Borgarráð

Reykjavík, 29. september 2026
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Fyrirhuguð þátttaka borgarstjóra í leiðtogaþjálfun Bloomberg

Fyrirhuguð er ferð borgarstjóra til London dagana 3.- 7. október nk. til að taka þátt í leiðtogaþjálfun Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initative. Borgarstjóra er boðið til vinnustofunnar ásamt öðrum borgarstjórum víðs vegar úr Evrópu þar sem borgarstjórar eru hvattir til að leiða vinnu við innlend forgangsverkefni. Verkefnið sameinar sérfræðiþekkingu frá London School of Economics and Political Science og Hertie skólanum í Berlín ásamt reynslu af meira en áratugar starfi Bloomberg Philanthropies við að efla leiðtogafærni en vinnustofan er í heild um níu mánuðir. Góðgerðarstofnun Michael Bloomberg fyrrum borgarstjóra New York borgar stendur straum af kostnaði, þ.m.t. námskeiðsgjöldum, ferðum og gistingu.

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Dagskrá vegna leiðtogaþjálfunar Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative.

Reykjavík

Mayors Programme

BLOOMBERG LSE
European City Leadership Initiative

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2026

Shuttle transfer (from The Ned London to London School of Economics and Political Science)

7.40 am Departure from The Ned London

8.20 am Arrival at London School of Economics and Political Science (The Marshall Building)

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Time: Upon arrival

Location: MAR.1. Open Space

Address: London School of Economics and Political Science, The Marshall Building, 44 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3LY

Breakfast

Time: 8.30 am – 9.00 am

Location: MAR.2. Open Space

Welcome to Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative

Time: 9.00 am – 9.35 am

Location: MAR.2.08

Overview: The session introduces the Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative, setting out the programme's purpose, approach and expectations, and inviting Mayors to view the challenges they face through the lens of innovation, leadership and mission-driven government.

Speakers:

James Anderson
Head of Government Innovation Programs, Bloomberg Philanthropies

Larry Kramer
President and Vice Chancellor, London School of Economics and Political Science

Theme: **Communication & Collaboration**

Overview: City leaders cannot solve complex challenges alone; they need to build coalitions and partnerships and earn residents' support. The opening-day activities are designed to strengthen Mayors' communication, storytelling and persuasion skills and their understanding of the instruments of soft power.

The Programme Journey

Time: 9.35 am – 10.00 am

Location: MAR.2.08

Overview: This session introduces the overall aims and objectives of the Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative. The session will map the key milestones of the Mayors' nine-month journey.

Speaker:

Savvas Verdis
Academic Director, Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative

The Case for City Government Innovation

Time: 10.00 am – 10.35 am

Location: MAR.2.08

Overview: The session introduces and defines City Government Innovation, unpacking key dimensions of urban value creation and resident impact, before presenting fresh survey findings from the cohort on recent innovation actions, time allocation, and innovation leadership approaches.

Speaker:

Philipp Rode
Co-Chair, Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative

Coffee break

Time: 10.45 am – 11.15 am

Location: MAR.8.19

Values-Based Communication and Public Narrative (Part 1)

Time: 11.15 am – 12.10 pm

Location: MAR.8.01

Overview: The session investigates how city leaders can build wider public support for their missions by mapping the values their stakeholders hold, framing their message to connect with those values, and communicating their mission as a public narrative rooted in personal and resident stories.

Speaker:
Savvas Verdis
Academic Director, Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative

Lunch

Time: 12.20 pm – 13.20 pm

Location: MAR.2. Open Space

Values-Based Communication and Public Narrative (Part 2)

Time: 13.30 pm – 14.50 pm

Location: MAR.8.01

Speaker:
Savvas Verdis
Academic Director, Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative

The Soft Power of Cities

Time: 14.50 pm – 16.10 pm

Location: MAR.8.01

Overview: The session investigates the concrete instruments of soft power that city leaders can deploy to build the partnerships their missions depend on, which can extend their influence well beyond their formal jurisdiction.

