

# London First Events Calendar



London First's mission is to make London the best place in the world for business. We're focused on keeping our capital working for the whole of the UK, and our calendar of events brings business leaders, Whitehall, City Hall and the London boroughs together to achieve this.

We host a wide range of events, from exclusive, private events with ministers, to large-scale summits for cross-sector alliance and best practice exchange. Invitation lists are specially tailored to member interests. Around six times a year we host events exclusively for London First partners.

## Event categories



Partner event



Skills and Talent



Transport



Security and Resilience



Tourism and Retail



Housing



Placemaking



Economy and Tax



Keeping our capital working for the UK

## October 2018

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**Tuesday 16 October 2018, 8.15am for 8.30am to 9.45am *Fully Subscribed***  
**Must Try Harder: How can London Deliver World Class University Facilities and Student Accommodation?**



London is a world-class hub for higher education but is the infrastructure that underpins this – teaching facilities and student accommodation – starting to fall behind? Is London failing to deliver the facilities students expect and what impact is this having on London's attractiveness as a place to study?

Join us for a roundtable discussion to consider how, through greater collaboration between the high education sector, the private sector and London government, these issues can be addressed. Short presentations will be given by Dr Ghazwa Alwani-Starr, Director of Property and Facilities Management at University of London and Nick Hayes, Group Property Director at Unite Students before a opening up a wider discussion.

**For further information contact:** [Josh Fazakerley](#) on 0207 665 1442

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**Wednesday 17 October 2018, 8am for 8.30am to 9.45am *Fully Subscribed*  
Breakfast with the Rt Hon John Healey MP, Shadow Housing Secretary**



Join us for a breakfast roundtable with the Rt Hon John Healey MP, Shadow Housing Secretary.

We look forward to his remarks on the central points of Labour's recently published housing policy paper, particularly focusing on how a Labour government would seek to increase housing supply. This will be an excellent opportunity to discuss how Labour would address the capital's housing crisis.

**For further information contact:** [Nadine Tewfik-Saad](#) on 0207 665 1432

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**Tuesday 30 October 2018, 8am for 8.30am to 9.30am *Invitation Only*  
Breakfast briefing with Cllr Peter John OBE, Chair of London Councils  
and Leader of Southwark Council**



As part of our series of events with the leaders of London's most vibrant boroughs, please join us for a breakfast briefing with Cllr Peter John OBE, Chair of London Councils and Leader of Southwark Council.

We look forward to hearing Cllr John's priorities for London Councils and plans for jobs and growth in Southwark. This briefing will provide a valuable opportunity to discuss how the private sector can work in partnership with the borough to address current challenges and opportunities, including the delivery of key infrastructure.

**For further information contact:** [Nadine Tewfik-Saad](#) on 0207 665 1432

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**Wednesday 31 October 2018, 12.30pm for 1pm to 2pm *Invitation Only*  
Network Rail in listening mode: roundtable lunch with Non-Executive  
Director David Noyes**



Network Rail in listening mode: roundtable lunch with Non-Executive Director David Noyes

This invitation-only roundtable is part of Network Rail's listening exercise during new Chief Executive Andrew Haines' first 100 days.

Network Rail non-executive director David Noyes, former CEO of Cunard, will be joining us for the discussion. Key items on the agenda will be how London and the South East can get the rail enhancements it needs; how Network Rail gets the right priorities with the new regulatory period starting from April 2019; what putting passengers and freight at the heart of Network Rail will really mean.

**For further information contact:** [Richard Dilks](#) on 0207 665 1502

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## November 2018

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### Thursday 1 November 2018, 8.15am for 8.30am to 9.30am *Invitation Only* NHS Property Services- an update



We first heard from NHS Property Services soon after they came into existence in 2015 and they updated us with progress in October 2016. WE are bringing them back so they can tell us what they have been up to in the intervening period and how they are running this substantial part of the NHS estate. John Westwood, Director of Asset Management and Adrian Powell, Head of Property Development will also speak about opportunities available on the Estate to London First members.

