

Pan Thames Gateway Reducing Worklessness Group

This new group with representatives from the RDAs, LSC and Jobcentre in the three regions that each form part of the Gateway first met in early November. SEEDA has taken lead responsibility for worklessness across the Gateway area.

SEEDA's remit is to develop a strategy and action plan that assures that workless people benefit from the capital developments planned and taking place within the Gateway. This approach needs to be flexible enough to be relevant and applied to both large cross-regional projects and smaller sub-regional projects, and not be thrown off course by the economic downturn.

The strategy is taking shape. At its core is the belief that to skill and place people in employment effectively we need to identify specific groups of workless people and match them with the capital and service growth areas that are planned and predicted despite the downturn in the economy. The approach is demand-led. The group is also committed to ensuring that the strategy is inclusive, supporting those furthest away from work, as well as those recently made redundant.

In the March edition of the Noticeboard we will share further details of the approach as it develops.

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