Speaker:

Greg Clark
Global Advisor, Scholar and Writer

Coffee break

Time: 16.10 pm – 16.40 pm

Location: MAR.8.19

Day debrief, advisor introductions and evaluation

Time: 16.40 pm – 18.00 pm

Location: MAR.8.01

Welcome Reception

Location: Serpentine Galleries, Kensington Gardens, London, W2 3XA

Time: 18.30 pm – 20.30 pm
(Transfers to and from the venue will be arranged)

Speakers:

Hans Ulrich Obrist
Artistic Director, Serpentine Galleries

Jerry Bruno
Government Innovation,
Bloomberg Philanthropies

Alba Lamberti
Head, Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative

MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2026

Badge collection

Time: 7.30 am – 8.00 am

Location: Bloomberg L.P. European Headquarters (Reception)

Address: 3 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4N 4TQ

Breakfast

Time: 8.00 am – 8.30 am

Location: 7PFR

Welcome to Bloomberg L.P. European Headquarters

Time: 8.30 am – 8.40 am

Location: 7MPR

Speaker:

James Anderson
Head of Government Innovation Programs, Bloomberg Philanthropies

Theme: **Communication & Collaboration**

Overview: The day's activities continue to build Mayors' outward-facing communication and collaboration skills, focusing first on bringing residents along the change journey through communication strategies, and then on building measurable missions and the necessary machinery to collaborate across departmental and organisational boundaries.

Morning briefing

Time: 8.40 am – 8.55 am

Location: 7MPR

Speaker:

Savvas Verdis
Academic Director, Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative

Communicating with Residents

Time: 8.55 am – 10.15 am

Location: 7MPR

Overview: This session investigates how city leaders can communicate innovation to residents in ways that turn them from spectators into active supporters, leading with the problems that residents perceive, the journey of the work as it unfolds, and a proximate, neighbourly presence.

Speaker:

Andrea Römmele
Member, Academic Governing Board and Management Committee, Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative, Hertie School

Coffee break

Time: 10.15 am – 10.45 am

Location: 7PFR

Building Ambitious Missions

Time: 10.45 am – 12.10 pm

Location: 7MPR

Overview: This session investigates how city leaders can construct ambitious mission statements with measurable objectives that can mobilise sectors and actors well beyond their direct authority.

Speaker:

Anna Sakiqi
Partner and Head of Europe, Delivery Associates Europe

Class photo with Michael R. Bloomberg

Time: 12.30 pm – 12.50 pm

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In Conversation with Michael R. Bloomberg

Time: 12.50 pm – 13.15 pm

Location: 7MPR

Overview: The session reflects on the role of leadership in driving innovation in government, as Michael R. Bloomberg shares his experience of pursuing ambitious change and delivering results for residents.

Speakers:

Michael R. Bloomberg
Founder of Bloomberg L.P. and Bloomberg Philanthropies,
Mayor of New York City, 2002–2013

Interviewed by **Francine Lacqua**
Anchor & Editor-at-Large, Bloomberg TV

Lunch

Time: 13.25 pm – 14.25 pm

Location: Walbrook

Connecting Government Silos

Time: 14.35 pm – 16.00 pm

Location: Pae White

Overview: This session gives Mayors a practical framework for improving cross-departmental coordination, tested through a simulation exercise, so each leaves with one concrete action for their own city.

Speaker:

Philipp Rode
Co-Chair, Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative

Day debrief and evaluation

Time: 16.00 pm – 16.50 pm

Location: Pae White

Coffee break

Time: 17.00 pm – 17.20 pm

Location: 7PFR

Reflections on City Leadership

Time: 17.20 pm – 18.10 pm

Location: 7MPR

Overview: The session explores the opportunities and challenges of leading a global city, as Mayor Khan reflects on the leadership choices that have shaped his approach to communicating with residents, navigating opposition and building partnerships. The conversation considers how Mayors can use their voice, influence and relationships to bring people together and drive meaningful change.

