the Force Major Crime Review Unit and as a Detective Superintendent she led the Force Major Incident Team.

She went on in 2010 to become Divisional Commander at Stockport Division, where she established effective multi-agency working locally to address the needs of high risk families, tackle Child Sexual Exploitation and Organised Crime.

Rebekah has led on much reform work across Greater Manchester including the Troubled Families Programme. She is currently seconded to Oldham to help progress the place based working and thriving communities' agenda



Liz Windsor-Welsh

Chief Executive of Action Together

Liz is responsible for leading the organisation to develop vibrant communities across the borough of Oldham.

Action Together was formed in 2016 and brings together two charities: Voluntary Action Oldham (VAO) and Community and Voluntary Action Tameside (CVAT).

Action Together aims to bring about a significant increase in citizen-led action that improves local lives.

Liz is an advocate for Oldham's communities in many strategic forums and publicises the vital work community groups and charities do to improve the lives of people in Oldham.



Dr Henry Kippin

Collaborate

Henry has a 15 year background in developing innovative public service policy and practice, and has researched, written and consulted widely in UK and international public policy.

Henry has delivered work for a diverse range of organisations including the Social Market Foundation, the Lisbon Council, the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance and a range of local government, health and public service bodies in the UK and internationally.

He has a PhD from the University of Sheffield and is co-editor of 'Public Services: a new reform agenda', published in 2013 by Bloomsbury Press.