

Public Debate  
Post-Recession Blues: who is being hit the hardest?

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of March, 12:00 – 15:00 pm at NIESR, 2 Dean Trench Street, London, SW1P 3HE

We are delighted to invite you to our second 'Question Time' style debate. Our theme this year is concerned with the impact of the economic crisis on individuals, communities and the labour market. Should the needs of young people be given priority? Is the expansion of university and college places and apprenticeships the answer? How can we respond to the inter-generational effects of 'worklessness' and avoid potentially damaging consequences for social cohesion and the well-being of society? What is the role for learning and skills in the new socio-economic and policy climate?

This event is part of the ESRC's Festival of Social Science being held during the National Science & Engineering week. The panel includes well-known commentators from public life and members of the ESRC-funded LLAKES Research Centre:

**Claire Fox (Chair)**, Director of the Institute of Ideas; **Professor Danny Dorling**, Professor of Human Geography, University of Sheffield; **Adam Lent**, Head of the Economic and Social Affairs Department at the TUC; **Anna Fazackerley**, Head of Education and Arts and Culture, Policy Exchange; **Geoff Mason**, Senior Research Fellow at NIESR; and **David Willetts**, Shadow Minister for Universities and Skills.

We aim to present a diverse range of views in order to stimulate fresh ideas for policymaking and research. Thus we welcome your active participation through questions to the panel. Please e-mail us your questions in advance or bring them along on the day.

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Best Wishes,

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