Speakers:

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London, United Kingdom

In conversation with **Ricky Burdett**
Co-Chair, Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative

Introduced by **James Anderson**
Head of Government Innovation Programs, Bloomberg Philanthropies

Reception and Dinner hosted by Michael R. Bloomberg (by invitation only)

Location: Tate Modern, Bankside, London, SE1 9TG

Time: 19.00 pm – 21.30 pm
(Transfers to and from the venue will be arranged)

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TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2026

Badge collection

Time: 7.30 am – 8.00 am

Location: Bloomberg L.P. European Headquarters (Reception)

Address: 3 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4N 4TQ

Breakfast

Time: 8.00 am – 8.30 am

Location: 7PFR

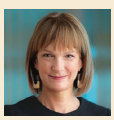
Welcome

Time: 8.30 am – 8.55 am

Location: 7MPR

Overview: The session provides an overview of Bloomberg Philanthropies' work around the world, highlighting its commitment to supporting cities and local leaders to address pressing challenges and deliver lasting impact.

Speaker:



Patricia E. Harris
Chief Executive Officer,
Bloomberg Philanthropies

Creating Urban Visions: Designing for Collaboration and Innovation

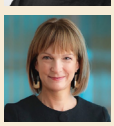
Time: 8.55 am – 9.45 am

Location: 7MPR

Overview: The session explores how the physical environment can shape organisational culture, behaviour and innovation. Drawing on the design of Bloomberg L.P. European Headquarters and his broader body of work, Norman Foster will reflect on how spaces can encourage openness, collaboration and exchange, and how design can enable the behaviours leaders want to foster within their organisations. He will highlight key features of the building that bring these ideas to life before leading Mayors on a short tour.

Speakers:

Norman Foster
Founder and Executive Chairman,
Foster + Partners



Introduced by **Patricia E. Harris**
Chief Executive Officer,
Bloomberg Philanthropies

Coffee break

Time: 9.45 am – 10.15 am

Location: 7PFR

Theme: **Change Leadership**

Overview: The day invites Mayors to focus on what is needed to radically change how their organisation works – through data, experimentation and the political act of scaling. This act of leadership turns one-off pilots and siloed data into governing disciplines, running an open delivery cycle and staking political capital to move proven innovation from the margins into core budgets and procurement.

Morning briefing

Time: 10.15 am – 10.30 am

Location: 7MPR

Speaker:

Savvas Verdis
Academic Director, Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative

Enabling the Experimental Government

Time: 10.30 am – 11.50 am

Location: 7MPR

Overview: This session investigates how city leaders can govern experimentally, enabling their teams to devise and test different solutions in parallel at small scale, recognising the possibility of failure in advance, owning the outcomes, and spending political capital to scale up what works in the pilots.

Speakers:

Elisabeth Costa
Chief of Innovation and Partnerships,
Behavioural Insights Team

Christian Bason
Co-Founder of Transition Collective

Lunch

Time: 12.00 pm – 12.55 pm

Location: Walbrook

Using Data to Solve Urban Problems: Measuring what Matters in City Government

Time: 13.05 pm – 14.25 pm

Location: 7MPR

Overview: The session investigates how city leaders can build and sustain a performance routine around a public mission, holding the administration to three questions: What is the real problem? What are we doing about it, and why? How do we know we are moving in the right direction?

Speaker:

Jorrit de Jong
Director, Bloomberg Center for Cities at Harvard University

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Enabling Senior Leadership and Building Capacity in City Hall

Time: 14.30 pm – 14.50 pm

Location: 7MPR

Overview: The session investigates how Mayors can build sustained momentum beyond their own participation by empowering senior leaders and city teams to carry innovation into day-to-day government.

Speakers:

Savvas Verdis
Academic Director, Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative

Salvador Parrado
Academic Director, Executive Education, Hertie School, Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative

Innovation in Action: Changing How Government Works

Time: 14.50 pm – 15.35 pm

Location: 7MPR

Overview: This session explores how innovation teams can help Mayors change how their organisations tackle complex challenges. Mayors will examine how teams turn priorities into measurable problems, use data and experimentation to test solutions, and work across government to deliver results. The conversation will also explore the Mayor's role in creating the conditions for innovation to succeed, including empowering teams, removing obstacles and supporting experimentation when approaches do not work as planned.