For further information contact: [Georgia Long](#) on 0207 665 1438

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### Thursday 8 November 2018, 8am for 8.30am to 9.30am *Invitation Only* Brexit breakfast briefing with the Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP



Join us for a Brexit breakfast briefing with the Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP, Chair of the Commons Select Committee on Exiting the European Union.

As we get ever closer to March 2019, there's still considerable uncertainty over the shape of our future relationship with the EU with the spectre of no deal a major concern. This briefing will explore the progress of negotiations and what must be done to avoid a cliff edge. It will provide a timely opportunity to discuss what business needs to be doing to prepare for various possible Brexit scenarios.

For further information contact: [Nadine Tewfik-Saad](#) on 0207 665 1432

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### Thursday 8 November 2018, 6pm for 6.30pm to 9.00pm *Invitation Only* Is London ready for its first mile high building?



London's skyline is slowly changing but in terms of London's needs, it can be argued that it hasn't changed fast enough. We are a city with a finite amount of land that needs to build 65,000 homes a year, as well as providing industrial space and responding to rapid changes in technology. If London is to remain competitive we need to get building, but if we can't go out, is it time to go up? Are tall buildings essential for cities to continue to grow? And is London ready for its first mile high building?

For further information contact: [Mairead Carroll](#) 0207 665 1500

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**Tuesday 13 November 2018, 8.15am for 8.30am to 9.30am *Fully Subscribed***  
**London First Chairman's breakfast with Paul Drechsler CBE**



These events provide an opportunity to exchange insights in a confidential environment in which the latest challenges facing business in the capital and how London First can respond and mobilise are discussed.

From the latest developments in the UK's negotiations over Brexit, how best to alleviate pressure on the capitals' transport network through to housing policy, we anticipate that there will be a wide ranging and lively discussion amongst guests.

**Host to be confirmed**

**For further information contact:** [Gemma Crabtree](#) on 0207 665 1441

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**Wednesday 21 November 2018, 8am for 8.20am to 10am *Invitation Only***  
**Making Best Use of London's Roads: the Mayor's EV Charging Infrastructure Taskforce – roundtable with Deputy Mayor Shirley Rodrigues**



This invitation-only roundtable with Deputy Mayor for the Environment Shirley Rodrigues will explore the role of the private sector in delivering greater amounts of the right types of electric vehicle charging infrastructure in London

**Hosting opportunities available**

**For further information contact:** [Richard Dilks](#) on 0207 665 1502

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**Wednesday 21 November, 6.00pm for 6.30pm to 7.30pm, followed by a drinks reception *Invitation Only***  
**Leadership Lecture In conversation with Dame Minouche Shafik DBE**



Please join us to hear Dame Minouche Shafik DBE, Director, London School of Economics, talking about her remarkable career and those 'light-bulb' moments which have shaped it and that have enabled her to develop the skills required to lead through political and economic uncertainty.

**Hosting opportunities available**

**For further information contact:** [Georgia Long](#) on 0207 665 1438

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**Wednesday 21 November 2018, 7.45pm to 9.30pm *Invitation Only***  
**Partner Dinner with Dame Minouche Shafik DBE**



Following the briefing we will be inviting our Partners to a private dinner with Dame Shafik. This is an ideal opportunity to engage in a lively conversation about the key challenges facing London and the priorities for business leaders in times of political and economic uncertainty.

**Sponsorship opportunities available**

**For further information contact:** [Georgia Long](#) on 020 7665 1438

**Thursday 22 November 2018, 8am for 8.30am to 9.30am *Invitation Only***  
**Business and Tower Hamlets: Mayor John Biggs, Tower Hamlets**



As part of our series of events with prominent borough leaders, please join us for a breakfast meeting with the Mayor of Tower Hamlets, John Biggs, to discuss how the borough plans to attract jobs and growth, and how it would like to work in partnership with the private sector to address the challenges and opportunities within the borough.

**For further information contact:** [Nadine Tewfik-Saad](#) on 0207 665 1432

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**Friday 23 – Saturday 24 November 2018**  
**Skills London 2018 at ExCel London**



Established since 2004, Skills London is London's biggest jobs and careers event for young people, brought to you by London First with Prospects.

