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LBRO NEWS

New online tools to help regulators demonstrate value

LBRO has developed a new online tool to support the Outcomes and Impacts Toolkit for regulators. The toolkit uses visual representations known as pathways to develop meaningful indicators and the online resource aids the quick and easy creation of these pathways. Local authorities using the tools have found that workshops with staff and external partners can be the best way to develop pathways and LBRO has also just published a facilitators' guide for running such workshops.

Visit www.lbro.org.uk/resources/outcomes-and-impacts-pathway-tool.html

Master classes in pathway development

We are hosting a master class to be run by RAND Europe in our offices in Birmingham on March 16 to take local authorities through the process of developing outcomes and impacts dashboards against their developed pathways. The session will focus on local authorities who have gone through the process of developing their logic model, and now require additional expertise on how to develop indicators to measure achievements against outcomes. Follow up support to each delegate will be provided by facilitators, in the development of your own dashboard. As this session is free, we require delegates to provide a copy of their completed dashboard to share through the LBRO website.

Contact Helena Lacey: 0121 226 4015 or email enquiries@lbro.org.uk

All resources in one place

Our resources for regulators are now all available in a defined section of our website – It has been created at the suggestion of the Welsh Assembly Government to help Welsh regulators, and draws on practical examples and diverse case studies from LBRO's work throughout the UK.

www.lbro.org.uk/resources/index.html

East of England Seminar

East of England trading standards and environmental health services are invited to a seminar on March 24 to learn more about Government thinking, progress on national enforcement priorities, public health and the effective business engagement and the role of Primary Authority. To book, visit www.eetsa.org.uk and search under training and events.

Progress towards a competency framework

Pilots of the common framework of professional standards have been started by local authority trading standards and environmental health officers. The transparent competency framework for regulators has been successfully used by HSE, the Office of Rail Regulation and by health and safety teams in local authorities, and is now being taken forward with supporting development tools for other local regulatory services, and national regulators. See www.lbro.org.uk/lbro-projects-professional-competency.html

Risk – proposals published

LBRO has agreed an approach with the World Class Coalition to develop commonality across the diverse risk assessment models used across local regulation. This simplified and transparent system provides a foundation for better information sharing, which will improve the robustness of evidence to support the assessment and regulatory response. The system will be piloted by local and national regulators. www.lbro.org.uk/resources/docs/risk-assessment-final-proposals.pdf

