Programme

PraxisAuril and ARMA Directors’ Forum
23-24 September 2019

Programme Director – Dr Angela Jeffery, Aston University
Park Regis Birmingham – 160 Broad St, Birmingham B15 1DT

Monday, 23 September 2019
1800  Join us from 6pm onwards for drinks in the Sky Loft
1900  Pre-dinner speaker: Ieuan Wyn Jones, former MP, AM and Deputy First Minister for Wales
A unique perspective of the workings of Government at a national, devolved and local level
1930  Dinner

Tuesday, 24 September 2019
0930  Welcome: Dr Angela Jeffery, Director of Innovation, Aston University; Alasdair Cameron, Director of Strategic Engagement, PraxisAuril; Hamish Macandrew, CEO, ARMA
0945  Professor Simon Collinson, Deputy Pro-Vice-Chancellor, University of Birmingham and Director of the City-Region Economic Development Institute: Civic University commission and CUAs
A discussion around the contribution Universities can make to the place agenda. Simon will also talk about the outputs of the Civic University Commission
1015  Paul Edwards, Head of Strategy, Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP: LEP perspectives
Hear from Paul talking about innovation ecosystems and local industrial strategies
1045  James Tooze, Policy Officer, CaSE: Regional R&D
James will provide insights into the recent work that CaSE have been undertaking to gather evidence on place-based regional R&D investment and local economic growth
1115  Networking break, refreshments
1145  Rachel Tyrrell, Associate Director of Knowledge Exchange (KE), Research England UKRI; Programme Director UKRI Strength in Places Fund; John Rogers, Director of Research and Innovation Services, University of Stirling; Dr Rebecca Edwards, Research Programme Manager, Bournemouth University
An interactive discussion focused on some of the current place-based funding sources that exist and how Universities have engaged, as well as talks around City Deals and Local Growth Funds and what can be learnt / applied in areas of low productivity
1300  Lunch and networking
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1400   Kevin Richardson, Local Growth Consultant, Research England, UKRI: What does the future look like for Universities?:

Kevin will deliver a presentation on what the longer-term trends in investment finance for local and regional development mean for universities. There are many unknowns at the moment, and through facilitated discussion we will look to delegates to highlight their ambitions for future regional funding schemes - including the long-awaited Shared Prosperity Fund

1530   Dr Angela Jeffery: Summary, closing comments

1600   Close

* Please note speakers/timings may be subject to change *