

Public Events Programme 2016 – 2017



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Proud of our long history and traditions, the University of Chester has always had an unwavering commitment to the pursuit of truth and freedom of enquiry.

This series of public lectures is a wonderful example of the University's values, as we seek to demonstrate the importance and strength of local partnership in our areas of teaching and research at the Warrington Campus – Policing, Health and Social Care, Media, Education, Business and Sport.

We are delighted to be hosting a selection of distinguished and notable industry speakers from both the public and private sector, as we explore disability equality matters, the police and crime plan for Cheshire, life as a BBC Breakfast presenter and popular TV personality, the Mayor of Warrington's drive for cohesion in the business and charity world, the Warrington Wolves as a community business and the Cheshire and Warrington LEP's plans to grow the local economy a year after the referendum.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to the Warrington Campus of the University of Chester.

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Admission is free with pre-booking available online.

OCTOBER 2016

TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2016 • 6.30 PM

Dave Thompson MBE DL MBA,
Warrington Disability Partnership:

'DISABILITY EQUALITY MATTERS: A LOOK AT ONE MAN'S 27 YEAR JOURNEY AS A PATIENT, SERVICE INFLUENCER AND POLICY MAKER'



Dave Thompson was born and raised in Warrington. A keen sportsman, he took part in many sporting events until he was injured in a game of American football in 1989, sustaining a life changing spinal cord injury and in 1999 Dave battled cancer.

Dave was the founder and chair of 'Warrington Disability Information Service' and the chair of the 'Warrington Committee for Disabled People'. He was the founder and a trustee of 'Shopmobility Warrington' and the founder and Vice-Chair of 'Warrington Disability Sports Forum' before all four organisations joined to form Warrington Disability Partnership. In 2010, Dave led the development of the charities' social enterprise the 'Disability Trading Company' and, more recently, of the 'Phoenix Project' that will supply mobility and independent living aids across Egypt and Sudan.

He is the founder and current Event Co-ordinator of the 'North West Disability Awareness Day', the world's largest and longest running pan disability voluntary-led independent living exhibition, and was a founder and past Chair of the 'Cheshire Disabilities Federation' and the founder of the 'North West Positive Action Awards'. Dave has travelled widely across the UK and Europe promoting the development and sustainability of partnerships involving disabled people and carers. Until his retirement in 2015, Dave was the Assistant Director of Inclusion and Partnerships at the '5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Trust', where he led its Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Unit, covering patient and public involvement, equality and diversity, and social inclusion.

In June 2001 Dave received an MBE for services to disabled people and the NHS; in 2004 he received the Paul Harris Fellowship, an International award from the Rotary Foundation. In 2006 he was commissioned a Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Cheshire and the same year the Disability Awareness Day received a Queen's Award for Voluntary Services. After 21 years as a trustee, Dave is now a patron of the 'Tim Parry Jonathan Ball Foundation for Peace', he is the honorary president of 'Warrington Sea Cadets' and a Trustee/Director of nationally acclaimed 'Ella Together', an integrated drama group.

Warrington Disability Partnership (WDP) celebrates its 25th Anniversary this year.

Venue: Lance Dobson Hall, Warrington Campus

Host: Dr Naomi Sharples, Faculty of Health and Social Care

Admission: Free

NOVEMBER 2016

MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2016 • 6.30 PM

David Keane, Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire:

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN



David Keane was elected as Police & Crime Commissioner on 5 May 2016.

David lives in Warrington and is married with a young daughter.

He studied Criminal Justice before qualifying with a Law Degree at University and has board level experience in the public, private and voluntary sectors.

He has 17 years' experience as a Councillor and covers the Wards of Penketh and Cuerdley in the Warrington area.

Venue: Lance Dobson Hall, Warrington Campus

Host: Geoff Elvey, Institute of Policing

Admission: Free

JANUARY 2017

TUESDAY 24TH JANUARY 2017 • 6.30 PM

Dr Louise Minchin: BBC TV Presenter and
Honorary Graduate of the University

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Louise presents Breakfast on BBC One, the UK's most watched breakfast programme. She is also a guest presenter on BBC Radio 5 Live and a reporter on The One Show on BBC One.

Before joining Breakfast full time in April 2012, Louise was one of the BBC News channel's main presenters and also regularly presented the BBC One O'Clock News.

Away from news, Louise has presented five series of Missing Live, her own daytime series commended in Parliament for its work reuniting families.

She has also presented five series of Real Rescues on BBC One.

She is an ambassador for the BBC's Share Take Care campaign to improve internet safety.

