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Background to the IGN

- Grown out of discussions between CPP and partners JRF, Metro Dynamics and the RSA on how to move from inclusive growth theory to delivery.
- Ongoing economic turmoil Covid-19, cost of living crisis, impending recession

 has made the case for an alternative economic model even more urgent,
 exposing the stark inequalities between people and places across the UK.
- Vehicle in supporting its members to test new ideas, develop creative solutions, and embed local inclusive growth firmly into its member places. Bringing about immediate changes in practice and helping foster a new economic model.





Metro — Dynamics







IGN member places

































Key goals of the network

- Members learn from each other and national and international partners on how to deliver inclusive growth locally. There are examples of where areas have put ideas into action from other member places;
- The IGN develops a **repository of successful, local interventions** to build inclusive local economies;
- The IGN's work and external profile builds **further commitment to the inclusive growth agenda** and informs future policy delivery at the local, regional and national levels.





Our core offer to IGN member places



Peer-topeer workshops and roundtables









Impact in years one and two

- Membership development & building common purpose across officers and strategic directors to develop buy-in to the network and its aims and foster a UK-wide coalition of thought and practice leaders in inclusive growth.
- Peer-to-peer workshops, expert support & collective research. 18 peer-to-peer webinars and roundtables, 60+ bilateral engagements, dozens of collective resources published driven by shared challenges and ambitions.
- Implementation advice. 140+ days of tailored implementation advice delivered so far.
- Political engagement. 2 joint political interventions on the net zero transition and cost of living crisis, 2 online political leaders' summits.





North of Tyne: Employability Plan

- North of Tyne Combined Authority Centre for Progressive Policy employability plan for region in collaboration with DWP.
- Convening partners around shared priorities to address labour market challenges - skills shortages, low or no qualifications, early exit from labour market.
- Developing clear narrative around the skills and employability shortages from a business and employer perspective, working with CBI to engage with employers.







Cardiff: Inclusive Development



- Metro Dynamics and the Centre for Progressive Policy - inclusive growth approach to the development of Cardiff Bay arena.
- Engagement with local community and creative industries - recommendations for how development can generate positive outcomes for the community and be a driver of inclusive economic growth.
- Andy Haldane, CEO of the RSA and former Chief Economist at the Bank of England, referred to this ongoing development as 'an example of levelling up in action'.



How are we continuing to stretch ambition for the network?

