



3LE on.....Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs)

The advent of Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) as the major sub-national institutions focused on leading local economic growth has been a major feature of the coalition's approach to economic development, and has generated a huge amount of interest and material.

I am particularly proud of a 'LEP trilogy' in April and May 2012 which looked at the roles and functions of LEPs and how they might respond to the 2012 Budget and publication of the final NPPF respectively:-

- **March 2012 R&R** – [‘Sugar and Spice and all things nice – what is your LEP made of?’](#)
- **March 2012 R&R** – [‘Making local economic sense of the budget...’](#)
- **April 2012 R&R** – [‘Will LEPs rise to the NPPF challenge of building a strong competitive economy?’](#)

I have also made major presentations on LEPs for NLGN in 2011 and more recently at CURDS, University of Newcastle.

- **March 2011 NLGN** – [‘Towards LEP investment success – lessons from RDAs and other reflections’](#)
- **May 2012 CURDS** – [‘The Year Two challenge for LEPs – building and supporting strategic economic leadership’](#)

If you want a historic view on the genesis of LEPs, have a look at a piece that originally ran in the Guardian in August 2010, as part of the debate on responses to Government's June 2010 letter to civic and business leaders inviting them to establish LEPs...

- **August 2010 Guardian** – [‘A flurry of activity....towards a real economic geography’](#)

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