

# The LGA debate

## Unlocking talent, fulfilling potential: local answers to the social mobility challenge

**Monday 17 September**  
**1.00pm-2.00pm**

Buckingham Room, Hilton  
Metropole Hotel, Brighton

Refreshments provided

In this year's Local Government Association (LGA) debate, our high profile panel will bring together senior politicians and policy experts to explore how councils can help their communities unleash their talents.

Speakers include:

**Councillor Ruth Dombey**  
Deputy Leader, LGA Liberal Democrat Group

**Wera Hobhouse MP**  
Liberal Democrat  
Spokesperson for Communities and Local Government

**Ruth Davison**  
Executive Director,  
Public Impact,  
National Housing Federation

**Stephen Evans**  
Chief Executive, Learning and Work Institute

**Baroness Liz Barker** (Chair)  
Spokesperson for the Voluntary Sector in the House of Lords



# How can local government help people meet their potential?

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## Could more funding and powers for councils help alleviate poverty and promote social mobility?

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## What measures should the Government bring forward in the Budget and Spending Review to help improve social mobility in our communities?

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Every day, councils change lives for the better. They keep us safe and provide parks, libraries and open spaces for everyone to enjoy; they make sure families have access to good local childcare and schools; and they build affordable homes for us.

They help people live as independent and fulfilled lives as possible. Councils are best-placed to understand the needs of their residents and help them reach their potential.

This debate is an opportunity to discuss the measures that should be announced in the Budget and Spending Review to tackle poverty and promote social mobility, and consider how we can bring together employment support, welfare, housing, early years' provision and education, public health and family support, in order to improve people's lives.

We will also discuss how we can ensure that every resident has a good quality of life and is able to fulfil their potential, regardless of their background or where they live.

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