




Equality of opportunity – ensuring that LEPs take full account of the interests of the disadvantaged and minorities

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How can we ensure inclusion?

- we can't!
- no statutory place at the table any longer
- we must make the case for the marginalised and excluded





The socio-political case for inclusion

- Inclusion is...
 - a requirement for identifying needs
 - a component of prioritisation
 - a pre-requisite for fairness
 - a measure of success
 - a Big Society outcome





The business case for inclusion

- Inclusion...
 - leads to savings on benefits and services
 - creates routes to employment
 - brings people into the market place
 - results in economic activity and growth





The business case for inclusion

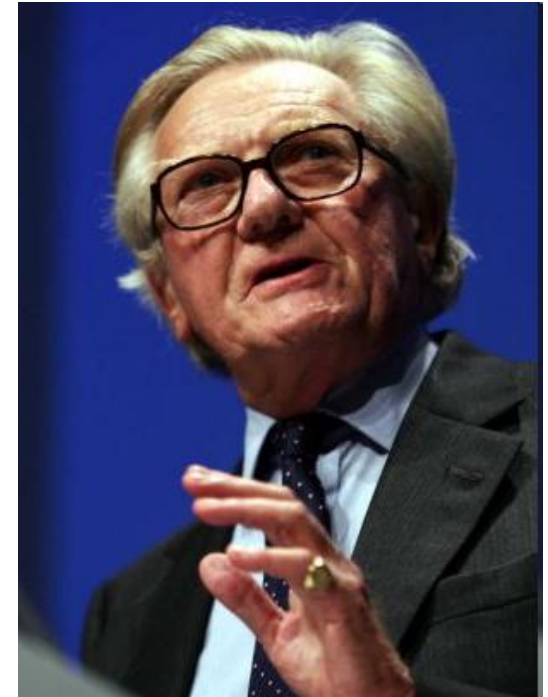
- VCS annual contribution to local economy
 - Lincolnshire: £410 million
 - Nottingham: £227 million
 - North West: £5.3 billion
 - London: £19 billion





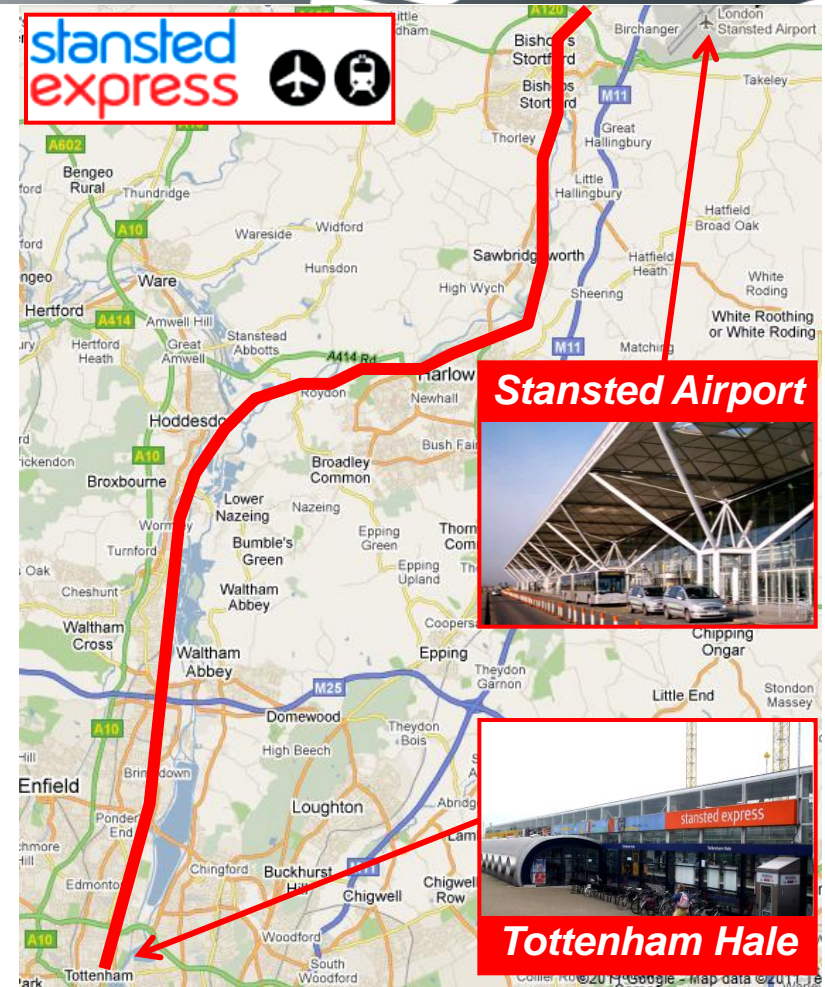
The focus on job creation

- Heseltine on the RGF:
 - first round: “successful bids... showed an ability to deliver a large number of sustainable jobs in the right area”
 - second round: “create and safeguard jobs in areas with a reliance on employment in the public sector”



The case for inclusion

- case study:
Stansted Airport,
Tottenham Hale and
Haringey Council





The case for inclusion

- case study:
London 2012





The case for inclusion

- Inclusion...
 - regenerates people, not just infrastructure





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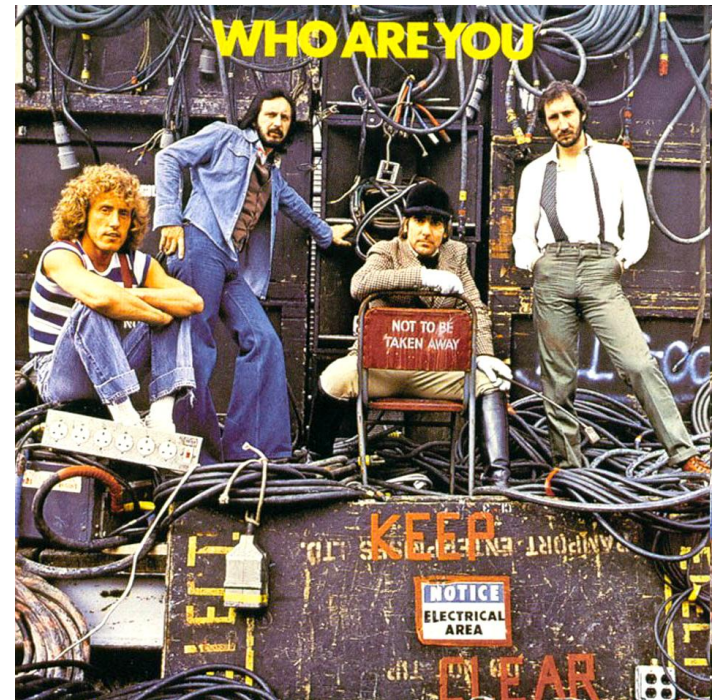
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Ensuring inclusion

- LEPs should work with the local voluntary and community sector to
 - identify who are marginalised and excluded groups
 - discover who is disproportionately disadvantaged
 - develop ways of addressing the socio-economic gap





Ensuring inclusion

- good practice – EIQs
- public sector equality duty
- meeting public partners' outcomes
- good public image
- good reputation





The VCS offer:

- essential support for civil society
- local intelligence and expertise
- democratic renewal
- local accountability
- economic contribution
- Compact compliance
- challenge and solutions

