

Restitch: a summit for repairing our social fabric

Place, people and little platoons in the post-pandemic world



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London, 23 May 2022

Optional tour of historic Westminster, PM (Free places for sponsors/speakers.) Create Streets Foundation.

London, 24 May 2022

| Session | Description |
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| Coffee and networking Tuesday: From 8:00 - 09:00 | Guests receive a summit booklet, including the day's agenda, provocative essays and login details for Day 2. Guests are given curated coloured badges on arrival. Will 'normalise' networking with people you do not already know. |
| Kick off to summit Tuesday: 09:00 - 09:10 | Welcome to Social Fabric Summit 2022 and to two of our four themes: 'place' and 'work', plus an invitation to participate in fringe activities including (a) community co-design (Chatham) (b) online voting on place, identity, community and work |
| Has social mobility stalled? Tuesday: 09:10 - 10:00 | What should social mobility mean today? How can we transform the life chances of those who start with little? What do we get wrong in tackling disadvantages? |
| Panel Session Tuesday: 10:05-11:00 <i>Beyond the culture war</i> Can we restore a shared set of values? | How practically do we prevent further fracturing of national values? What are the risks and key fissures? How can we disagree better? |
| Break. Facilitated networking and opportunity to visit a co-design session. | |
| Panel Session Tuesday: 11:20 - 12:15 <i>Regenerative development. Where do we need it and what should it look like?</i> Supported by Berkeley Group | How can development support social fabric? How do we trade off the tensions of place-making and the generational need for new homes? Green space versus houses? Density versus personal space? Single sites versus wider intensification? |

Fireside chat

Tuesday: 12:20 – 13:10

What is tearing society apart – and what might bring it together?

Is society being pulled apart by elitism or by inequality, culture wars or economic stagnation? How can we resolve the overlapping crises Western societies face?

Lunch. Soapbox pitches and facilitated networking. Opportunity to visit a co-design session.

Lunchtime session

Should we give communities more control over development?

Can street by street design codes support more connected, happier neighbourhoods AND more homes?

Breakouts:

Place and Work

Tuesday: 13:50-14:45

Supported by JTP

Landmarks of our lives?

What role do local businesses play in fostering community? How can we revive the high street and neighbourhood parades? How can local independent stores compete in a digital age?

BISHOP PARTRIDGE ROOM

Supported by Power to Change

Working together (much) better

What does good really look like in community consultation? Can we take the politics out of placemaking?

CONVOCATION HALL

Supported by JRF

Designing for transitions: from now to next

What conditions need creating so communities can transition to be prosperous and thriving places? What is the hidden wiring that needs tackling to enable this? And how do we build strong social and civic networks and infrastructures to support this?

HARVEY GOODWIN SUITE

The dignity of labour

How can we generate good work in poor places? How can we restore a sense of pride in work? How can companies take a greater role within their place?

ASSEMBLY HALL

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Political keynote

Tuesday: 15:00-15:45

Healthy Communities

A talk to set out the Government's approach to levelling up health, how health policy can draw upon community institutions, and to consider how healthy communities can be more productive.

Panel Session

Tuesday: 15:50 – 16:45

Is small beautiful?

Towards a new local democracy

What works in community regeneration?

When and why do local councils succeed or fail in engaging with local communities? What are best and worst practices? Can you trust local communities with their own direct budgets?

Supported by Local Trust

Wrap up

Tuesday: 16:50-17:00

Conclusion to the day and feedback from co-design session

Drinks. 17:00 – 18:00

Halifax, 26–27 May 2022

Thursday

Calder Valley Community tour
Thursday: 15:00 – 17:30
Community tours to Todmorden and Hebden Bridge (Free places for sponsors/speakers.)

Halifax tour
Thursday: 18:30 – 19:30
Walking tour of Victorian Halifax (ending at a local pub)

Speakers and sponsors dinner
Thursday: 19:00 – 22:00
Private dinner in The Piece Hall with key speakers and sponsors and a guest speaker.

Session

Description

Tour of Piece Hall
Friday 08:00 – 08:30
Bring your coffee and tour the UK's only surviving Georgian cloth hall

Coffee and networking
Friday: 08:30 – 09:00
Guests receive a summit booklet, including the day's agenda, provocative essays and details for how to watch back Day One sessions.

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Kick off to summit
Friday: 09:00 – 09:10
Welcome to Social Fabric Summit 2022 and to two of our four themes: 'community' and 'identity' and an invitation to participate in fringe activities including (a) community co-design (Grimsby) (b) online voting on place, identity, community and work.

Political keynote
Friday: 09:10–09:55
A talk to set out the policy and aspirations of the Labour party and to discuss how to strengthen the fabric of towns and neighbourhoods up and down the country.

How do we create strong towns?

Panel Session
Friday: 10:00 – 10:55
Can remote working revive 'left behind' places? What are the opportunities (and risks) from changing patterns of labour and new industries?

Left behind or well-placed?

Break. Facilitated networking and opportunity to visit a co-design session.

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| In conversation with... Friday: 11:20 – 12:10 | Institutions and incentives: how can we build community capitalism in the 21st century? |
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Lunch. Soapbox pitches and facilitated networking. Opportunity to visit Piece Hall

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| Breakouts: Community and identity Friday: 12:50 – 13:50 | Embracing oikophilia: Why home matters A discussion of the philosophy of the late Sir Roger Scruton with a focus on his message to the political left. |
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LISTER ROOM, PIECE HALL

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| Supported by Countryside | Building from the ground up? Can you build social fabric from scratch in a new development? Should new places be planned from on high or grown from below? |
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RED BRICK AUDITORIUM

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| Supported by Historic England | Our heritage brings us together: ‘Saving’ historic buildings and places can unite communities, but can they have sustained benefits for identity, engagement, and action? |
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CAYGILL ROOM, PIECE HALL

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| Supported by Engage Britain | Communities weaving their own fabric: What’s happening already and how to support it? How are communities building social infrastructure on their own? What more can we do to help people take back control of their own neighbourhoods - and do it for themselves? How can we create the culture and conditions for bottom up change? |
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GINGERBREAD ROOM, PIECE HALL

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| Supported by Vectos | It’s not about transport. How will we get around town in coming years? What does accessibility really mean? Will we still need a Department for Transport? |
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THE LONG GALLERY, PIECE HALL

Break. Facilitated networking and opportunity to visit a co-design session

Panel session

Friday: 13:55 – 14:50

Sustainable Places: Going Green from the bottom up

How can we encourage communities, households and neighbourhoods to make the transition to zero carbon? Whose role is it to coordinate retrofit, EV infrastructure or heat networks – and how can we encourage places to invest in green infrastructure themselves? What do we need to do to create places that are sustainable to live and work in? How can net zero help us to level up?

Supported by Lloyds Banking Group

Panel session

Friday: 14:55 – 15:50

Restitching rural communities...

What does levelling up look like outside big cities

Wrap up

Friday: 15:55-16:05

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