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Covid-19 and Civic Engagement
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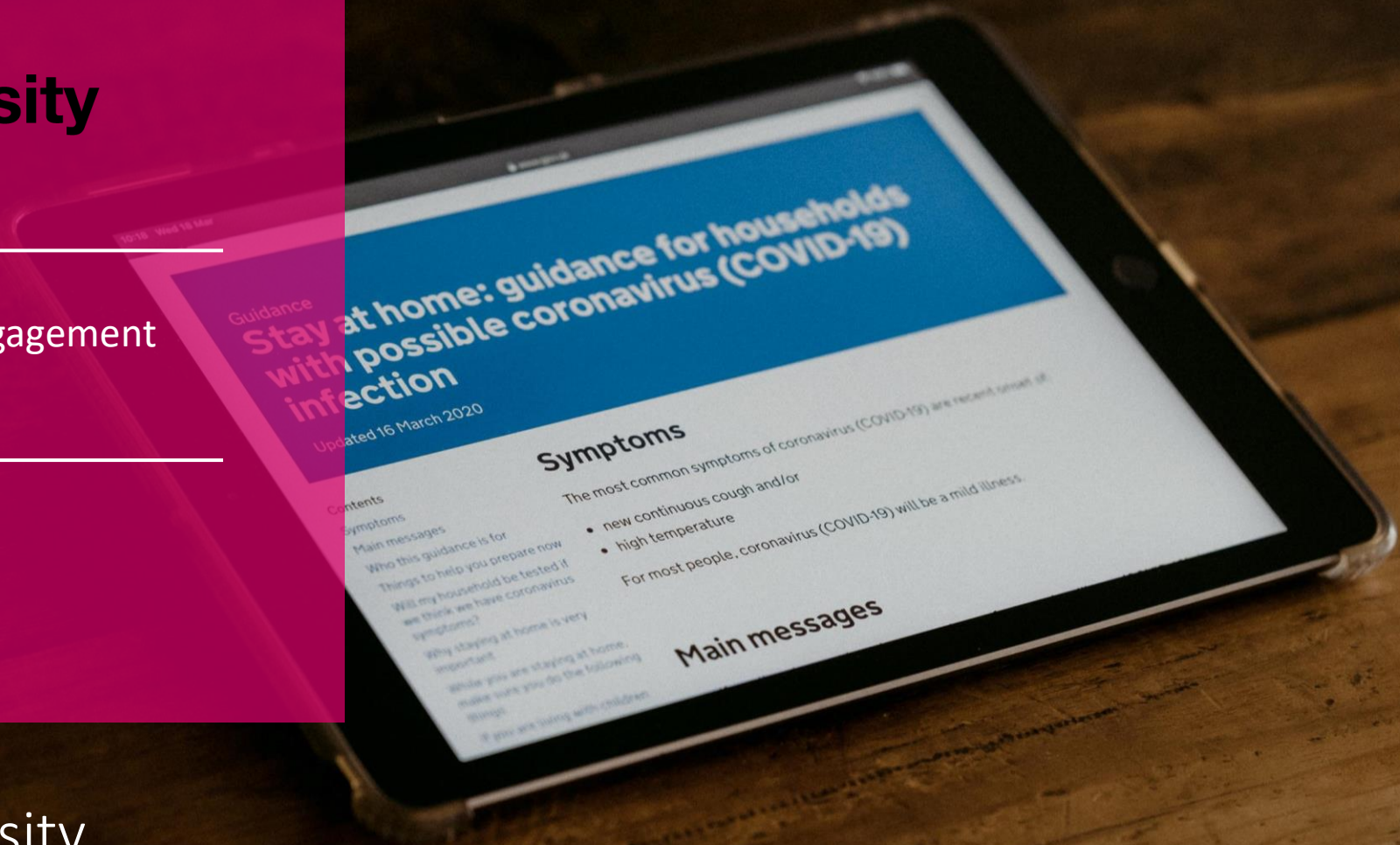
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Welcome

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Agenda

Welcome

Introducing the Civic University Network

Plenary

- Jane Tarr, Arts Council England
- Pippa Coutts, Carnegie UK Trust
- Richard Harries, Power to Change
- Sarah Pickup, Local Government Association

11.00 Break out groups

- Arts and culture
- Civil society
- Local government

11.50 Plenary

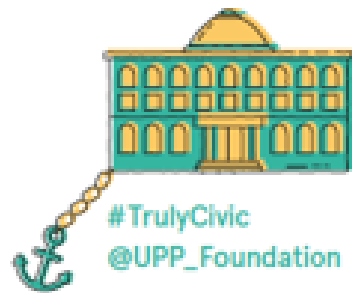
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A Guide to preparing Civic University Agreements





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Principles underpinning Civic University Agreements

These principles were set out in the statement signed by the leaders of the universities which have pledged to develop Civic University Agreements and are the basis of your CUA.