Aimed at 15-24 year olds, this two day event attracts over 30,000 visitors and provides young people and their families with a rare chance to discover careers through interactive, inspirational activities and demonstrations. The event also helps young people visually bridge the gap between what they enjoy doing and what they could potentially do as a career.

Skills London is the London platform to:

- ✓ Showcase London's jobs and careers aimed at 15-24 years old
- ✓ Reach over 1,800 teachers, career guidance professionals and parents/ careers
- ✓ Inspire young Londoners and their parents/ carers
- ✓ Address London's skills gap
- ✓ Support corporate CSR and HR plans

Want to know more: [View the Skills London video highlights here.](#)

Supported by: Mayor of London, National Career Service, Education and Skills funding agency

Kindly sponsored by:

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For sponsorship and exhibitor queries or more information, please contact Beena Chester or visit [www.skillslondon.co.uk](http://www.skillslondon.co.uk)

**Sponsorship opportunities available**

**For further information contact:** [Beena Chester](#) on 020 7665 1574

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**Friday 23 November 2018, 10am to 11am *Invitation Only***  
**Skills London Opening Ceremony with Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London**



The opening ceremony with the Mayor of London, is being held to celebrate Skills London, a special occasion created for young Londoners, across all boroughs, to inspire them in their future career choices.

Business leaders and stakeholders will also be invited to this opening event, to preview the show as well as meet with some of the young Londoners testing out their skills and finding a career fit.

Closing the skills gap and ensuring long-term access to talent at all levels is a key business priority. Join our skills mission, and bring your expertise to the table in a coordinated approach with Whitehall, City Hall, education and training providers.

**Sponsorship opportunities available**

For further information contact: [Beena Chester](#) on 020 7665 1574

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**Monday 26 November 2018, 6pm for 6.30pm to 9pm *Invitation Only***  
**Immigration Report Launch**



The cold, hard facts are clear: migration has been good for Britain. Our open and outward-looking approach to talent and trade has made us the successful, innovative, entrepreneurial nation that we are today. People come to the UK and contribute, fill skills gaps, start businesses and create jobs.

On 29th March 2019, freedom of movement between the EU and UK comes to an end and the Government will press re-set on the immigration rules. It's crucial we get this right: business needs access to people who have the right skills to power jobs and growth, and the public wants reassurance that the right controls are in place.

Join us at this event to hear from senior speakers from business, politics, and unions to debate the contribution migration makes to the UK, and what the post-Brexit immigration system should look like.

**Hosting opportunities available**

For further information contact: [Mark Hilton](#) on 020 7665 1500

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**Thursday 29 November 2018, 6pm for 6.30pm to 7.30pm followed by a drinks reception *Invitation Only***  
**Member reception with Heidi Alexander, London's Deputy Mayor for Transport**



Join us for this member reception with London's new Deputy Mayor for Transport, Heidi Alexander. Heidi will take us through her priorities in this crucial role as she seeks to deliver the Mayor's Transport Strategy to have 80% of trips to be by foot, cycle or public transport by 2041.

**Sponsorship opportunities available**

For further information contact: [Josh Fazakerley](#) on 020 7665 1442

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## December 2018

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### **Tuesday 4 December 2018, 8am for 8.30am to 9.30am *Fully subscribed*** **London First Retail Group meeting**

A forum for structured information sharing and networking on policies and decisions affecting the success of retail and hospitality sectors in London.

**For further information contact:** [Matthew Hill](#) on 0207 665 1585



**Hosting opportunities available**

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### **Tuesday 11 December 2018, 10am to 12noon *Fully subscribed*** **WESt Steering Group**

London First's West End Streets (WESt) Steering Group brings together business leaders to promote the delivery of public realm improvements in one of London's most important business, retail and tourist locations. Members of the group share a common interest in securing the West End as a long term driver of economic activity critical to London's success.

**For further information contact:** [Matthew Hill](#) on 0207 665 1585



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## January 2019

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### **Wednesday 16 January 2019, 8.15am for 8.30am to 9:45am *Invitation Only* The Future of the RTPI, Breakfast Briefing with Victoria Hills CEO**



The new Chief Executive of the RTPI, Victoria Hills, will present her vision for the RTPI and update members on the RTPI's priorities, including how to raise the profile of planning.