In 2009 Louise was one of twelve celebrities who took part in the BBC's "Around the World in 80 Days". She travelled from Mongolia to Los Angeles with BBC Breakfast co-presenter Bill Turnbull to raise money for Children in Need.

Other charities Louise supports include the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Sense and AfriKids.

Venue: Lance Dobson Hall, Warrington Campus

Host: Dr Alec Charles, Faculty of Arts and Media

Admission: Free

TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2017 • 6.30 PM

Councillor Faisal Rashid,
Mayor of Warrington:

THE IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN EVERY PART OF THE COMMUNITY



Councillor Faisal Rashid is the 133rd Mayor and first citizen of Warrington.

As Mayor he is planning to continue to honour tradition, attending and promoting local engagements. He is

also planning, however, to add new aspects to the role which he hopes will benefit the people of Warrington. One of these will be the new 'Mayor's Achievement Awards' to recognise those who have made considerable contribution to the society and community of Warrington.

To support businesses and charities Cllr Rashid plans to launch 'Circle –The Future for Warrington' a business networking initiative with money raised going to charity.

Cllr Rashid's drive for cohesion in Warrington's business and charity worlds extends to its communities with a desire to see more close-knit, supportive environments across the borough.

A family man, married to Aleeza, the Mayoress, and a graduate with a Masters in Business Administration, he came to Warrington for the first time in 1998 from Manchester after falling in love with the town and its green open spaces.

Cllr Rashid bought a house in Warrington whilst continuing to commute to work in Manchester. Despite working full time and caring for his family he also started to get involved in the local community.

In 2006 he started working as a relationship manager at NatWest in Warrington and became ever more actively involved in Warrington's community and many initiatives.

He also recognises the need for supporting local businesses which make an immense contribution towards the economy, creating jobs and wealth, benefiting the whole town.

With his passion and continuous striving to make a difference it seemed a natural progression for him to become a councillor which he did in 2011. He has for many years been involved in working for the communities in Chapelford and Old Hall (Whittle Hall ward).

Food and cooking is another love of Cllr Rashid's life, liking Chinese, Italian and Indian cuisine and he loves nothing more than getting the bbq out for family and friends. Luckily he also enjoys sport and over the years has played basketball, cricket and table tennis. These days, with spare time being limited, he has no time for sport.

Balancing a full time job, family and love for helping others, he wants to highlight what can be achieved in terms of the way we work together.

Cllr Rashid has a goal to see Warrington flourish, to be somewhere people consider a great place to live, work, run a business, raise a family and have a good life.

Venue: Lance Dobson Hall, Warrington Campus

Host: Professor Lawrence Bellamy, Warrington School of Management

Admission: Free

MARCH 2017

TUESDAY 28TH MARCH 2017 • 6.30 PM

Professor Steven Broomhead, Neil Kelly and Tony Smith:

A COMMUNITY BUSINESS – ADDING ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND WELLBEING VALUE TO THE TOWN

Steven Broomhead is the Non-Executive Chairman of Warrington Wolves Rugby Super League Football Club and has held this role since 2009. The Wolves won the Challenge Cup in 2009 and 2010, were Super League Winners in 2011 and finalists in 2012 and 2016. They also won the League Leaders Shield in 2016.

Neil Kelly is Director of the Warrington Wolves Foundation.

Tony Smith is Head of Coaching and Rugby at the Club.

Venue: Lance Dobson Hall, Warrington Campus

Host: Kirstie Simpson, Head of Sport & Community Engagement

Admission: Free



Professor Steven Broomhead



Neil Kelly



Tony Smith



TUESDAY 16TH MAY 2017 • 6.30 PM

Philip Cox, Chief Executive, Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership:
**GROWING THE CHESHIRE AND WARRINGTON ECONOMY
(ALMOST) A YEAR AFTER THE REFERENDUM**



Philip joined Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership in July 2014. His role is to lead the LEP towards its objective of making Cheshire

and Warrington a £50 billion economy by 2040 – more than twice its current size. This role includes overseeing the delivery of the LEP's programme of £150m of infrastructure and other capital projects, its £¼ billion European Structural Funds programme, and the Cheshire Science Corridor Enterprise Zone, which was announced by the Chancellor in the November 2015 Autumn Statement.

Prior to joining Cheshire and Warrington, Philip was a Civil Servant, most recently as the Director for Local Economies at DCLG.

His background is as an Economist and his Civil Service career has included serving as the Principal Private Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister and working on issues such as the sale of the Millennium Dome to create the O2 Arena, renegotiation of the contract to build the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (now HS1), the establishment of Enterprise Zones and overall responsibility for the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) in England.

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