

Local Government Information Unit

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New Communications chief at local democracy thinktank

Laraine Miles began work today (2 August) as the new Head of Communications at the Local Government Information Unit (LGIU), the influential local democracy thinktank.

Joining the LGIU from the Department for Education and Skills (DfES), Laraine was formerly Communications Manager at Westminster City Council, and has also worked in communications for the London Borough of Camden.

Laraine Miles said: "I am delighted to be working for such a leading independent thinktank in the local government field and look forward to contributing to the LGIU's work as a coherent voice for vigorous local democracy in a time of great change."

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Notes to Editors

1. Originally founded in 1983 to campaign against ratecapping, the Local Government Information Unit (LGIU) is Britain's foremost independent local democracy think tank, campaigning to extend local authority best practice, freedoms and responsibilities. The LGIU is working to influence the debate on local government modernisation. The LGIU and its sister organisations The Education Network (TEN) and the Democratic Health Network (DHN) provide research, policy briefings, information, advice, training and lobbying services to local authority and trade union affiliates. Previous LGIU news releases and statements can be viewed at www.lgiu.gov.uk.