Place

As a place-based institution we are committed to attaching a high-priority to the economic, social, environmental, and cultural life of our local communities.

Public

Our civic role will be informed by an evidence-based analysis of the needs of our place, developed collaboratively with local partners and informed by the voice of our local community.

Partnerships

We will collaborate with other universities and anchor institutions and form partnerships to overcome the challenges facing our local communities.

Measurement and Impact

With our partners, we will be clear about what we do and how we measure it, so we can say with confidence what we have achieved – and how we might do better in the future.



HM Government

UK Research and Development Roadmap

July 2020

Following the COVID-19 crisis, we want to build a future which is greener, fairer, healthier, more resilient and more innovative than ever before.

Research and innovation will be critically important to achieving this, through creating new ideas and new technologies and applying them, driving continuous improvement and supporting productivity, generating a better understanding of people and communities, supporting exciting new careers and vibrant new businesses, and helping to improve public services.

Levelling up R&D across the UK



We are challenging ourselves to consider how a greater focus on place outcomes in decision-making and new, proactive and coordinated approaches with devolved administrations and key funders could address regional imbalances in R&D intensity as part of our levelling up ambition.

We are also examining how our aims for levelling up of funding in R&D interact with other priorities and investments, such as infrastructure investment, education and skills.



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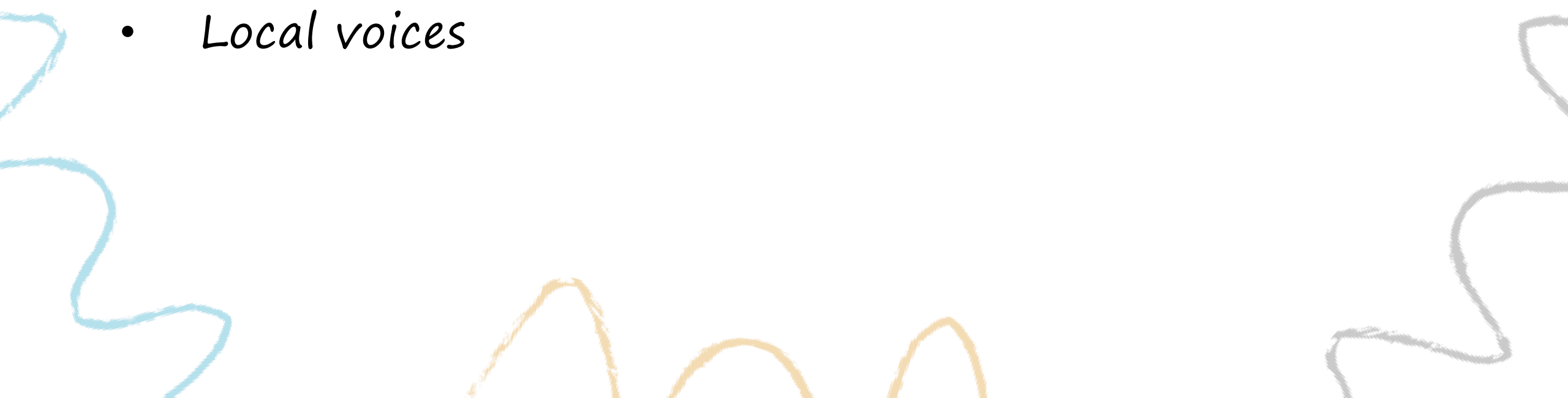
Director, Organisational Resilience, Environmental
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Conversations with Communities

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COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

- Growth in volunteering
 - The 'lesser partner'
 - What is social infrastructure
 - Local voices
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RE NEIGHBOURHING

“We have predominantly seen the emergence of behaviours which are principle-led, rather than rules based, cemented by solidarity rather than compliance, less defensive, more can-do, kinder, more emotionally responsive, personal and human.”

