

State of Small Business Britain Conference Programme

Productivity and Inclusive Growth

- 09.00 Registration and coffee
- 09.45: Introduction and Welcome to Conference - Lucy Armstrong (ERC Advisory Group Chair) and Professor Stephen Roper (Director, ERC)
- 09.50: Welcome from our conference partner – Charlotte Keenan (Goldman Sachs) – **“Supporting Growth through the 10KSB Programme”**
- 10.00: Keynote Speech – Government Minister – TBC
- 10.15: **Headline Video – “Growing Firms, Growing Jobs”**
- 10.20: **“UK’s Local Economic Growth Dashboard 2016”**
Professor Mark Hart (Deputy Director, ERC)
- 10.30: Panel discussion: Lee Hopley (EEF), James Phipps (Nesta), Sarah Middleton (Black Country Consortium Ltd), Susanna Lawson (OneFile Ltd & GS10KSB alumnus).
Chair: Professor Mark Hart
- 11.15: **“Forging a New Consensus on Inclusive Growth”**
Liam Byrne, MP (APPG on Inclusive Growth) - followed by Q&A
- 11.50: **“Growing Social Ventures in the UK”**
Cliff Prior (Big Society Capital) - followed by Q&A
- 12.30: Lunch and networking
- 13.30: Welcome back and introduction by Chair, Professor Stephen Roper
- 13.35: **“The UK’s Growth Heroes and their Wider Economic Impact”**
Professor Jun Du (ERC) - followed by Q&A
- 14.00: **In Conversation – “UK Business Addressing the National Productivity Challenge”** Phil Smith (Cisco UK and Ireland, member of the Productivity Leadership Group). Interviewer: Professor Stephen Roper
- 14.20: Panel discussion: Jun Du (ERC), Jenny Cridland (BAE Systems), Joe Marshall (NCUB), Richard Evans (Mechatronic Ltd & GS10KSB alumnus).
Chair: Professor Mark Hart
- 15.00: **Future and Prospects - SMEs driving Growth & Jobs - “What have we learnt today that has made us think differently about the prospects for UK SME Growth?”**

Reflections from ERC Funders: Tony Moody (BEIS); Matt Adey (BBB)

Panel discussion: Ute Stephan (Aston University, ERC), Haydn Thomas (NatWest), Mike Spicer (BCC), Kevin Davis (The Vine Trust & GS10KSB alumnus).
Chair: Charlotte Keenan (Goldman Sachs)
- 15.40: **Final thoughts (ERC Directors)**
- 15.45: Conference close