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## **Welcome to the January 2025 Bulletin**



### **Economist and journalist Stephanie Flanders appointed Patron of the Institute of Economic Development**

Announced earlier this month, we are delighted to welcome Stephanie Flanders as the new iED Patron. Stephanie, who is Head of Economics

and Government at Bloomberg – overseeing the research and journalism of 250 economists and reporters worldwide – assumes the unpaid role from outgoing IED Patron, the Baroness Blake of Leeds CBE, who was in post for two years.

[Read more here](#)



### **Join us at the House of Lords**

All iED members should by now have received an invite to our House of Lords event we are holding on the 19th March 3,30-5pm.

This event is going to be hosted by Tom Stannard, Chair of the iED and Chief Executive of Manchester City Council. Our newly announced Patron, Stephanie Flanders, Head of Economics and Government at Bloomberg is due to be in attendance and we will announce an additional speaker in due course. Join them, representatives from the iED Board and other invited colleagues from the economic development profession over afternoon tea, as we hold an informal discussion, reflecting on economic development and the move to a modern industrial strategy under the new government.

If you have missed the email, do get in touch at [admin@ied.co.uk](mailto:admin@ied.co.uk) but hurry as places are now limited.



## **Date and venue confirmed for iED Annual Conference and Awards Dinner 2025**

We are delighted to say that our annual conference and awards dinner is heading to the North West this year, taking place at the Lowry Hotel, Salford on the 25th November. More information soon!



## **Member voice - Would you like to write for the iED?**

As part of iED individual and organisation membership, ALL members have the opportunity to publish articles on our website and through Bulletin. We are now seeking ideas for contributions from members, including those in our Early Career Network. These can be around any aspect of economic development, insights on work you are undertaking and project successes you would like to share, or any viewpoint you would like to share (this could also be around our Grow Local, Grow National manifesto). If you have an article proposal, please contact [philsmith@ied.co.uk](mailto:philsmith@ied.co.uk).



## iED Charity donation chosen

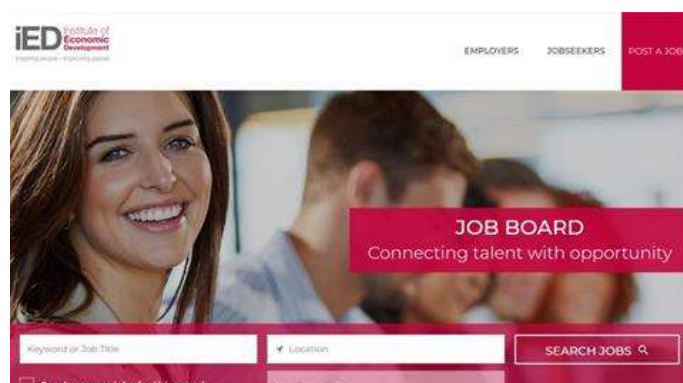
In our final bulletin of 2024 we asked members to vote for which charity should receive a donation from the iED (from income not related to members subscriptions). The Samaritans received the most votes and a £500 donation has now been sent.



## iED in the News

Do take a look at our *iED in the news* section of our website, where we are appearing in national and regional press.

[iED in the News](#)



## **iED Jobs Board**

Don't forget to take a look at the iED Job Board. This month's jobs include openings at Plymouth City Council, Royal Borough of Greenwich, West Suffolk Council and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

[Search for jobs now](#)



## **iED Webinar: Award Winner showcase**

On Thursday 27th February 2-3pm Winners of the [2024 iED Innovation award](#) Cheshire West and Chester Council are hosting a one-hour online information session on the [Business Tapas](#) platform to provide colleagues with an insight into the ways the tool can help partners to provide a comprehensive, relevant and up-to-date digital solution for their business support activity.

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### **iED Online CPD**

Coming up over the next few weeks we have courses on the following themes:

- Inward Investment (10-13 Feb)
- Skills development (17-18 Feb)
- Regeneration (10-11 March)
- Community development (Date TBC early April)

Click on the red button to find out more and book on.

Events Calendar



### **What training needs do you have?**

Please do get in touch with us at [admin@ied.co.uk](mailto:admin@ied.co.uk) to tell us of any training needs you have and in

particular and topics you feel we are not covering in our existing training offer.



**IED member Kevin Osbon has been named in the Top 100 Influential People 2025 Awards**

Founder partner of construction consultancy Focus Consultants, Kevin Osbon, has been named in the Top 100 Influential People 2025 Awards.

Kevin, a member of the Institute of Economic Development, is one of the first representatives of the construction sector to receive this prestigious accolade.

[Find out more here](#)



## Early Careers Network Launches Mentorship Programme

Thank you to all of you who have registered for the **Early Careers Network Mentorship Programme**, a new initiative designed to connect aspiring professionals with experienced mentors in the field of economic development. If you want to be involved, click on the red button below to find out more.

For more info on ECN

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