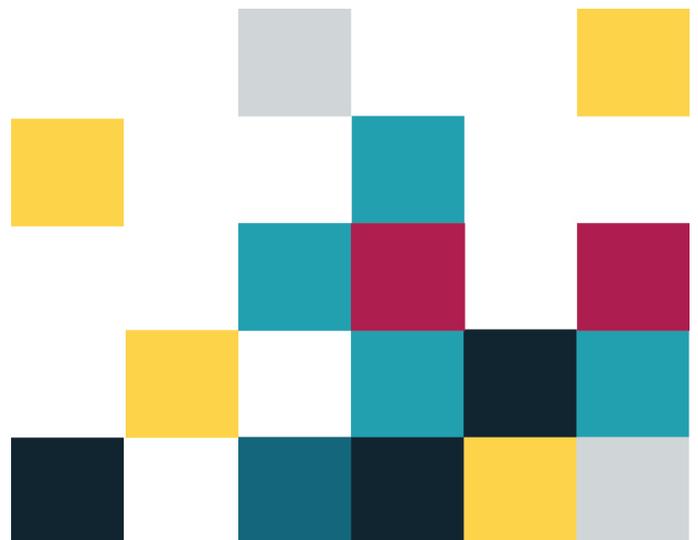


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*Biographies*



# Biographies: Plenary

## Ruth Lupton

### University of Manchester

Ruth Lupton is a Professor at the University of Manchester, formerly at the Centre for Analysis of Social exclusion at the London School of Economics and the Institute of Education, University of London. Ruth works on UK poverty and inequality, spatial disparities and neighbourhood dynamics, as well as schools and education policy in relation to poverty and inequality. She is currently leading a new Inclusive Growth Analysis Unit (IGAU) – a partnership between University of Manchester and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.

## Andrew Cumbers

### University of Glasgow

Andrew Cumbers is professor of regional political economy at the University of Glasgow and an editor of the journal Urban Studies. His research interests span the broad field of urban and regional development, currently focusing on alternative forms of ownership and economy. This includes working on an ESRC project to construct a global index of economic democracy. His book, *Reclaiming Public Ownership: Making Space for Economic Democracy* (Zed) was awarded the 2015 Gunnar Myrdal Prize for outstanding contributions to political economy.

# Biographies: Closing plenary panel discussion

## Neil Berry

### Locality

Neil Berry has worked for Locality for 11 years and is currently Director of Services, having previously been Head of Enterprise and before that Development Manager for Yorkshire and Humber. He now oversees the business development and programme work of Locality, managing a team of 25 staff based right across England.

He has significant experience of working with local authorities and third sector organisations to support community asset development/transfer projects and strategies. He holds a Master's degree in Community Enterprise and has worked exclusively in the community enterprise sector for the past 19 years, having previously managed a successful development trust in Sheffield before joining Locality.

## Gail Gibbons

### Sheffield Futures

Gail Gibbons is Chief Executive of Sheffield Futures – a large young people's charity based in Sheffield city centre whose aim is to support young people & adults to achieve their full potential in learning, employment and life to achieve a better future. The charity particularly supports young people who are at risk, and who are disengaged in their community. Prior to this, Gail worked for over twenty years in the public sector, and is a qualified social worker. She has worked in a wide range of fields – in particular, in mental health and young people's work. She has also worked in policy, strategic development and joint commissioning.

Gail is passionate about the voice of young people and involving them in shaping their own futures, and in strategic and service development.

## Ian Cole

### Sheffield Hallam University

Professor Ian Cole is Professor of Housing Studies at the Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research. He has undertaken a wide range of research in the fields of housing policy and practice, social and economic regeneration, tenant participation and community change. He is currently directing a research project for the National Housing Federation examining the pilot programme set up for the Voluntary Right to Buy in the housing association sector. Ian is a non-executive director of South Yorkshire Housing Association.

## Annette Hastings

### University of Glasgow

Annette Hastings is Professor of Urban Studies in the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Glasgow where she is also Head of Urban Studies. Her research focuses on the drivers of urban inequality, with a particular focus on the role of public services in maintaining and also tackling inequality. Recent publications include 'Bourdieu and the Big Society: empowering the powerful in public service provision?' *Policy and Politics*, 43(4), pp. 545-560. (with Peter Matthews) and 'Managing' the middle classes: urban managers, public services and the response to middle-class capture. *Local Government Studies*, 40(2), pp. 203-223.