



**Regional Research Symposium**  
**Tuesday 25 October 2016 (8:30am-4.30pm)**

## ***'A Day of Provocative Questions'***

<b>Session and time</b>	
<b>8:30am – 9:30am</b>	<b><i>Introductions</i></b>
<b>Morning tea (15 mins)</b>	<b><i>Provocative ideas about making research work for policy development</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Research is too abstract to influence regional development decision making (9:30-10:30)</li></ul> <b><i>10:30-10:45am – morning tea</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Selling long term analysis to short term policy makers is almost impossible (10:45am-11:45am)</li><li>○ 'Leave regional development to the regions': reconciling centrally-conducted research with local opinion (11:45am - 12:45pm)</li></ul>
<b>Lunch (30 mins)</b>	<b>12:45pm - 1:15pm</b>
<b>Afternoon tea (15 mins)</b>	<b><i>Provocative ideas around outcomes and impact measurement</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ To understand impact, we have to understand how the system works (1:15pm-2:15pm)</li><li>○ Governments are too short-termist to care about the long-term impacts of policy (2:15pm-3:15pm)</li></ul> <b><i>3:15pm – 3:30pm – afternoon tea</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Evaluation and impact assessment is an optional extra, not an essential part of what government does (3:30pm-4:30pm)</li></ul>

