

Update

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Join the network!

Across the region, organisations are looking at ways they can improve their evidence base and data resources. In many cases, the chosen approach is based upon the *observatory* model.

This is very evident in the South East with several observatories at various stages of development. A number of these groups have expressed an interest in learning from others and moving forward together. As a result the South East Regional Observatories Network (SERON) has been established. Membership is open to anybody involved in

the running or development of an observatory or research network within the South East. As a member, you will have access to a network of partners and

organisations within the South East, providing the opportunity to share best practice and discover common interests and approaches. For more information contact us at info@see-in.co.uk or register for the discussion forum online at

<http://forums.seron.org.uk>

Independence
for ONS?

Published alongside the 2006 Budget documents was a consultation document on "Independence for Statistics" (March 2006). This document outlines the Government's proposals to introduce a new independent governing board for ONS, with direct reporting and accountability to Parliament rather than through Ministers. The consultation runs until 14th June 2006 and the document is available to download at: www.hm-treasury.gov.uk

Get more from Statistics

There are lies, damned lies and statistics, so they say. A seminar hosted by SEE-IN and ARO in Oxford on 9th May has, we hope, helped attendees to get more from the statistics they use.

"Developing Best Practice in Presenting Statistics" has now been run twice and provided delegates with the

opportunity to learn from best practice from around the country and hear about developments from key organizations. It is likely a repeat may be held later in the year, but in the meantime all the presentations from the day are available on the SEE-IN website in the Events section.



New on SEE-iN

- + Securing the Regions' Futures (ODPM, DEFRA, DTI)
- + South East Coastal Strategy: Draft Framework (SEEDA)
- + Draft Regional Economic Strategy 2006-2016 and Sustainability Appraisal (SEEDA)
- + The Land Economy (Adam Smith Institute)
- + Labour Market Review 2006 (ONS)
- + Labour Market Trends, May 2006 (ONS)
- + Job Densities for Local Areas 2006 (ONS)
- + Draft South East Plan (SEERA)
- + State of the English Cities (ODPM)
- + Regional Monitoring Report 2005 (SEERA)
- + Social Trends 2006 (ONS)
- + Rural Communities Database (Commission for Rural Communities)

Coming Soon

Research and data

May 2006

House Price Index, Mar 2006 (ODPM)

Regional Trends (ONS)

Farm Household Income and Household Composition (DEFRA)

Events

31 May 2006: International Reflections on Managing Growth: Government's Communities Plan and Beyond (London)

www.regional-studies-assoc.ac.uk

8 June 2006: A New Rural Agenda: Moving in From the Margins(London)
www.ippr.org.uk

17-20 July 2006: ESRC Research Methods Festival (Oxford)
www.cssr.ac.uk/methods/festival

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About SEE-iN

The South East England Intelligence Network is a partnership funded organisation and is the Regional Observatory for the South East.

We aim to encourage and facilitate the development of evidence based policy work, through the coordination of data and intelligence.

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