Annual conference 2020 webinars

11.15am – 12.15pm: Circular Economy in Action – Business Benefits, Collaboration & Thriving in Adversity

The session will provide a deep-dive into the benefits of the circular economy and showcase examples in action. The circular economy has a vital role to play in building resilience and adapting to the impacts of COVID, and can enable organisations and communities to be greener, fairer and stronger.

From the session you'll gain an understanding of how to get started in the circular economy and overcome critical barriers such as gaining buy-in, identifying opportunities, building a business case and finding partners to collaborate.

12.30pm – 1.30pm: Future-proofing skills for a Greener, Fairer, Stronger economy

Our panel of skills experts will give us the insider view on how skills across the region are being shaped to respond to the current crisis. We'll consider support for young people and those furthest from the labour market. We'll share ideas on how a collaborative response now, can pave the way for a resilient workforce and innovative businesses who are taking ownership of the skills they need for the future.

1.45pm – 3pm: Future Towns

Major economic, technological, social and environmental trends are changing the nature of our places. The LEP's Future Towns works identifies how our towns and places will need to evolve and change to ensure that they remain successful and distinctive places in the 21st century.

The purpose of the session is two-fold:

• To publicise the findings and recommendations from the LEP's 21st Century Towns report and our joint commission with Historic England on how the LEP area's historic environment can help achieve 'good growth'; and,

• To challenge attendees to think differently about place-making, and the role of towns, city/town centres and high-streets, especially in light of COVID-19.

No pre-registration will be required for these webinars. Registered delegates will be able to access sessions via the conference platform on the day of the event.