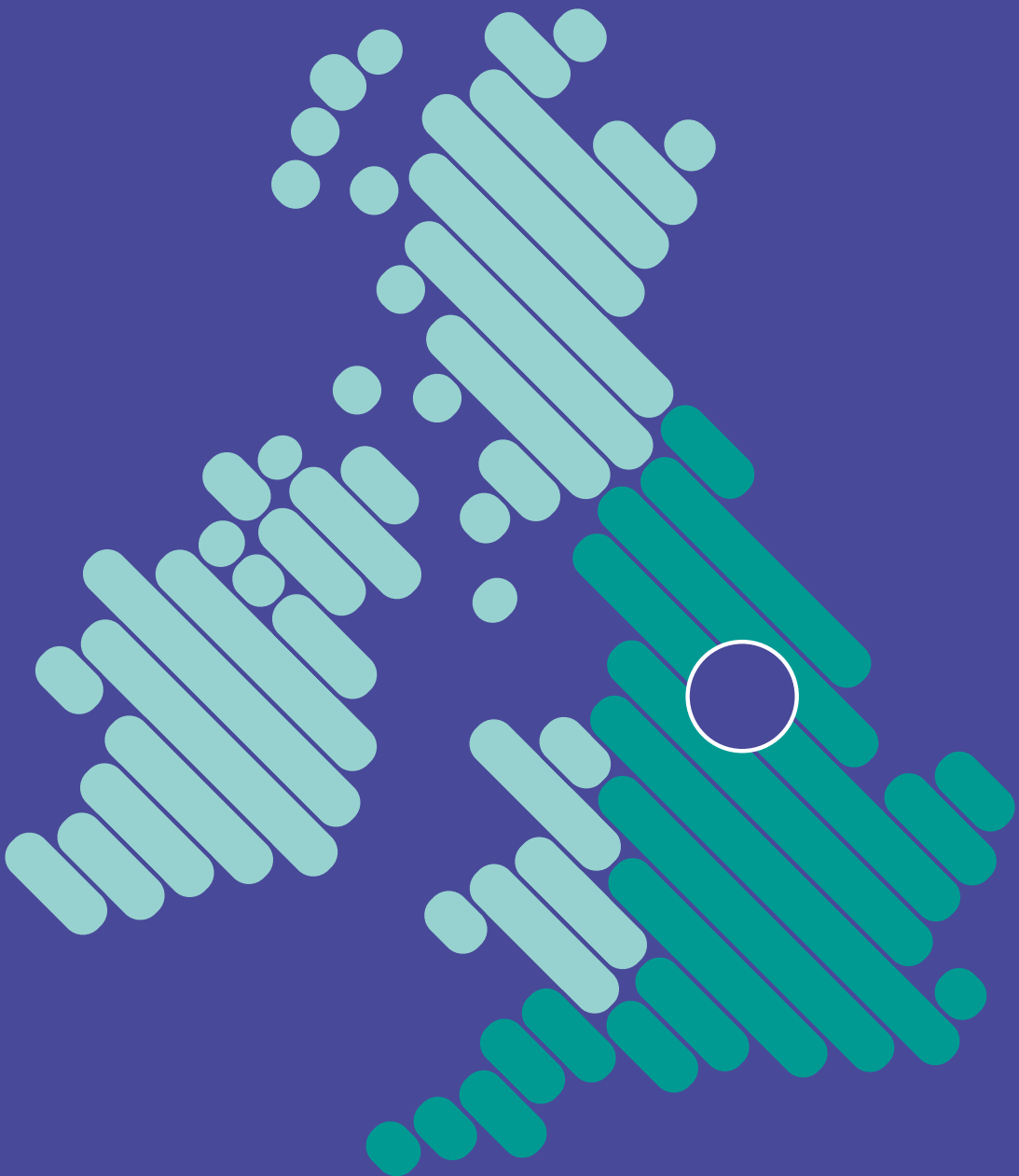


West Yorkshire at UKREiiF 2023

Events programme for
the **West Yorkshire Pavilion**
in the Investor Zone





Welcome to West Yorkshire for the second annual UKREiiF

We look forward to you joining us in the West Yorkshire Pavilion for three days of talks, discussions and panel events with our region's political and business leaders and partners, showcasing all our amazing region has to offer.

