

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

December 2018

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

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Tuesday 4 December 2018, 8am for 8.30am to 10am *Invitation Only* Homes England Breakfast with Sir Ed Lister and Ric Blakeway



Homes England are leading the Government's charge to build 300,000 homes across England. They have made fast work of the challenge, agreeing a range of strategic partnerships, getting local authorities onside and striking new deals with landowners. As they approach the end of their first year, Sir Ed Lister and Ric Blakeway will reflect on successes Homes England has achieved and look at what may lie ahead for the next 12 months.

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

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Pinsent Masons

Tuesday 11 December 2018, 8am for 8.30am to 9.30 *Invitation Only*
Maintaining London's Global Status in a Competitive Environment



As we approach Brexit, how does London measure up against competitor cities around the world? Where does London have a competitive edge, and where do we need to step up our efforts – whether around housing affordability, transport congestion, or environmental performance?

This event marks the UK launch of the 2018 edition of Arcadis' 'Sustainable Cities Index', a biennial review that looks at 100 global cities and evaluates their performance and long term sustainability as attractive places to live and do business. Attendees will see a short presentation on the headline findings, followed by a discussion with panellists including James Murray, the Deputy Mayor for Housing.

For further information contact: [David Leam](#) on 0207 665 1500

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 **ARCADIS**

Thursday 13 December 2018, 6pm for 6.30pm to 9pm *Invitation Only*
Immigration 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.

For further information contact: [Mark Hilton](#) on 0207 665 1500

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 **pwc**

Tuesday 18 December 2018, 11.30am to 1.30pm *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

Thursday 10 January 2019, 6pm for 6.30pm to 8:30pm *Invitation Only* **The Regeneration of Spitalfields 30 Years on - Lessons Learnt**



London First members are invited to join this special occasion to celebrate the 30-year Regeneration programme of Spitalfields.

During the evening, members will hear from those who were part of the programme as well as have the opportunity to discuss the regeneration process. The evening will conclude with a networking drinks reception.

For further information contact: [Sue Brown](#) on 0207 665 1435

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PERKINS+WILL

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.

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

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Thursday 17 January 2019, 6pm for 6.30pm to 8.30pm *Invitation Only* **London First and London Councils Spending Review briefing followed by Borough Leaders and Partner dinner**



London First members are invited to join Senior leaders from London Councils, including their Chair Cllr Peter John OBE and Chief Executive John O'Brien, to learn about London Councils plans in advance of the Government's Spending Review 2019. This special occasion will also offer London First members and the London Councils the opportunity to get to know each other better. The briefing will also explore the importance of the Spending Review 2019 for London and will give London First members the chance to know what is of concern to London Councils and explore areas of potential common cause.

For further information contact: [Gemma Crabtree](#) on 020 7665 1500

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AECOM

Thursday 17 January 2019, 7.45pm to 9.30pm *Invitation Only* **London First and London Councils Spending Review briefing followed by Borough Leaders and Partner dinner**



Following the main event, partners are invited to join London Councils senior executives for a more candid discussion.

For further information contact: [Gemma Crabtree](#) on 020 7665 1441

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AECOM

Wednesday 23 January 2019, 8.15am for 8.30am to 9.30am *Invitation Only*
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

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.

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

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THE IVY

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?

Ministerial keynote address: Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government

Other confirmed speakers includes:

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
Brendan Sarsfield, Group CEO, Peabody
Fiona Fletcher-Smith, Group Director Sales and Development, L&Q

Headline Partner:

Grosvenor Britain & Ireland

Conference Partner:

Terence O'Rourke

Associate Partner:

Barratt London, WYG

Spotlight Partner:

Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC), Peabody

Supported by

Mayor of London, London Councils, CECA, WPA/CPA

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, sponsored by **Battersea Power Station**

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, sponsored by **Landsec**

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 2 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

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February 2019

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.

For further information contact: [Richard Dilks](#) on 020 7665 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 small roundtable Partner dinner with the Chief Executive of Network Rail, Andrew Haines OBE, will follow the main briefing, to allow for a more candid discussion.

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

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Wednesday 6 February 2019, 8am for 8.30am to 9.30am *Invitation Only*
Breakfast briefing with Rokhsana Fiaz OBE, Mayor of Newham



As part of our series of events with the leaders of London's most vibrant boroughs, we're delighted that Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz will join us for a breakfast briefing. This event will be an excellent opportunity to meet the Mayor of Newham and engage with her on working together to address key challenges and opportunities in the borough, namely growth and infrastructure delivery.

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

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Wednesday 27 February 2019, 6pm for 6.30pm to 8.30pm *Invitation Only*
Building Quality Affordable Homes



London needs to build 65,000 homes a year and nearly half need to be affordable. In the desire to meet the demand for affordable housing, how can we ensure that we build quality homes and create sustainable communities? Our panel will cover some of the challenges facing architects, developers, housing associations, and planners in ensuring that we build homes and communities that don't just address the problems we are facing now, but will leave a lasting legacy. This will include covering issues such as how we build affordable homes at density, building tenure blind, and ensuring long-term ongoing affordability for both the resident and the landlord.

For further information contact: [Mairead Carroll](#) on 0207 665 1427

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March 2019

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

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

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 – Sustainable Cities 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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Thursday 14 March 2019, 7pm to 9.30pm *Invitation Only*
London First MIPIM 2019 Closing Dinner

London first members are invited to a small roundtable dinner post the closing drinks, to wrap up MIPIM 2019.

Location: Cannes, France

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



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