

Hertfordshire LEP Envoy Programme

What is the Envoy Programme?

Our Envoy Programme is made up of our private sector Board Members and a small and select cohort of influential business leaders covering a wide range of industry sectors. The Envoys work with the LEP by bringing their expertise to help identify and solve key issues for the county and act as external advocates for the LEP to Government, industry and inward investors. In return, Envoys can help influence future LEP priorities and join a prestigious network of like-minded peers that work together to find creative solutions to local challenges.

What are the goals of the Envoy Programme?

- Create external advocates for the LEP to government, industry and external investors;
- Improve visibility and reputation of the LEP within the local business community;
- Ensure that voice of enterprise remains strong in Hertfordshire;
- Build business-led advocacy and campaigning opportunities.

What are the benefits of becoming an Envoy?

- A unique opportunity to join a network of like-minded business peers that works together to identify creative solutions to locally significant issues;
- The ability to influence and shape Hertfordshire LEP's activities and priorities;
- The prestige of being part of a select and exclusive group of business leaders;
- To enhance the reputation of the LEP within the local business community.

Envoys should be knowledgeable about the wider economic benefits of Hertfordshire LEP's work and be able to explain its influencing role locally around economic growth and job creation. They should be willing to share their industry expertise on both a formal and informal basis with the LEP Main Board and Programme Board Members so that current business opinion is reflected in Hertfordshire LEP work and thinking.

The LEP issues invitations to become an Envoy and there is no cost to join. It does not require significant time commitment nor is it exclusive. Envoys can also be members of similar programmes such as Dacorum Ambassadors.

Who leads the Envoy Programme?

Mark Coppen, Director of Corporate and Commercial Banking, NatWest, and member of Hertfordshire LEP Banking Forum is Chair of the Envoy Programme. He is supported by Lucy Gravatt, Hertfordshire LEP's Communications and Engagement Manager.



Our Envoys

Richard Butler	Bidwells
Rebecca Churchill	Ashridge Executive Education
Andy Cook	FFEI
Mark Coppen (Chair)	NatWest
Raghu Das	The Toro Company (Hayter Limited)
Claire Dicks	MBDA
Giles Ellerton	BT
Philip Fulton	Lloyds Banking Group
Helen Gillett	Affinity Water
Chris Luff	Freedom Communications Ltd
Nigel Palmer	Lambert Smith Hampton
Martino Picardo	Stevenage Bioscience Catalyst
Jeremy Read	Grant Thornton
Neil Rutledge	Club Finance

Our Private Sector Board Members

Mark Bretton	Accenture
Dan Dark	Warner Bros. Studios Leavesden
John Gourd	Johnson Matthey
Adrian Hawkins	Weldability SIF
Graham Lane	Cheeky Munkey
Peter O’Gorman	Santander
Andrew Percival	UPP Projects Ltd
Andrew Stroomer	Airbus Defence and Space

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