You will discover why West Yorkshire's unique combination of innovation, connectivity and culture makes us one of the UK's most attractive locations for development, inward investment and a great place to live and work.

Tracy Brabin
Mayor of West Yorkshire

Select event day:



Tuesday 16 May

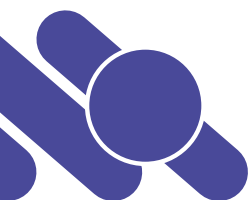


Wednesday 17 May



Thursday 18 May

All sessions are 45 minutes



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Tuesday 16 May

10:00 West Yorkshire Pavilion **Calderdale: Yorkshire's Happy Valley**

Calderdale is a place of kindness, creativity and enterprise. Our towns are thriving, our businesses are flexible and resilient and our substantial infrastructure investment is a catalyst for further investment. Our panel will share their learning in taking forward exceptional Calderdale developments, reflecting our unique, prized character of place and discuss key opportunities for the future.

Cllr Tim Swift

Leader, Calderdale Council

Nicky Chance-Thompson DL

Chief Executive, The Piece Hall

Jeremy Hall

Chair and Managing Director,
Dean Clough

11:00 West Yorkshire Pavilion **Powerful partnerships: Delivering great places and high quality homes**

We have bold and ambitious plans to create and grow vibrant, well-connected places and communities with excellent quality homes where people want to live and work. Realising our vision will be achieved by working with partners who share our commitment to creating thriving places and great housing.

The session will include the launch of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Homes England Strategic Place Partnership, part of our commitment to work together to deliver in West Yorkshire.

Nick Atkin

Chief Executive, Yorkshire Housing; Deputy Chair, West Yorkshire Housing Partnership

Tamsin Hart-Jones

Head of Cities and Major Conurbations, Homes England

Lisa Littlefair

Cities Director, Mott MacDonald

David Shepherd

Strategic Director for Place, Bradford Metropolitan District Council

13:30 West Yorkshire Pavilion
West Yorkshire:
Investing for net zero by 2038

We have ambitious plans to tackle the climate emergency in West Yorkshire. This session is an opportunity to understand why West Yorkshire is the place to invest and what organisations here are already doing here. The panel will talk through our best practice delivery of green skills, energy efficient housing, green finance and energy from waste investments in West Yorkshire.

Cllr Tim Swift

Leader, Calderdale Council

Natasha Barbar-Evans

Chief Executive, BetterConnect

Anna Cartwright

Deputy Director for Local Authority Lending and Advisory, UK Infrastructure Bank

Liz Hunter

Director of Policing, Environment and Place, West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Karl Smyth

Director, External Affairs and Strategy Policy, Enfinium

Chris Thompson

Managing Director, CITU Group

14:30 West Yorkshire Pavilion **Unlocking the UK's next powerhouse: Healthcare and Life Sciences in West Yorkshire**

West Yorkshire is a Life Sciences powerhouse with a global reputation as a leader in HealthTech. This session will focus on the future pipeline of investment across West Yorkshire, bringing together academia, the NHS and industry with new digital infrastructure and world leading STEM talent to support new growth and innovation.

Thomas Hutchinson

Healthcare and Life Science Sector Manager, West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Tori Critchley

Development Director Innovation, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Prof. Tim Thornton

Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Huddersfield

David Shepherd

Strategic Director for Place,
Bradford Metropolitan District Council

15:30 West Yorkshire Pavilion **Delivering the Kirklees advantage: Unlocking economic potential through improved infrastructure and connectivity**

With over £1 billion of infrastructure investment planned over the next five years, Kirklees is a prime location. This session will explore the relationship between transport, infrastructure and regeneration. We will showcase opportunities across Kirklees as it becomes one of the best-connected districts in the North.

