

## Workings of Whitehall | Key Players in the Policy Making Process

Thursday 14 November 2019

### AGENDA

Workings of Whitehall is a dynamic full day seminar delivered by current and former senior civil servants, giving participants the opportunity to learn about how the Civil Service functions, who the key figures in the policy making process are, and how business can effectively engage with Whitehall.

This seminar is ideal for anyone new to working in public affairs or government engagement in the private or not-for-profit sector, individuals new to the Civil Service, and those interfacing with central government from other public bodies.

09:00	Coffee and Registration	
09:30	<p><b>Chair's welcome</b></p> <p><b>Roundtable discussions</b> Introductions and key learning aims</p>	<p><b>Peter Unwin</b>, Former Chief Executive, The Whitehall &amp; Industry Group and former Director General, Environment, Rural and Marine, Department for Environment, Food &amp; Rural Affairs</p> <p><i>Discussion in groups</i></p>
09:50	<p><b>Overview of the Civil Service, Cabinet Office and key players in the policy making process</b> Understand the structure of the civil service, the role of the departments and how they interact with government</p>	<b>Peter Unwin</b>
10:20	<p><b>Overview of policy making</b> How policy is made by the civil service, including insight into consultation and evidence gathering</p>	<b>Olly Newton</b> , Director of Policy and Research, The Edge Foundation, and former Head of Apprenticeships Strategy, Department for Education
10:50	Coffee Break	
11:05	<p><b>The role of HM Treasury</b> How policy funding decisions are made</p>	<b>Speaker TBC</b>
11:25	<p><b>Policy case study</b> How policy is formed and the role of the policy maker</p> <p><b>Group activity:</b> policy proposal</p>	<p><b>Speaker TBC</b></p> <p><b>Facilitated by Olly Newton</b></p>
12:30	Lunch and Networking	
13:10	<p><b>The role of the Special Adviser</b> Understand the role of 'Spad' and how they interact with the civil service and their ministers</p>	<b>Speaker TBC</b>
13:40	<p><b>How business engages with Whitehall</b></p>	<b>Speaker TBC</b>

	When and how does business connect with central government?	
14:10	Coffee break	
14:30	<b>Brexit Session</b> The workings of the Brexit department How other government departments are reacting to Brexit	Speaker TBC
15:00	<b>The role of the Private Secretary</b> Hear from a private secretary and learn what their role entails	Speaker TBC
15:30	<b>The role of the Permanent Secretary</b> Find out what a permanent secretary does from a previous permanent secretary	Speaker TBC
16:00	<b>Closing remarks</b>	Peter Unwin
16:10	Close	