Speakers:

Kim McGuinness
Mayor of North East England, United Kingdom

Tomislav Tomašević
Mayor of Zagreb, Croatia

Goran Momčilović
i-team Director, Zagreb, Croatia

In conversation with **Philipp Rode**, Co-Chair, Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative

Coffee break

Time: 15.35 pm – 15.55 pm

Location: 7PFR

Day debrief and evaluation

Time: 15.55 pm – 16.45 pm

Location: 7MPR

The Creative Practice of Change

Time: 16.45 pm – 17.35 pm

Location: 7MPR

Overview: The session invites Mayors to explore the creative practices that enable change and innovation. Drawing on her own creative process, Es Devlin will reflect on how leaders can work with uncertainty, develop ideas through experimentation and iteration, and learn from what does not work. The conversation will consider how leaders can create the conditions for imagination, openness and experimentation to become part of how their organisations work.

Speakers:

Es Devlin
Bloomberg Philanthropies Board Member, Artist and Stage Designer

Introduced by **Patricia E. Harris**
Chief Executive Officer, Bloomberg Philanthropies

Evening Reception

Location: Design Museum, 224-238 Kensington High Street, London, W8 6AG

Time: 18.30 pm – 20.30 pm
(Transfers to and from the venue will be arranged)

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WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2026

Badge collection

Time: 7.30 am – 8.00 am

Location: Bloomberg L.P. European Headquarters (Reception)

Address: 3 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4N 4TQ

Breakfast

Time: 8.00 am – 8.30 am

Location: 7PFR

Morning briefing

Time: 8.30 am – 8.40 am

Location: 7MPR

Speaker:

Savvas Verdis
Academic Director, Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative

From Prototype to Power

Time: 8.40 am – 9.30 am

Location: 7MPR

Overview: The session brings together key themes from across the week through a conversation between James Anderson and Savvas Verdis on the leadership required to turn promising ideas into lasting change. They will explore how Mayors can communicate openly, mobilise people and institutions beyond their direct authority, and move successful experimentation from individual pilots into the routines and machinery of government. The conversation invites Mayors to consider how their own leadership and influence can create the conditions for change to take hold and endure across their organisations and cities.

Speakers:

James Anderson
Head of Government Innovation Programs, Bloomberg Philanthropies

In conversation with **Savvas Verdis**
Academic Director, Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative

Theme: **Agile Leadership**

Overview: The final day turns inward to Mayors' own leadership behaviours and influence, as well as the culture that they create at City Hall. This is where Mayors hone their skills as inclusive leaders who make teams feel valued and safe to test new ideas while also providing strong and decisive leadership as they drive change across the organisation.

Influence and Leadership

Time: 9.30 am – 10.50 am

Location: 7MPR

Overview: This session delves deeper into how Mayors exert influence as leaders, applying evidence-based principles of persuasion to a real-life challenge, and helping them understand their own power in their organisation as socially constructed.

Speaker:

Connson Locke
Professor (Education) of Management, Department of Management, London School of Economics and Political Science

Coffee break

Time: 10.50 am – 11.05 am

Location: 7PFR

Inclusive Leadership

Time: 11.05 am – 12.30 pm

Location: 7MPR

Overview: The session investigates the everyday leadership behaviours through which city leaders build the psychological safety and structured dissent that innovation depends on, including how to manage the signals that their own conduct sends, and how their teams might read them.

Speaker:

Grace Lordan
Associate Professor, Department of Psychological & Behavioural Sciences, London School of Economics and Political Science

Day debrief and evaluation

Time: 12.30 pm – 13.05 pm

Location: 7MPR

Closing remarks

Time: 13.05 pm – 13.30 pm

Location: 7MPR

Overview: The session focuses on how city leaders can sustain the momentum generated through the programme, reflecting on the insights, commitments and progress developed over the week and identifying how they will continue to drive change through their cities and their wider network of peers.

Speakers:

Fatima Shama
Government Innovation, Bloomberg Philanthropies

Ricky Burdett
Co-Chair, Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative

Grab-and-go lunch

Time: 13.30 pm onwards

Location: 7PFR

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