Sue Cooke

Deputy Director, Research,
Innovation and Knowledge Exchange,
University of Huddersfield

Hannah Lomas

Industry Programme Director,
Transpennine Route Upgrade

Stephen Moore

Area Manager, CityFibre

David Shepherd

Strategic Director Growth and Regeneration,
Kirklees Council

Sharon Thomas

Director of Strategic Partnerships,
Thirteen Group



Wednesday 17 May

09:00 West Yorkshire Pavilion **The Vision for West Yorkshire**

Hear from the Mayor of West Yorkshire, Tracy Brabin and from the region's political leaders, as they discuss the key policy missions that underpin the emerging West Yorkshire Plan to drive economic growth across West Yorkshire.

Tracy Brabin

Mayor of West Yorkshire

Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe

Leader, Bradford Metropolitan District Council

Cllr Jane Scullion

Deputy Leader, Calderdale Council

Cllr Shabir Pandor

Leader, Kirklees Council

Cllr James Lewis

Leader, Leeds City Council

Cllr Michael Graham

Portfolio Holder Culture, Leisure and Sport,
Wakefield Council

10:00 West Yorkshire Pavilion **The Creative Crucible: Why culture matters**

Join the Mayor of West Yorkshire Tracy Brabin and key culture players from across West Yorkshire, to learn how the region is

maximising opportunities for investment in culture and the creative industries. Find out why this is a unique time for culture in West Yorkshire, and how we can secure a legacy that will be felt for years to come.

Tracy Brabin

Mayor of West Yorkshire

Nicky Chance-Thompson DL

Chief Executive, The Piece Hall

Shanaz Gulzar

Creative Director, Bradford 2025

Ben Walmsley

Professor of Cultural Engagement, University of Leeds; Director, Centre for Cultural Value

Cllr Michael Graham

Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Sport, Wakefield Council

Qaisar Mahmood

CEO, Radio Sangam and CEO Communities Together, Chair of Kirklees Year of Music Board

11:00 West Yorkshire Pavilion
Shaping a high growth, cultural economy: Bradford District 2023–2030

Bradford UK City of Culture 2025 is a fundamental driver of clean growth and the creative economy and marks the next major milestone in Bradford's ambitions. This session will set out key schemes and opportunities to deliver the UK's leading clean growth city district; unlocking over £1 billion of investment over the next decade.

Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe

Leader, Bradford Metropolitan District Council

Daniel Bates

Executive Director, Bradford 2025

David Shepherd

Strategic Director for Place,
Bradford Metropolitan District Council

12:30 West Yorkshire Pavilion **Leeds: Culture as a catalyst** **for economic growth**

Hear from the public and private sector in Leeds about the impact culture is having on the economy and the opportunities it presents, as Leeds journey through their Year of Culture with Leeds 2023.

Rachel Cooper

Associate, Building Structures (Cultural Sector),
Arup

Stephen Dobson

Associate Professor in Creativity and
Enterprise, School of Performance and
Cultural Industries, University of Leeds

Steven Foster

Centre Director, Trinity Leeds and White Rose,
Landsec

Eve Roodhouse

Chief Officer, Culture and Economy,
Leeds City Council

Kully Thiarai

Creative Director and Chief Executive,
Leeds 2023

13:30 West Yorkshire Pavilion **Reinventing traditional industries: Attracting innovative developments and businesses to Wakefield District**

Wakefield District's location on the UK's motorway network means it has become a hub for industries such as manufacturing and logistics. Unlocking sites and opportunities coming forward with a new Local Plan, how can continue Wakefield provide industries with an environment that supports sustainable innovation whilst creating skilled jobs for residents.

Myles Hartley

Managing Director, Caddick Developments

Mark Lynam

Corporate Director for Regeneration and Economic Growth, Wakefield Council

Bronwen Knight

Director of Planning, Transportation and Strategic Highways, Wakefield Council

Adrian Spawforth

Managing Director, Spawforths

14:30 West Yorkshire Pavilion **Jobs for the girls: Women in construction**

What barriers still exist for women and non-binary people in construction? What can be done to diversify the industry, make it a better place to work, and inspire girls

to see it as a viable career? Join Mayor of West Yorkshire Tracy Brabin in conversation with representatives from the construction industry, further education sector and participants in the LEEDS23 'WoW Barn' project.

