



Future of Local Government

As part of a series of seminars looking at the future of public services, the Public Services International Research Unit (PSIRU) is organising a seminar entitled 'Future of local government' from 3.00 – 6.00 on Tuesday 24th January 2017 in Hamilton House (HH103), Park View, Greenwich, London SE10 9LS.

Local government led the provision of public services during the first part of the 20th century but since the 1980s, central government has increased its influence over local government in England, limiting its scope to respond to local needs through the reduction of directly delivered public services, increased outsourcing and the promotion of public-private partnerships. Although terms such as the 'new localism' have been part of central government policy, there has not been any commitment to strengthen local government's ability to meet emerging local needs. Reductions in central government funding will continue until 2020 when local government will be responsible for providing only the most basic of public services. The aim of this seminar is to examine the impact of local government reforms on public services and explore democratic alternatives. The seminar is aimed at anyone interested in the future of local government. Local government councillors and officers, trade unions, students, NGOs and civil society organisations will be especially welcome.

Programme 3.00- 6.00

3.00 – 3.45 Dr. Peter Latham - Who stole the town hall?

3.45 - 4.15 Kevan Nelson (UNISON) - Critique of Devo Manc

4.15- 4.30 Tea/coffee

4.30 – 5.00 Prof. Richard Hatcher (Birmingham City University) – New forms of urban governance

5.00- 6.00 Discussion and ways forward

If you would like to attend this seminar, please contact BusinessEvents@gre.ac.uk

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E-Users Network Objectives (Co-funded by Jean Monnet Networks, European Commission)

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