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**Black Country Constructing Excellence Club**

## Corin Crane

Corin is **Head of Economic Partnerships & Investment** for **Wolverhampton City Council**,

managing the service area responsible for providing the strategic service for economic growth and economic and social inclusion, investment and funding for the residents and businesses of Wolverhampton, providing links to senior contacts in corporate and strategic companies, business support agencies, inward investors, european commission and intermediaries, charitable trusts, Trade Unions and Black Country and neighbouring LEP's.

This includes the following roles:

- Project Director for Black Country Growth Factory (Growth Hub)
- Working on Smart Specialisation and Innovation products for Black Country European Strategy and Strategic Economic Strategy
- Wolverhampton lead for Enterprise Zone sites
- Director for Black Country Make CIC



Corin was previously employed as:

- Economic Development Manager for Telford & Wrekin Council, responsible for managing the Economic Development team (One Telford) including Business and Leisure Tourism, Business Support, Inward Investment, Economic Development, External Funding, Markets, Regeneration and Skills Strategy teams.
- Economic Development Manager for Learning & Skills Council, I managing the economic development team and related budgets for Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin, to ensure all European Social Fund and Core Government Budgets were spent on time and to a high quality and act as senior contact to all external partners.
- Learning & Skills Adviser, Rural Regeneration Zone, Ludlow, funded by Advantage West Midlands to focus on the regeneration of rural areas through Economic, Environmental and Social regeneration activity. He led the development of the Skills Strategy for the Rural Regeneration Zone alongside key partners in the Learning and Skills Council and Local Authorities.
- Regional Development Worker.Trades Union Congress Leeds, managing a small team of four advisers to promote union learning and skills to unions and their members. he led on successful applications to the Union Learning Fund and European Social Funds totalling £1m and was involved in the establishment of 4 Union Learning Centres in workplaces across Yorkshire and Humberside.

Corin has a Post Graduate Diploma in Human Resource Management from Leeds University and a BA in English and Politics from De Montfort University.