Tracy Brabin

Mayor of West Yorkshire

Nikki Davis

Principal and Chief Executive,
Leeds College of Building

Rebecca Hartshorn

UK Framework Director, John Sisk & Son

Tahreen Shad

Regional Partnerships Director, Lovell
Partnerships

Ella Shuttleworth

Sustainability Assistant, Morgan Sindall

**Guests and young Barn Raisers
from the WOW Barn**

15:30 West Yorkshire Pavilion
**Women in construction
drinks reception** (invite only)



Thursday 18 May

09:30 West Yorkshire Pavilion **West Yorkshire: Supplying the office of the future**

Flexibility is now well-established in the workplace, with employers recognising the importance of wellbeing, quality of life and sustainability. As the office evolves to cater for an increasingly flexible workforce, the unrivaled quality of life on offer in West Yorkshire makes it one of the best places in the UK for the new world of work.

Mark Roberts

Chair, Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership

Simon Dew

Development Director, Muse Developments

Lisa Littlefair

Cities Director, Mott Macdonald

Antonia Martin-Wright

Director Commercial Development, CEG

Chandan Parmar

Senior Structural Engineer, Arup

09:30 Rethinking Places Pavilion **The North's contribution to UK Plc**

Hear from the Mayor of West Yorkshire, Tracy Brabin and senior leaders from across the North of England, on the transformative

investment opportunities that need to be realised now for the North to bolster and grow the UK economy, improving people's lives, businesses and communities.

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north

Tracy Brabin

Mayor of West Yorkshire

Helen Williams

Policy and Strategy Director,
UK Infrastructure Bank

Leah Stuart

Director, Civic Engineers

11:00 West Yorkshire Pavilion
The transformation of public transport in West Yorkshire

This panel will discuss the transformation of the public transport network through the bus reform process and the introduction of a new Mass Transit system for West Yorkshire.

Tracy Brabin

Mayor of West Yorkshire

Ben Still

Chief Executive Officer,
West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Luke Albanese

Director of Mass Transit,
West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Eve Roodhouse

Chief Officer, Culture and Economy,
Leeds City Council

David Shepherd

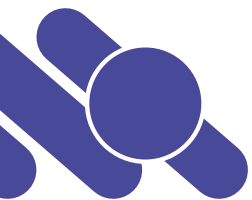
Strategic Director for Place,
Bradford Metropolitan District Council

Adriana Moreno Pelayo

Associate Director, City Economics & Planning,
Arup

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Tuesday 16 May

9:30

Bury Theatre

Keynote opening address

Tracy Brabin

Mayor of West Yorkshire

10:00

Bury Theatre

**Is levelling-up working?
Refocusing and reinforcing
national regeneration priorities**

Tracy Brabin

Mayor of West Yorkshire

14:00–15:00

Industry in Focus Pavilion

**Unlocking finance to deliver
net zero with Catapult**

Tracy Brabin

Mayor of West Yorkshire

15:15–16:00

Lloyds Bank Pavillion

Focus on West Yorkshire:

Opportunities for investment and partnership with Lloyds Banking Group

Tracy Brabin

Mayor of West Yorkshire

17:00–18:30

The Place, Leeds, LS10 4JP

**Fringe event: Huddersfield:
Investing for the future**

Ben Still

Chief Executive Officer,
West Yorkshire Combined Authority

18:00

Leeds Millennium Square

**Festival of Achievements
opening address**

Tracy Brabin

Mayor of West Yorkshire

Wednesday 17 May

12:30–13:30

EDI and Youth Pavilion

**Young professionals discuss their
aims for EDI and the youth agenda**

Tracy Brabin

Mayor of West Yorkshire

16:30–19:00

The Hilton, Leeds

Fringe event: How is UK investment influenced by net-zero?

Ben Still

Chief Executive Officer,
West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Thursday 18 May

11:00–11:45

Lloyds Bank Pavilion

What's next for local enterprise partnerships

Mark Roberts

Chair, Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership

12:30–13:30

Sustainable Futures Pavilion

Transport schemes – making the business case

Ben Still

Chief Executive Officer,
West Yorkshire Combined Authority

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