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# IEA speakers brochure

IEA staff, fellows and authors are always keen to comment in print, online and on the airwaves.

Whether you're a journalist looking for a background briefing from one of our staff or would like a quote or to interview someone, please contact:

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**020 7799 8929** or **07931 698 246** (24 hours).

Please note that contacting our media team is the quickest way to book an IEA spokesperson.



## Mark Littlewood

Director General, [@MarkJLittlewood](#)



Mark is Director General of the Institute of Economic Affairs and the IEA's Ralph Harris Fellow. Mark is recognised as a powerful, engaging and articulate spokesperson for free markets.

He features as a regular guest on flagship political programmes such as the BBC's Question Time, Any Questions, Politics Live, Radio 4's Today programme, Newsnight, Channel 4 News, and Sky News.

He writes a regular column for The Times. He specialises on a range of topics including tax and spend, deficit reduction, regulation and government intervention, business and industrial strategy, devolution (including Scottish Independence), the European Union, free trade and more.

Mark also sits on the Board of Big Brother Watch, a non-profit organisation fighting for the protection of privacy and civil liberties in the UK.

Prior to joining the IEA, Mark served as the Head of Media for the Liberal Democrats.

## Kate Andrews

Associate Director, [@KateAndrs](#)



Kate is the Associate Director at the IEA. She previously worked as Head of Communications at the Adam Smith Institute. Kate is recognised as a young and influential spokesperson for free-market ideas.

She features regularly on flagship political programmes, including BBC's Question Time, and has a regular slot reviewing the papers on BBC News and Sky News. She is a weekly columnist for City AM, and has written for The Times, The Daily Telegraph, and The Sunday Express, among other outlets.

Kate has also written a series of briefings for the IEA, analysing the gender pay gap and criticising the Government's introduction of pay gap reporting measures.

She specialises in tax and spend, housing, welfare, the NHS & health, feminism & the gender pay gap, social freedoms, and US politics.

## Syed Kamall

Academic & Research Director, [@SyedKamall](#)



Syed joins the IEA as Academic and Research Director. He has recently been appointed Professor of International Relations at St Mary's University, having formerly worked in IT and as a strategy, public affairs and diversity consultant.

From May 2005 to June 2019, he was a Conservative MEP for London. In the European Parliament, Syed was leader of the European Conservatives and Reformists Group and worked to promote open trade, tech start-ups and better financial regulation, following the last financial crisis. As the most senior elected British MEP, he acted as an interlocutor between UK and EU negotiators.

In London, Syed regularly meets and works with local community projects tackling poverty and social exclusion. He is currently setting up a microfinance project to offer loans to entrepreneurs from poorer communities. He is also in discussions to set up a local charities network to help inspire and incubate more local community charities.

## Richard Wellings

Deputy Research Director & Head of Transport, [@RichardWellings](#)



Richard is Deputy Research Director and Head of Transport at the IEA.

He has a PhD from the London School of Economics on transport and environmental policy and is the author of several papers, books and reports including *Without Delay: Getting Britain's Railways Moving* and *The High-Speed Gravy Train*.

He specialises in all transport related issues including HS2, rail nationalisation/privatisation, airport expansion and roads.

He also covers housing and planning, the future relationship between the UK and the European Union and green taxes.

He has appeared on BBC News, Sky News, BBC Radio 5 Live, the Jeremy Vine show, LBC, and several other outlets including local radio.

## Christopher Snowden

Head of Lifestyle Economics, [@CJSnowdon](#)



Christopher is the IEA's Head of Lifestyle Economics, focusing on research into pleasure, prohibition, and dodgy statistics.

He is the author of works including Killjoys, The Art of Suppression, The Spirit Level Delusion, Crack Cocaine of Gambling, and Free Market Solutions in Health. Chris appears regularly in the media, including appearances on BBC broadcast, Sky News, Channel 4 News, LBC, ITV, and talkRadio.

Chris has written for The Daily Telegraph, The Times, and The Sun; and he writes regular columns for Spectator Health.

## Victoria Hewson

Head of Regulatory Affairs, [@MissVHewson](#)



Victoria is the IEA's Head of Regulatory Affairs and Research Associate.

Victoria was formerly Senior Counsel for the IEA's International Trade and Competition Unit. She worked for Procter & Gamble before entering the legal profession, practising for 12 years in the field of technology and financial services.

She then joined the Legatum Institute Special Trade Commission to focus on trade and regulatory policy, before moving to the IEA.

Her preferred topics are regulation in the technological and financial services, international trade and competition, and the impact of Brexit on the movement of goods and the Irish border.

She has appeared on BBC News, Sky News, Channel 4 News, BBC Newsnight, and LBC, among other programmes.

## Darren Grimes

Digital Manager, [@darrengrimes\\_](https://twitter.com/darrengrimes_)



Darren Grimes is the IEA's Digital Manager, responsible for developing and running the IEA's social media accounts, creating digital and graphic content across departments, and updating all of the IEA's digital platforms, including our website and YouTube channel.

Formerly Deputy Editor at BrexitCentral and founder of the youth-focused BeLeave campaign during the EU referendum, Darren comments on Brexit, housing, climate change, the regeneration of the North, HS2 and social freedoms.

Darren has appeared on BBC Any Questions, Politics Live, Sky News, BBC News, talkRADIO, LBC and has written for The Spectator, Daily Express, Spiked and others outlets.

## Emma Revell

Communications Manager, [@emmamrevell](https://twitter.com/emmamrevell)



Emma is Communications Manager at the IEA. She previously worked at Senior Communications Officer at the Centre for Policy Studies.

Prior to working in Westminster she worked in social care, providing community-based support for adults with mental health and substance abuse issues and learning disabilities.

Emma's comments on an array of topics, including nationalisation, devolution, the regeneration of the North, mental health provisions, housing and homelessness, gender issues, and social freedoms.

Emma has appeared on BBC News, Sky News, and talkRADIO, and has written for The Spectator, The Daily Telegraph, and City A.M.



## Julian Jessop

Economics Fellow, [@julianHjessop](https://twitter.com/julianHjessop)



Julian is an Economics Fellow at the IEA, having previously served as the IEA's Chief Economist.

He has over thirty years of experience in the public sector, City and consultancy, including senior positions at HM Treasury, HSBC, and Standard Chartered Bank.

He has appeared on Sky News, BBC Radio 5 Live, and BBC Radio 4's PM programme, among others.