

DAVY JONES

Summary

Davy has been a freelance consultant since summer 2007, following eight years working at a senior level at the Audit Commission, and eleven years in local government. Davy specialises in the inter-related areas of: citizen empowerment, participatory budgeting, performance management and Local Strategic Partnerships. He is also a nationally recognised commentator on the developing policy context for local services.

Davy's main clients include the Improvement and Development Agency, the National Consumer Council and DCLG. In addition, Davy works as an Associate with the following national, international and regional organisations:

- The Consultation Institute;
- The Participatory Budgeting Unit;
- Progress through Partnership;
- LSP Futures;
- Governance International; and
- Shared Intelligence.

Previously, Davy worked for the Audit Commission for 8 years, leading at different times on the nationally acclaimed Area Profiles project, the national PIs for local councils, national quality of life indicators and most recently the Commission's work stream on CAA & public engagement. During that time, Davy authored more than a dozen national Commission reports on performance management, equalities, quality of life indicators and Area Profiles. Before that, Davy worked for Islington, Lambeth and Hackney councils on strategic planning, performance management, and policy development in both corporate and housing departments.

Qualifications

Philosophy and Politics degree (2.1) at University of Kent (1970-73)

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Most recent work

- Part of *Warwick University-led consortium evaluating LAAs/LSPs* for CLG – in particular working on PIs and monitoring of LAAs and on developing the national survey of LSPs;
- With the *Consultation Institute* and the *IDeA*, co-designing and delivering the extensive national training programme on Comprehensive Engagement Strategies; leading the CI's national network on local government; and speaking at numerous other Consultation Institute events and briefings;
- With the national *Participatory Budgeting Unit*, leading on the development of PB in health, working with key pilot areas such as Southampton and the Isle of Wight; launching a South East PB pilots' learning network; and speaking for the Unit at national and regional events;
- With *Progress through Partnership and Shared Intelligence*, designing and delivering capacity-building training and support packages for LSPs in the SE region; and delivering briefing sessions on the legal and policy context for policy areas such as citizen empowerment;
- With the *IDeA*, designing and delivering the web pages on LSPs on IDeA Knowledge;
- With *LSP Futures*, delivering an Action Learning Set on performance management; and speaking at national LSPF events;
- With the *National Consumer Council*, developing their policy on Comprehensive Area Assessment and their critique of the consultation documents produced by the local service inspectorates;
- With *Governance International*, designing and delivering training packages and speaking for GI at national and international conferences on the empowerment agenda in the UK and PB;
- Working with a range of local councils and LSPs in Tewkesbury, Hastings, Southwark, Waltham Forest, Southampton, Portsmouth, Oxfordshire and Plymouth;
- Working with the *Government Office East Midlands* and the *Yorkshire and Humber Regional Empowerment Partnership* on citizen engagement; and
- Writing articles on topical local government issues including the concluding commentary for the recent IDeA publication, *Looking Back, Moving Forward* on the improvement challenges facing local authorities; and articles for *Municipal Journal* on LSPs and on CAA and citizen engagement.