

Collaborative Regional Governance: Lessons from Greater Manchester

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The development in Greater Manchester (UK) of a primarily "bottom-up" form of regional governance offers four key lessons for city-regions looking to build more inclusive and collaborative forms of governance.

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GEOGRAPHY MATTERS, BUT ONLY UP TO A POINT:

The Greater Manchester area has proven durable because significant effort was put into making it relevant to a range of interests.

NARRATIVE MATTERS:

Uniting the broad set of stakeholders supporting the development of Greater Manchester was the belief that they are all in this together, that they can achieve common benefit from a common set of purposes, and that they gain strength from acting together.

CHANGE IS DRIVEN BY COALITIONS OF THE WILLING, NOT BY GRAND DESIGNS:

Many of the small steps taken towards the self-organization of Greater Manchester were made by a subset of interests, not as a result of wide-ranging consensus.

LEADERSHIP MATTERS:

Coalitions of the willing have to be galvanized into existence and persuaded to take risks if they are to realize mutual gains.

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