**Hosting opportunities available**

For further information contact: [Sarah Bevan](#) on 0207 665 1500

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### **Tuesday 29 January 2019, 7pm for 7.30pm to 9.30pm Building London Summit Speaker and Sponsor dinner at The Ivy**



Building London Summit Speakers and Sponsors are kindly invited to join us for a special gathering ahead of the summit and awards dinner. The evening will provide an opportunity to have a frank exchange of views with your fellow panellists ahead of the discussions on stage.

**Venue**

For further information contact: [Beena Chester](#) on 020 7665 1574

**THE IVY**

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### **Wednesday 30 January 2019, 8am to 6.30pm Building London Summit Featuring the London Housing and Property Summit, The summit will be followed by a drinks reception with the Greater London Authority and London Councils**



Business leaders across commercial property, housing and the broader built environment will join key political players at the summit, to tackle London's big development questions:

- With 60 days to go how will Brexit uncertainty affect investment in commercial property, and can the bold seize opportunities?
- How does the draft London Plan need to change to better support development?
- What does the Mayor need to do to turn his housing targets from aspiration to reality?

Confirmed speakers include:

Val Bagnall, Managing Director, Apex Housing Group  
Deborah Cadman, CEO, WMCA  
Sarah Cary, Executive Director – Place, London Borough of Enfield  
Cllr Clare Coghill, Executive Member for Business, Europe and Good Growth at London Councils and Leader of Waltham Forest Council  
Jon Di-Stefano, Chief Executive, Telford Homes Plc  
Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz OBE, Mayor of Newham  
Pete Gladwell, Head of Public Sector Partnerships, Legal & General Group  
Helen Gordon, Chief Executive, Grainger PLC  
Craig McWilliam, Chief Executive, Grosvenor Britain & Ireland  
James Murray, Deputy Mayor, Housing and Residential Development  
Lucy Owen, Interim Executive Director of Development, Enterprise and Environment, Greater London Authority



Jules Pipe CBE, Deputy Mayor, Planning, Regeneration and Skills, Greater London Authority  
Bridget Rosewell OBE, Chairman, Volterra Partners  
Brendan Sarsfield, Group CEO, Peabody  
Fiona Fletcher-Smith, Group Director Sales and Development, L&Q

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**For all sponsorship queries, please contact [Sean Fleetwood](#)**

**For more information or to register to attend please see <http://londonfirst.co.uk/buildinglondon>**

**For further information contact [Beena Chester](#) 0207 665 1574**

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**Thursday 31 January 2019, 6.45pm for 7.30pm to 10.30pm  
London Planning Awards 2018/19, part of Building London**



The London Planning Awards, part of building London, now in its 16th year, is organised, in partnership with the Mayor of London, London First, RTPI, Planning Officers Society and London Councils, to recognise and reward best practice in planning in the capital.

Through these awards, the Mayor of London is seeking to celebrate the wider impact planning has on building London for all Londoners.

For 2018/19, the awards have been reviewed to better reflect the Mayor of London's new draft London Plan.

The categories are:

Best New Place to Live, sponsored by Anthology  
Best New Workspace, sponsorship opportunity available  
Best Mixed-Use Scheme, sponsored by Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner  
The Heritage & Culture Award, sponsored by Hogan Lovells  
The Mayor's Award for Sustainable and Environmental Planning, sponsored by Terence O'Rourke  
The Award for Community Engagement in the Planning Process, sponsorship opportunity available  
The Borough-led Projects Award, sponsored by Mount Anvil  
The Mayor's Award for Good Growth, sponsorship opportunity available

The call for submissions has now closed and the shortlisted entries will be announced in late November.

The winners will be revealed at the London Planning Awards gala dinner, at the National Gallery.

Join 300 senior figures across the public and private sectors and celebrate the best of planning and building London.

There's less than 10 tables remaining!

