

One East Midlands and East Midlands Councils ERDF Annual Information Event 2015 - Speaker Profiles



Rachel Quinn, One East Midlands - Rachel is the Chief Executive of One East Midlands. Rachel's career to date has spanned three sectors, including roles within the finance industry and local authority Environmental Health. She has been working in the VCS for the last 14 years in both urban and rural settings. Rachel has particular interests in health, housing, economic development, multi-agency working and sectoral leadership issues. Rachel represents VCS interests at the national Growth Programme Board for the 2014-20 ESIF programme. She is a former Director of the Greater Nottingham [economic] Partnership, Board member of the EM Regional Assembly and is the first UK VCS Deputy Chair for a regional ERDF programme. Rachel joined One East Midlands in 2008 and has focused on working to clarify the role and purpose of the regional network and ensuring added value to our members and partners.



Mark Foley, Department for Communities and Local Government - Mark Foley is the Head of the Growth Delivery Teams for the Midlands area at the Department for Communities and Local Government. Mark has been involved with European Funds since 1996 and delivered the role of Partnership Director at the Regional Development Agency (RDA) - Advantage West Midlands from 2007 to 2011 with responsibility for RDA investments in Birmingham and Black Country. In 2011, Mark moved to the Department for Communities and Local Government to manage the West Midlands 2007 to 2013 ERDF Programme. This role expanded in October 2012 taking on responsibility for the East Midlands ERDF Programme.



Andrew Pritchard, East Midlands Councils - Andrew is Director of Policy & Infrastructure for East Midlands Councils, and has over 20 years professional experience in local government covering planning, transport, housing, economic development and European issues. He is Chair of the East Midlands region of the Royal Town Planning Institute and sits on the Policy Council of the Town & Country Planning Association. He has previously worked for West Devon Borough Council and Lincolnshire County Council. In 1999, he joined the East Midlands Regional Local Government Association (EMRLGA) to work on regional planning. In April 2003, Andrew moved across to the Regional Assembly as Director of Housing, Planning & Transport, and then over to East Midlands Councils in April 2010.



Rebecca Snow, Experian - Rebecca has been a key member of the Economics team in Experian since 2001. Rebecca takes a lead in developing their European regional forecasting capabilities and manages the maintenance of the regional model. She is responsible for bespoke European regional and city forecasting projects, overseeing data collection, forecasting and analysis. Rebecca also contributes to the UK Regional Planning Service, which produces forecasts and analysis of detailed economic indicators for the UK and its regions, counties and local authorities. Rebecca is responsible for forming a house view on the performance of the UK's key centres and produces high-quality regional and city reports and presents this to clients at regular seminars. Rebecca joined Experian after gaining a first class degree in Economics at Kingston University.



Peter Holmes, Department for Business Innovation and Skills - Peter is Assistant Director at Department for Business, Innovation and Skills in the East Midlands and South East Midlands 'BIS local' team. He has worked at BIS Local for three years, currently acting as Relationship Manager for Greater Lincolnshire LEP (previously Relationship Manager for Leicester and Leicestershire LEP) and leading on European Funding and Skills policy for the team. His role includes representing

BIS on the 2007-13 ERDF Local Monitoring Committee and Investment Sub Group as well as overseeing the development of the 2014-20 programmes. Previous posts have included Policy Lead on Pre-Employment Training in BIS and a variety of roles within Government Office for the East Midlands. These included overseeing management of the 2000-06 European Programmes.



John Frodsham, Transport iNet - John is a Chartered Engineer (CEng MIMechE) with over 35 years of project management and business development experience. He has held a range of professional engineering and commercial roles within high-value engineering & manufacturing, consultancy and the automotive supply chain, with experience gained from companies including STADCO Ltd, MSC Software, Price Waterhouse and Rover Group. He joined Loughborough University as Director of the Transport Innovation Network (iNet) in 2009. John leads a specialist team identifying SME innovation projects suitable for grant funding, and delivery of a Collaborative R&D programme involving six universities. John has a Degree in Automotive Engineering and Design, and a Diploma in Accounting and Finance (CDipAF).



Adele Wilkinson, Transport iNet - Adele is an experienced ERDF contract management practitioner, involved in bidding, delivery and overseeing 25 EU and UK part-funded projects over 17 years; she has dealt with diverse project objectives and funding streams, embracing the challenge of claims, budgets, audit trails, paperwork, systems and procedures to ensure effective delivery of projects. Adele joined Loughborough University as Transport iNet Contract Manager in 2009, and is currently responsible for managing all contract matters for the Transport iNet Phase 3 "LUMINATE" project, covering project activities including use and monitoring of external deliverers, grants to SMEs and joint Collaborative R & D projects with Universities and SMEs. Adele holds a BA (Hons) degree in Leadership & Management.



Dr Rosamund Graves, Medilink East Midlands - Ros has been delivering government funded projects for nearly 10 years, including five years of ERDF experience. She currently manages all aspects of the delivery of the ERDF funded Healthcare and BioScience iNet project as well as being one of the specialist team providing innovation support to SMEs through the project. Ros has a BSc in human anatomy and cell biology, a PhD in biochemistry and is a SFEDI Accredited Small Business Advisor. She is an experienced academic, has a good knowledge of intellectual property management through roles at local Universities and NHS Trusts and has been involved in the start-up of several companies, both high and low tech focused.



Teresa Smith, IRSA at the University of Leicester - Teresa brings to the IRSA project at the University of Leicester a range of skills from both public and private sector. She has experience working freelance and in running an SME. She has worked for larger organisations and Local Authorities as both a consultant and provider of educational services. She has a background predominantly in the biological sciences, with a particular expertise in developing the Business Innovation Agenda through dedicated knowledge exchange activities.



Jessica Marshall, Heritage Working for Business - Jessica has been part of the Tourism Team at Lincolnshire County Council since 2010. Working mainly on the Historic Lincoln Programme, she has been focusing on the redevelopment of Lincoln Castle which is due to reopen in April 2015. The ERDF projects she has managed are all related to the £22million Castle project; Heritage Skills Centre, Heritage Working for Business and Heritage Means Business.