CHALLENGES

- Going beyond sectors
- Listen out for voices less heard
- The presence of universities in conversations
- It's more than co-production.



RESOURCES

- [The Moment We Noticed](#) (The Relationships Project)
- [We Were Built For This](#) (Locality)
- [Locally Rooted](#) (Community Organisers)
- [Which Way Next?](#) (Local Area Coordinators Network)
- [Revisiting the Routemap to an Enabling State](#) (Carnegie UK Trust)
- [From Community Empowerment to Community Power](#) (blog) (Carnegie UK Trust)



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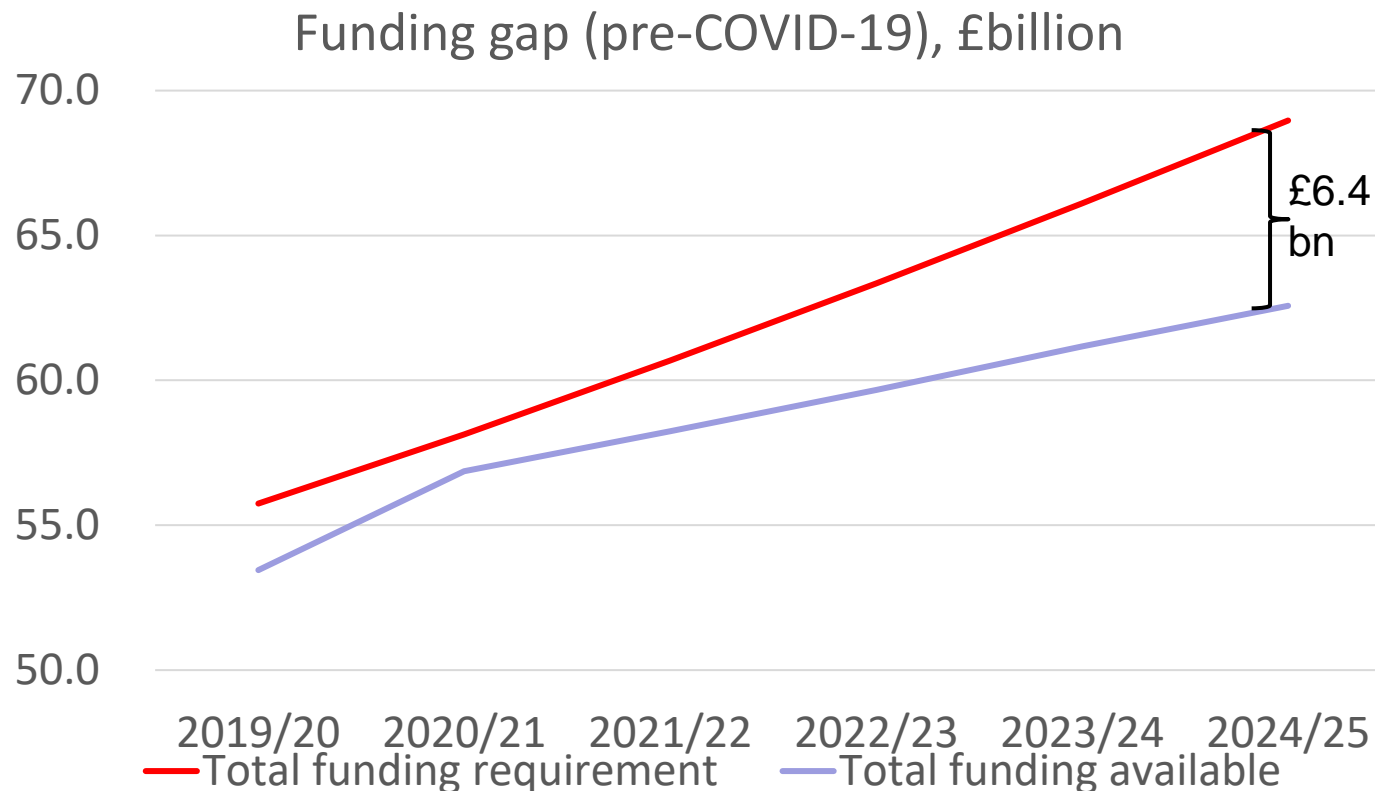
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The Local Government Perspective

Sarah Pickup
Deputy Chief Executive
Local Government Association

Situation prior to COVID-19

- Nearly £15 billion of core government funding lost between 2010 and 2020, although an improved local government finance settlement for 2020/21.
- LGA forecast a £6.4 billion funding gap facing local services by 2024/25, even with assumption of 2% annual council tax increases and before COVID-19 impacts.



