



## Welcome to the December 2024 Newsletter

### iED AGM 2024: Director elections

■ We welcome:



Dave Widger, Head of B&P UK&I Economic Development, AECOM (re-elected)



Jo Leek, Senior Investment Manager, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (re-elected)



Megan Streb, Head of Outreach, What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth (LSE & Centre for Cities)



Simon Dancer, Director, AMION Consulting



Moe Forouzan, Business and Innovation Manager, Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

### Welcome to our new Board members!

Earlier this month we held our AGM at which we welcomed several new faces to the board. To find out more about [Megan Streb](#), [Moe Forouzan](#) and [Simon Dancer](#), click on each of their names. Also re-elected were Dave Widger and Jo Leek - congratulations to all.

We also said a huge thank you and goodbye to our departing board members - Lawrence Conway, Lorna Young and Richard Cook.



### **Dates for your diary!**

After a sold-out conference and awards dinner this year, we're already busy planning next year's. We can reveal that the 2025 iED Conference and Awards Dinner will be hosted in Manchester on the 25th November.

We will also be holding another House of Lords afternoon tea reception on the 19th March.

More information on both to follow early in the new year!



## iED Charity donation - please vote now!

After a suggestion from members at a previous AGM, the board are pleased to once again agree to establishing a Charity of the Year. From income not related to members subscriptions, we will donate £500 to a charity. We have chosen a number of possible charities and we would like you to vote on your preferred option by clicking on the red button below.

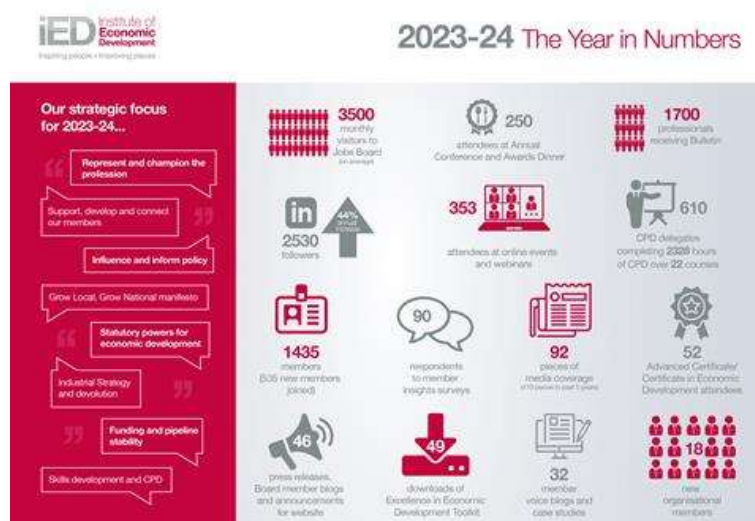
We will confirm in our next Bulletin which charity received the most votes.

[Vote here](#)



## Festive wishes

To those who celebrate, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## 2023-2024 The Year in Numbers

At our recent AGM we presented the above infographic which summarises some of the key highlights.

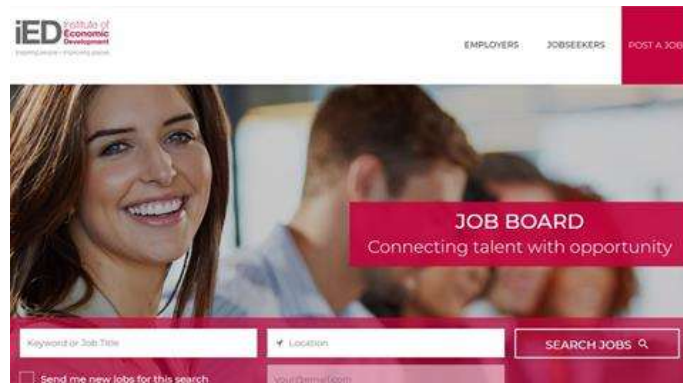
Our Year in Numbers



### **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 Cheltenham Borough Council, Wychavon & Malvern Hills District Council and New Forest District Council.

Search for jobs now



## 2025 iED Certificate and Advanced Certificate - sign up now

Bookings are now open to sign up to our Certificate and Advanced Certificate in 2025. To find out more click [here](#).

Coming up in January/February/March we have courses on the following themes:

- Introduction to Economic Development (13-15 Jan)
- Community development (28-30 Jan)
- Inward Investment (10-13 Feb)
- Skills development (17-18 Feb)
- Regeneration (10-11 March)

Click on the red button to find out more and book on. Other courses will be added in the new year.

Events Calendar



### **iED to launch new website and membership management system**

the iED has been working with its supplier on a new website and upgraded membership management system. This is due to go live in late January 2025. Do please check your details are up to date in the membership area, including any [Consultants Directory](#) entries, which will help us transfer across the most accurate information we have for you.





## Early Careers Network Launches Mentorship Programme

Last month we launched the **Early Careers Network Mentorship Programme**, a new initiative designed to connect aspiring professionals with experienced mentors in the field of economic development. Click on the red button below to find out more.

[For more info on ECN](#)



### **Welcome to all new members!**

Welcome to all of our most recent joiners, including our new organisation member [Hatch](#). To see all of our organisation members, the largest growing segment of membership, click on red button below.

Organisation members





### **News from Down Under!**

Brisbane City Council reached out to us, offering to share their recently published State of the City Report which can be found here: <https://choose.brisbane.qld.au/state-of-the-city> and a recording of a webinar hosted by Brisbane City Council and Brisbane Economic Development Agency (BEDA), specifically for British businesses and investors and those looking to expand into Australia which can be found [here](#).

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