



**Empower
Innovate
Sustain**

Building the necessary
foundations for a collective
and prosperous future.



**At Teesside University,
research on People &
Place transforms the
lives and livelihoods
of individuals and
communities, fostering
a sense of pride, place
and cohesion.**



INTRODUCTION

Teesside University is an anchor institution in the heart of the Tees Valley (a region with a rich industrial past) committed to transforming lives and economies. Through a place-based approach, the University and its partners seek to address the complex and multifaceted social and economic challenges of the area.

The Institute for Collective Place Leadership emerges as a pivotal initiative within Teesside University's research strategy, specifically dedicated to facilitating the People and Place strategic theme.

The Institute for Collective Place Leadership undertakes place-based research to support regional growth, development and regeneration through a collaborative approach that brings together policymakers, communities, businesses and academics. Our research equips place-based leaders with the tools, skills and knowledge to operate in complex and changing environments and to develop responsible and sustainable practices.

The Institute for Collective Place Leadership pioneers approaches to policymaking and advocating for regional empowerment. The Institute has developed out of Teesside University's research strengths in civic and

community engagement and our continued engagement with the UK2070 Commission; a national programme that strives to improve regional inequalities across the UK and Commonwealth countries. Our continued partnership with the programme ensures alignment with national and international policy recommendations, further enhancing the Institute's impact and reach.



VISION

We will become an international beacon for collective place-based leadership, a place where community voice, business knowledge, and policymaker expertise connects with academic research and innovation to drive forward shared, inclusive, and prosperous futures.

MISSION

Dedicated to catalysing social, cultural and economic change within regions in transition, the Institute for Collective Place Leadership brings together arts, humanities, business, and social science research to address some of the most complex challenges facing society today.

GLOBAL IMPACT



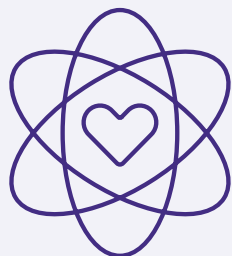
Our work is locally grounded and internationally relevant, extending beyond the UK and reaching out to similar regions going through transition. Through our engaged approach, we seek to provide an international forum for collective place leadership.

INTERDISCIPLINARY EXCELLENCE



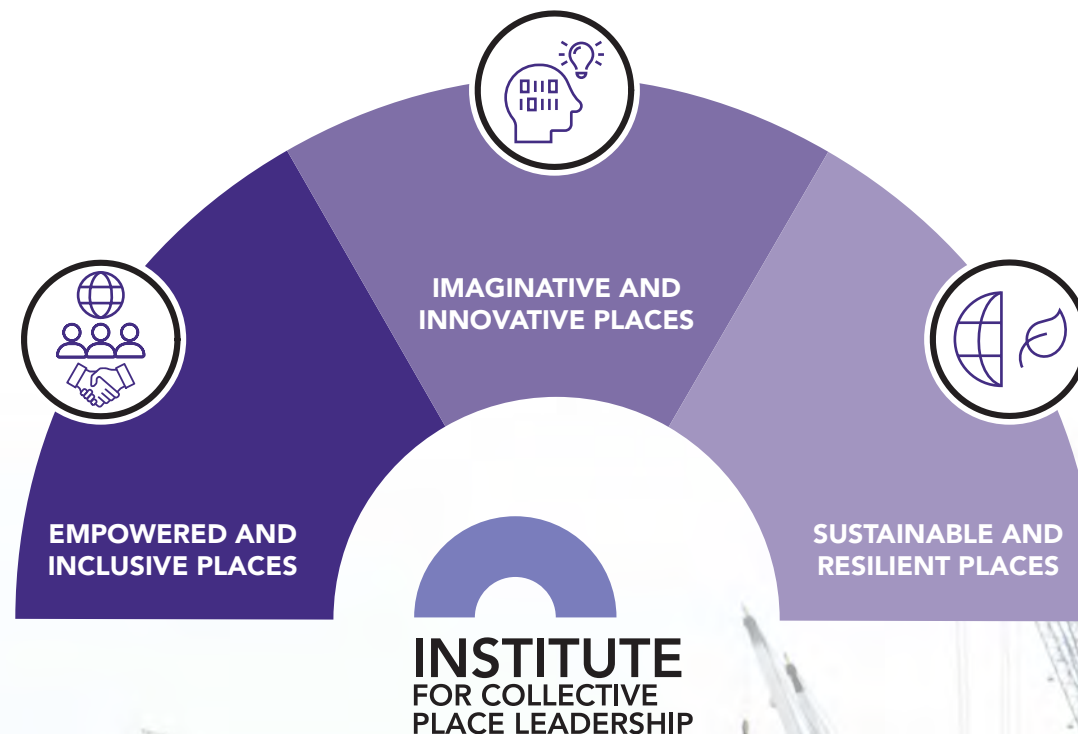
The institute brings together researchers from across the University to drive forward action-orientated research that provides new perspectives and solutions to some of society's most complex challenges.

