



# **BREXIT AND THE BORDER: IMPLICATIONS OF BREXIT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTH-EAST AND CUMBRIA<sup>1</sup>**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 9.30am – 4.00 pm**

**University of Cumbria Learning Gateway Fusehill Street Campus, Carlisle**

It is widely recognised that the implications of the decision taken on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 by the UK to leave the European Union will be profound. Whilst discussion of the consequences for the UK as a whole have been extensive, there has been little debate on the implications at a regional and local level.

The Universities of Cumbria, Heriot-Watt and Northumbria are hosting a series of one-day seminars to look at the implications for the regions that adjoin the Anglo-Scottish Border. This first event in the series brings together a range of experts from academia, industry, policy and community to debate:

- The implications for **economic development** in the NE and Cumbria and;
- The consequences for public and private sector **relationships across the Anglo-Scottish Border**.

One potential outcome for the “far north” of England is that these areas become increasingly marginalised by being situated between a Northern Powerhouse focused on major investment in the cities on the M62 corridor and further moves towards Devo-Max for Scotland under the additional impetus provided by the strong “remain” vote in Scotland.

In these circumstances, how might BREXIT impact on relative levels of public and private investment in the NE and Cumbria? What are the implications for the design and delivery of a future regional policy in the “far North” of England? What are the likely consequences of BREXIT for key sectors in the Borderlands economy including agriculture, forestry, tourism and renewable energy? How will BREXIT affect the propensity for collaboration and competition across the Anglo-Scottish Border in both the public and private sectors?

## **Speakers and Panellists will include:**

- David Bailey, Professor of Industry, Aston Business School
- Darren Crossley, Deputy Chief Executive, Carlisle City Council
- Graham Haywood, Director, Cumbria LEP
- Dr Lois Mansfield, Principal Lecturer in Outdoor Studies, University of Cumbria
- Frank Peck, Professor of Regional Economic Development, University of Cumbria
- Professor Mark Shucksmith (OBE), Centre for Rural Economy, University of Newcastle
- John Shutt, Professor of Employment & Regional Development, Leeds Beckett University
- Simon Sjenitzer, WYG Group
- Ian Stephens, Chief Executive, Cumbria Tourism

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## Why attend?

The issues surrounding BREXIT are without precedent. The process is hugely complex and outcomes are uncertain in a fast-changing policy environment. As a consequence, there is considerable need for extensive debate to gather opinion and different perspectives from public, private, voluntary and community sectors. The purpose of attending might be:

- To increase understanding of the consequences of BREXIT for the North East and Cumbria.
- To listen to, and challenge, expert opinion from a range of academics, industrialists and policymakers.
- To expose thinking to others who may have different ideas on how to interpret and manage the regional effects of BREXIT.
- To improve understanding of the possible effects of BREXIT on different sectors of the economy.
- To participate in an open debate about issues that are likely to have a profound effect on the North of England and Scotland in future.

## Who should attend:

The *UK in a Changing Europe Initiative* aims to encourage debate that is easily accessible to a wide range of organisations, actors and members of the public who are interested in the UK's relationship with the EU. We would therefore welcome participation from:

- Managers of large and small businesses
- Leaders of business support agencies
- Executives of development agencies
- Local Government Officers and Elected Members
- Journalists and representatives of the media
- Leaders of non-governmental organisations
- Heads of educational institutions
- Representatives from community and voluntary groups

## Conference Organisers:

Professor Frank Peck and Dr Gail Mulvey  
Centre for Regional Economic Development, University of Cumbria.

The seminar is FREE to attend. Refreshments and buffet lunch will be provided.

**For further information about this event, or to book a place, please contact:**

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