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Events

Conference: Local employment, skills and entrepreneurship strategies in the mediterranean - Developing pathways for the future (Barcelona, Spain)

on 18-Jul-2011

Organised by the Union For the Mediterranean in cooperation with LEED and the City of Barcelona, this conference will bring together Ministries of Labour, Ministries of Education and practitioners to discuss local skills development and its link to local job creation and sustainable growth. The meeting will discuss operational pathways to address the large youth unemployment as well as skills development for women integration in local labour markets.

Conference: An integrated approach to skills - Designing and financing effective strategies (Shanghai, People's Republic of China)

from 27-Sep-2011 to 29-Sep-2011

Representatives from governments and employment agencies across Asia and the OECD will discuss how to overcome the lack of co-ordination between labour market policy and vocational training as a clear impediment to successful skills development in developing Asia. This conference will deal with how to design and finance integrated skills strategies in practice, with a particular focus on how successful partnerships between education and industry can be built, reaching SMEs in both the formal and informal economy. By invitation only.

Conference: International Forum on the Social and Solidarity Economy - FIESS (Montréal, Canada)

from 17-Oct-2011 to 20-Jun-2011

The central theme of this international meeting is the need for dialogue between the State and civil society to develop enabling public policy in favour of the social and solidarity economy. The event will showcase the richness of the social and solidarity economy throughout the world, the diversity of its experiences and the innovative character of its enterprises, as well as the numerous partnerships built between public authorities and civil society.

Just held: Local and regional strategies to relaunch economic and employment development (Trento, Italy)

on 08-Jul-2011

High level policy makers, economists and representatives of international and European institutions discussed the future of global economic and financial development and debated the crucial role played by regions and localities in the recovery and development of economic competitiveness. The conference provided a means to exchange good practice and drew up policy recommendation to achieve tangible results. Aart de Geus, OECD Deputy Secretary General, and Sergio Arzeni, Director of the CFE Directorate, contributed to the discussion.

Focus on

Derry-Londonderry is working with LEED to redefine its economy through a new regeneration plan. [Read more](#)

Delivering Local Development through a comprehensive approach to Strategy, System and Leadership:

The case of Derry-Londonderry, Northern Ireland

Over the last two years the OECD LEED Programme has worked closely with LEED Partner [Ilex URC](#) as it has created a 10 year economic vision for Derry-Londonderry through the development of a comprehensive [Regeneration Plan](#) and the design of a seamless and co-ordinated Local Development System. Derry-Londonderry is at a pivotal moment. It is a city deeply affected by political and economic circumstance. The 1998 Peace Agreement marked a new era, and since that time the city has sought to redefine itself. The socio-economic legacy of 'the Troubles', economic restructuring and physical peripherality have meant that the decade of economic growth which benefited other parts of the region have not brought about significant change in the city. This scenario is evident elsewhere in the United Kingdom and other OECD member countries and, like other lagging areas, Derry-Londonderry is redefining its economy as the world emerges from a global economic crisis.



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Dr Aideen McGinley, Chief Executive of Ilex and Mr Gerard McCleave, Director of Strategy and Regeneration of Ilex expressed their appreciation to OECD LEED for "keeping Derry on track" during its regeneration process. In particular, Dr McGinley thanked the LEED team for encouraging the city to aim high and for reassuring local leaders that "audacity and ambition" is "not mad" for a place like Derry-Londonderry.

Dr McGinley described the city as a "crucible for looking at how to move from a turbulent past to a brighter future." The new Regeneration Plan aims to achieve just that through its "[One City, One Plan, One Voice](#)" approach.

Mr McCleave was clear on the impact of the LEED Programme in Derry-Londonderry explaining that "with the help of LEED we have put together a system for delivery that we will take forwards into the future." He described how this local development system approach provided a clear overview of the strategic arrangements required for the delivery of the Regeneration Plan. He concluded by stressing the importance of the timing and momentum and used the example of how the launch of the Regeneration Plan on 24th June 2011 was followed swiftly by the opening of the [Peace Bridge](#) on 25th June 2011.

In response, Mr Jan Hendeliowitz, Chair, LEED Directing Committee stated, "I am very proud that LEED has left a footprint on your story."

Ambassador Paul Murray, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the OECD and UNESCO said "Ilex is to be commended for its work in the regeneration of the city of Derry and the way in which it has adapted an inclusive approach." Deputy Ambassador James Thornton of the United Kingdom Permanent Delegation to the OECD then welcomed "the ambition of this regeneration project" and suggested that "Derry-Londonderry needs and deserves the economic lift that the project seeks to create."

LEED will continue to work with the city and its agencies on a full review of local development and the report will be available in 2012.

For more information on LEED's work on delivering local development: www.oecd.org/cfe/leed or contact [Debra Mountford](#).

Recent Publications

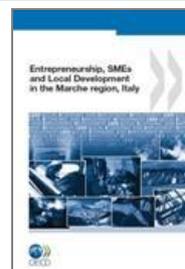


Jobs-rich Growth in Asia discusses some of the most pressing issues that countries in Southeast Asia are facing in regard to boosting local employment and skills development while advancing social protection strategies in emerging, fast-growing labour markets.

A joint OECD/ILO initiative, this book analyses local approaches in Asia to modernise labour markets and skills strategies and shows how local recovery is taking place through a combination of policy measures on employment creation, skills development and social protection.

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This series of working papers gathers LEED's latest research on topics such as green growth and green jobs, boosting entrepreneurship and employment at the local level, leveraging training skills development in SMEs and employment and skills strategies in Southeast Asia.

Recent additions include reports on **Entrepreneurship, SMEs and Local Development in the Marche Region, Italy**, undertaken with LEED Partner the Marche Region.

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Want to know more about OECD work on Entrepreneurship?

On Monday 20 June, 20 PhD students from the Centre for Entrepreneurship Research (CER) of Essex Business School, University of Essex, a LEED Partner, together with Professor Jay Mitra, Director of CER, visited the OECD for a day of presentations from senior OECD managers and senior policy analysts. As well as an overview of OECD work, the students were given insights into recent work on SME financing and an overview of new OECD research on intangible assets.

To organise a visit for your organisation, please contact [Lucy Clarke](#).

International conference on entrepreneurship and new venture creation: International models and benchmarks

Launched by ICER, a cross-continental network of five leading academic institutions across Italy and the BRIC countries, the conference will take place at the Indian Institute of Management in Bangalore, India on 8-10 December 2011. Set up in 2010, the ICER network is jointly researching and collaborating on key elements of the entrepreneurial ecosystem facilitating the growth of Knowledge Intensive Entrepreneurship in the ICT sector across Italy and the BRIC countries. The conference aims to bridge the gap between research and practice by bringing together entrepreneurs, academics and policy makers across the world to share research findings and successful business practices on entrepreneurship and new venture creation. The conference is being co-organised by the International Entrepreneurship Forum of the Centre for Entrepreneurship Research, Essex Business School, University of Essex, a LEED partner.

For more information and to register: <http://www.conferencealerts.com/seeconf.mv?q=ca18xhs3>

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