VALUES



The Institute for Collective Place Leadership is guided by three principles. First, that regional transformation should be driven by the lived and living experiences of people living and working within the region. Second, that regions should be empowered to develop and deliver evidence-based solutions. And finally, that partnership and collaboration are fundamental to designing and delivering interventions and solutions that shape inclusive and prosperous futures.

OUR EXPERTISE



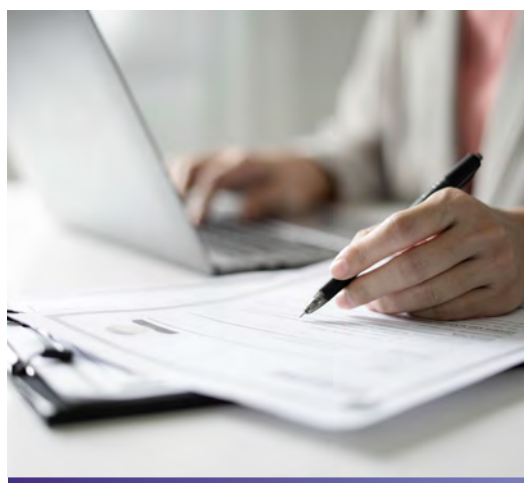
PLACE LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Through portfolio funding from regional and national charities and foundations, our research fosters creative cross-sector conversations on the future of our neighbourhoods, towns and cities. Supporting the development of place leadership and community research skills, our work develops new and innovative models for placemaking, community engagement, and regeneration that bring a diverse range of regional actors into dialogue.



EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY AND PRACTICE

Our work with local and regional authorities, supports infrastructure through programmes such as the UK National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) funded Health Determinants Research Collaboration, support infrastructure development that embeds research and innovation within regional policymaking and practice. Working closely with public sector professionals, our research ensures that policy and practice in the public sector is data-driven and people-centred, with outcomes aligned to stakeholder needs.



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS GROWTH

Our research seeks to close regional education and skills gaps through participatory projects with education providers, employers, and policymakers. The Skills for Growth Programme, for instance, funded by our regional authority (Tees Valley Combined Authority) has provided training on leadership, entrepreneurship, and business strategy, supporting local SME leaders to expand and grow their businesses. Through both our research and practice, our work supports the development of sustainable regional and organisational growth strategies that balance environmental, social, and economic considerations.



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTION

Our work on the social, economic and ethical dimensions to sustainable development brings together cross-sector and community perspectives to explore how energy and climate transitions are responsible and socially just. Our research explores the intersection of technological development, climate change, environmental and energy policy, and public health to support community, business and policy interventions that can help to mitigate the impact of climate change at the local and regional levels.



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND EDUCATION

Through sustained partnerships with education providers our research empowers young people to become future leaders and change-makers. Our research supports the development of inclusive and empowering educational environments to support critical thinking, futures thinking, and civic engagement.



CREATIVE AND DIGITAL SKILLS FOR SOCIAL GOOD

Research on arts, creativity, and entrepreneurship has actively supported the continued growth of the creative, cultural and digital sectors within the Tees Valley and North East. Through projects such as Borderlands (funded by Arts Council England) and Creative Fuse (funded by the UK Arts and Humanities Research Council), our research supports the development of more inclusive digital and creative economies that can contribute positively to society.





DELIVERING SUCCESS

A model of continuous improvement will underpin our work, enabling the Institute for Collective Place Leadership to adapt to new and emerging community, social, and policy priorities. This will support the delivery of Teesside University's People and Place research theme and the University's mission to transform lives and economies through impactful research, innovation and knowledge exchange.

Success will be evidenced through:



Participatory Research that lifts the voices and experiences of our communities and stakeholders.

Cross-Sector Partnerships with regional, national and international policymakers, businesses, communities, and Higher Education Institutions.

Thought Leadership that is evidence-based, engaging, and tailored to the needs of our partners.

Impactful Research that addresses current and future challenges facing society today.

Doctoral Programmes that support the development of sustainable and responsible approaches to organisational and place leadership.

Sustained Research Portfolio through growth in collaborative research and innovation funding.

Find out more about our projects and get in touch:



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