To book to attend or for more information, please visit:  
<http://londonfirst.co.uk/buildinglondonawards>

**For further information contact: [Beena Chester on](#) 0207 665 1500**

**Venue**

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## February 2019

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**Tuesday 5 February 2019, 6pm for 6.30pm to 7pm followed by drinks reception** *Invitation Only*  
**Member reception: Andrew Haines OBE, Chief Executive, Network Rail**



Join us for a member reception and briefing with the Chief Executive of Network Rail, Andrew Haines OBE. Andrew was previously the Chief Executive of the Civil Aviation Authority but has an extensive railway background.

**Hosting opportunities available**

For further information contact: [Richard Dilks](#) on 0207 665 1502

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**Tuesday 5 February 2019, 7.45pm for 8pm to 9pm Invitation Only**  
**Partner Dinner with Andrew Haines OBE, Chief Executive, Network Rail**



A partner dinner following the briefing with the Chief Executive of Network Rail, Andrew Haines OBE

**Hosting opportunities available**

For further information contact: [Richard Dilks](#) on 0207 665 1502

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## March 2019

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**Monday 11 March 2019, 7.30pm to 10.30pm** *Invitation Only*  
**London First – MIPIM 2019 Landing Drinks**



**MIPIM 2019 Partner**

London First members attending the MIPIM conference in Cannes are invited to a drinks reception with GLA's Jules Pipe, Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills.

Location: Cannes, France



For further information contact: [Sue Brown](#) on 020 7665 1435

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**Monday 11 March 2019, 8.30pm to 10pm** *Invitation Only*  
**Welcome to MIPIM 2019: London First dinner with the Greater London Authority**



**MIPIM 2019 Partner**

London First dinner with Officials from the Greater London Authority.

Location: Cannes, France



For further information contact: [Sue Brown](#) on 020 7665 1435

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**Tuesday 12 March 2019, 12pm for 12.30pm to 2.30pm *Invitation Only***  
**London First MIPIM 2019 Annual Lunch discussion on Meeting London's Housing Needs with Cllr Darren Rodwell, Executive member for Housing and Planning, London Councils and Leader, LB Barking and Dagenham**

London First members are invited to a lunch discussion with Cllr Darren Rodwell, Executive member for Housing and Planning, London Councils and Leader, LB Barking and Dagenham, on meeting London's housing needs.

Location: Cannes, France

For further information contact: [Sue Brown](#) on 020 7665 1435



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**Tuesday 12 March 2019, 7.30pm for 8pm to 10pm, *Invitation Only***  
**London First MIPIM 2019 London Government dinner, in partnership with the London Councils**

London First, in partnership with London Councils, is pleased to present this dinner discussion on making our capital work for the UK. The evening will bring together senior officials from across London's boroughs with our members.

Location: Cannes, France

For further information contact: [Sue Brown](#) on 020 7665 1435



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**Wednesday 13 March 2019, 12pm for 12.30pm to 2.30pm, *Invitation Only***  
**London First MIPIM 2019 Annual London Lunch**

London First members are invited to London First's annual flagship lunch with the Greater London Authority.

Location: Cannes, France

For further information contact: [Sue Brown](#) on 020 7665 1435



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**Wednesday 13 March 2019, 7.30pm for 8pm to 10pm, *Invitation Only***  
**London First MIPIM 2019 London Dinner – Women in London Real Estate**  
**with Kate Davies, Chief Executive, Notting Hill Genesis and Guest**  
**Speaker from the Greater London Authority**

A special evening celebrating women in real estate.

Location: Cannes, France

For further information contact: [Sue Brown](#) on 020 7665 1435



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**Thursday 14 March 2019, 12pm for 12.30pm to 2.30pm *Invitation Only***  
**London First MIPIM 2019 - National Infrastructure Commission**  
**Lunch**

London First members are invited to a lunch discussion on the latest recommendations from the National Infrastructure Commission

Location: Cannes, France

For further information contact: [Sue Brown](#) on 020 7665 1435



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**Thursday 14 March 2019, 5pm to 7pm *Invitation Only***  
**London First MIPIM 2019 Closing drinks reception**

Before the sun sets on MIPIM 2019, we are delighted to welcome London First members for a relaxing drink, kindly hosted by Joanna Rowelle, Director, City Economics, Arup.

Location: Cannes, France

For further information contact: [Sue Brown](#) on 020 7665 1435



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