Impact of COVID-19: key figures

- Overall, councils estimate the challenge in 2020/21 to be £10.9 billion:
 - 40% (£4.4 billion) - additional cost pressures
 - 34% (£3.7 billion) - uncollected council tax and business rates.
 - 26% (£2.8 billion) - lost non-tax income, mostly sales, fees and charges
- Funding to date:
 - £3.7bn grant
 - Partial income guarantee
 - Cash flow measures
 - Ability to spread tax collection fund deficits
- Councils have started to make in year reductions

Residents views of councils June 2020

- 71 per cent of residents trust their council
- 75 per cent, are satisfied with the way their local council runs things in their area.

(both measures up 12% since February)

Re-thinking Local

- COVID-19 has redefined how we all think about where and how we live. Returning to the old normal is no longer enough. We need to reassess what we want from our local areas, public services, our communities and lives. What does local mean to our communities now?



Councils work in Covid crisis

- Support to vulnerable and shielded
- Supporting Care providers and sustaining social care services
- Supporting the NHS
- Accommodating and supporting homeless people
- Grants and reliefs to business
- Working with schools to support vulnerable children
- Managing town centres, parks and open spaces
- Maintaining core services – waste collection etc
- Public health – test, trace, contain

Leeds City Council

In under a week, Leeds City Council established a large-scale partnership effort involving food banks and the voluntary sector to pack and deliver over 10,000 food parcels. Using a warehouse facility as a central hub for their emergency food provision system the council provided a coordination point for fleet vehicles and food deliveries, in a space where social distancing could be safely maintained.

Warwickshire County Council

Warwickshire County Council created a PPE taskforce to help ensure that frontline staff had access to PPE. The council worked with local companies, charities, community groups and residents to procure supplies additional to the national stocks. The taskforce has successfully provided PPE to more than 400 care providers to date and has a 24- hour standard service (or within three hours for urgent requests).

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

Bereavement has been one of the most difficult issues for communities and families to deal with during the crisis. Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council developed a strong partnership with local religious organisations and councillors, which helped to address concerns around Muslim burials. During the early days of the crisis, the council engaged with mosques, scholars, imams, residents and the wider community. This work was supported by the local resilience forum and the National Burial Council at the community and national level

Re-thinking Local

https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/3.70%20Rethinking%20local_%23councilscan_landscape_FINAL.pdf



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Breakout groups

- 1. Arts and Culture**
- 2. Civil Society**
- 3. Local Government**

Start at 11.05

Finish at 11.50

- Q&A with speakers
- Examples from network & lessons learned
- Scaling up



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Plenary will begin at 11:50

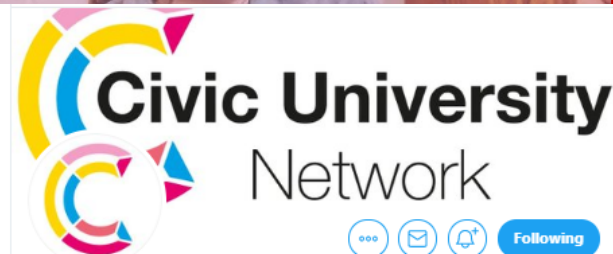
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Date of next webinar
30th September
10.00 – 12.00



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Our colleagues @LivUni have published a report on the impact of Covid-19 on Liverpool. The report was cited by @lpoolcouncil as part of the evidence base for its own Economic Recovery and Renewal Plan to Government released last week. Well worth a read

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Welcome from our Programme Director

I'm delighted to introduce the first Civic University Network newsletter. We at Sheffield Hallam University are very pleased to have the opportunity to host the Civic University Network, a project which aims to create a **national network** of universities to identify and enhance ways in which universities and their communities can build mutually beneficial relationships for the public good, **maximising the civic impact of universities in their place**.

Thank you for
joining us today