






In conversation with BlueLight Commercial on equality, diversity and inclusivity in public procurement

In order to drive the equality, diversity and inclusivity (EDI) agenda forward, it is vital that organisations across the public and private sector ensure that Social Value is at the heart of strategy and decision making processes. Whilst many organisations focus on EDI in the context of service users and workforce, the role of procurement in tackling Social Value issues should be fully explored with a view to ensuring that suppliers are clear about the standards which are expected of them to help organisations meet their EDI targets.

Mary Mundy (Partner) and **Nicola Green** (Legal Director) will be joined by **Ruth McDermott** (Regional Commercial Director) and **Billie Heafield** (Commercial Manager) of BlueLight Commercial to discuss how EDI can be embraced and promoted through public procurement.

-  **Date**
Wednesday, 14 July 2021
-  **Time**
12.00 - 1.00pm
-  **Location**
Online

Tailored for procurement professionals and EDI leads to spark ideas and help gain an understanding of what can be done through their procurement activity. The panellists will explore:

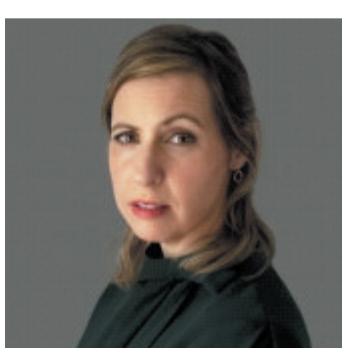
- The legal and policy basis for EDI in public procurement
- An overview of BlueLight Commercial and the delivery of social value within policing and the embedding of social value within the commercial lifecycle.

Attendees will be treated to an engaging and lively discussion from our speakers. There is the opportunity to pose questions ahead of the session when registering and at the end of the webinar.

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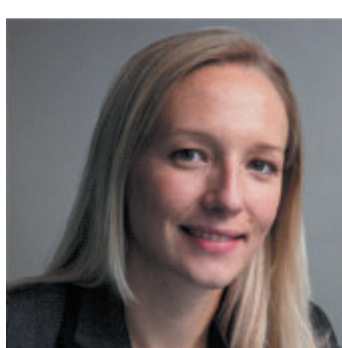
Meet the speakers...

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Mary Mundy
Partner

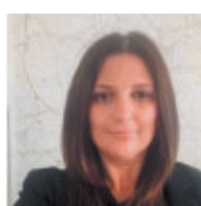
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Nicola Green
Legal Director

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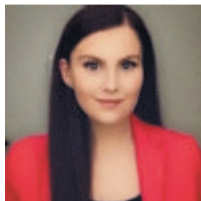
Guests:



Ruth McDermott
Regional Commercial Director

Ruth is the Regional Commercial Director for Social Value and Revenue at BlueLight Commercial. Her current areas of focus are the National Modern Slavery agenda, SME and VSCE partnerships and supporting colleagues across policing with their approach and applying combined expertise to influence outcomes. She is also responsible for Revenue exploring financial funding opportunities across blue light services and BlueLight Commercial to create the optimal commercial approach and offering to customers for each service area covered.

Ruth has over 17 years' commercial and procurement experience within the Policing environment and has held senior roles such as Head of Procurement within the Yorkshire and Humber Region.






Billie Heafield
Commercial Manager

Billie is a Commercial Manager in BlueLight Commercial working closely with Blue Light Services on the implementation of category strategies and delivery of procurement initiatives and activities. She has over 10 years' procurement and commercial experience in both public and private sector. Previously, Billie was a Senior Category Manager in the Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Procurement Team.

Billie is currently leading on the development of a national toolkit and guidance on how to apply and measure Social Value effectively throughout the full commercial lifecycle, including the review of best practice in key priority areas such as fighting climate change, workplace equality and diversity and protection against modern slavery.

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