

Sustainability West Midlands Annual Conference

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The West Midlands has not always been committed to sustainability

Wolverhampton, 1866



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1960s economic zenith

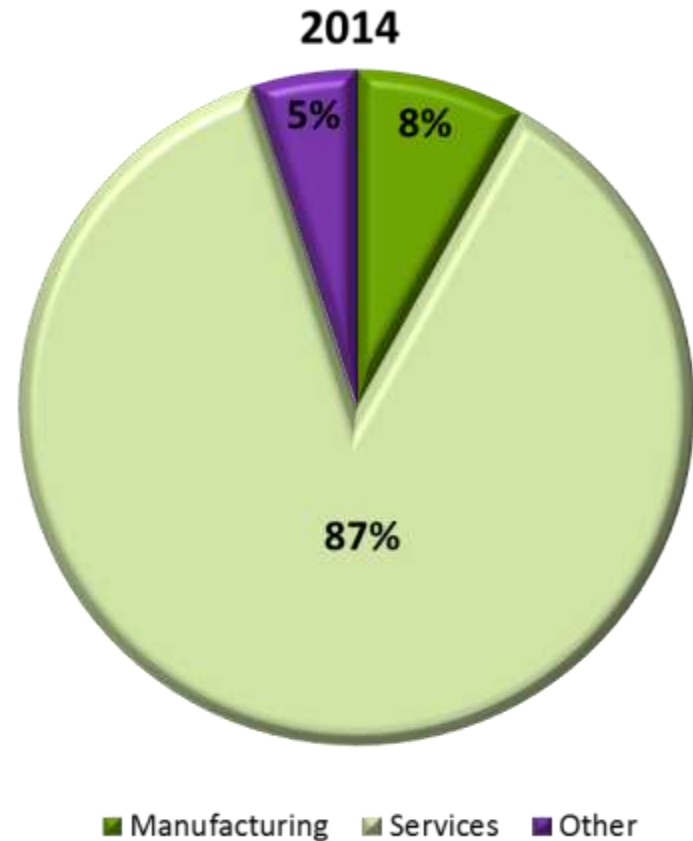
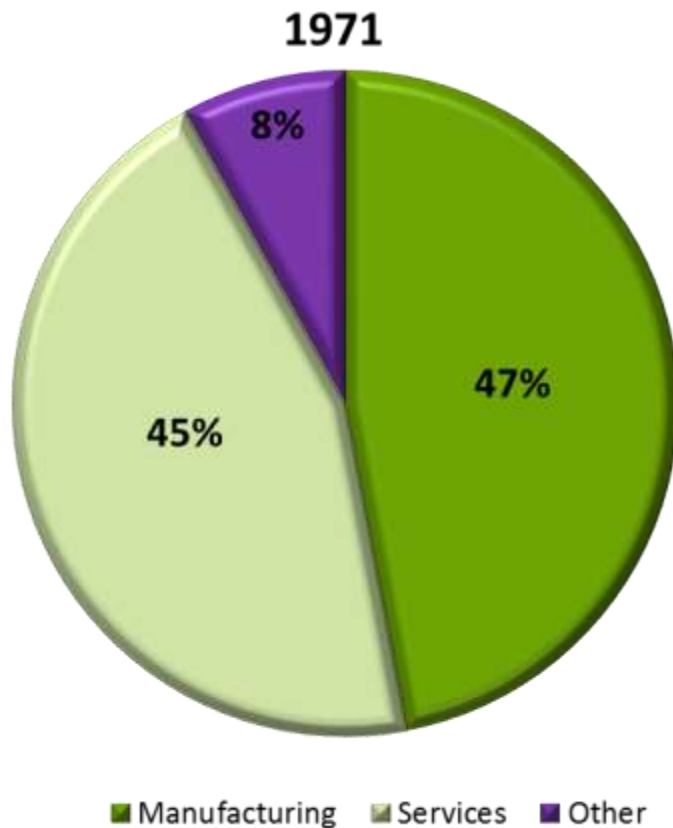


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Disruption in action

Sectoral composition of employment in Birmingham, 1971 & 2014



The fightback begins: over £1bn investment last year



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Getting people out of their cars



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Cycle and walking superhighways into our cities



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Supporting renewable industries in the West Midlands



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Reclaiming brownfields sites for new housing



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We must make smart infrastructure decisions



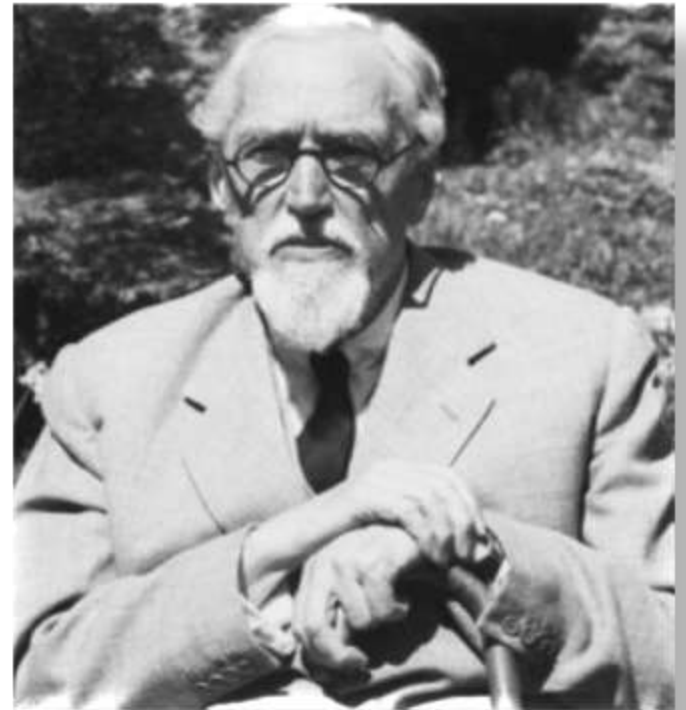
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Personal experience

The Ultimate Purpose of the Partnership is the happiness of all our members through their worthwhile and satisfying employment in a successful business

John Spedan Lewis,
1929

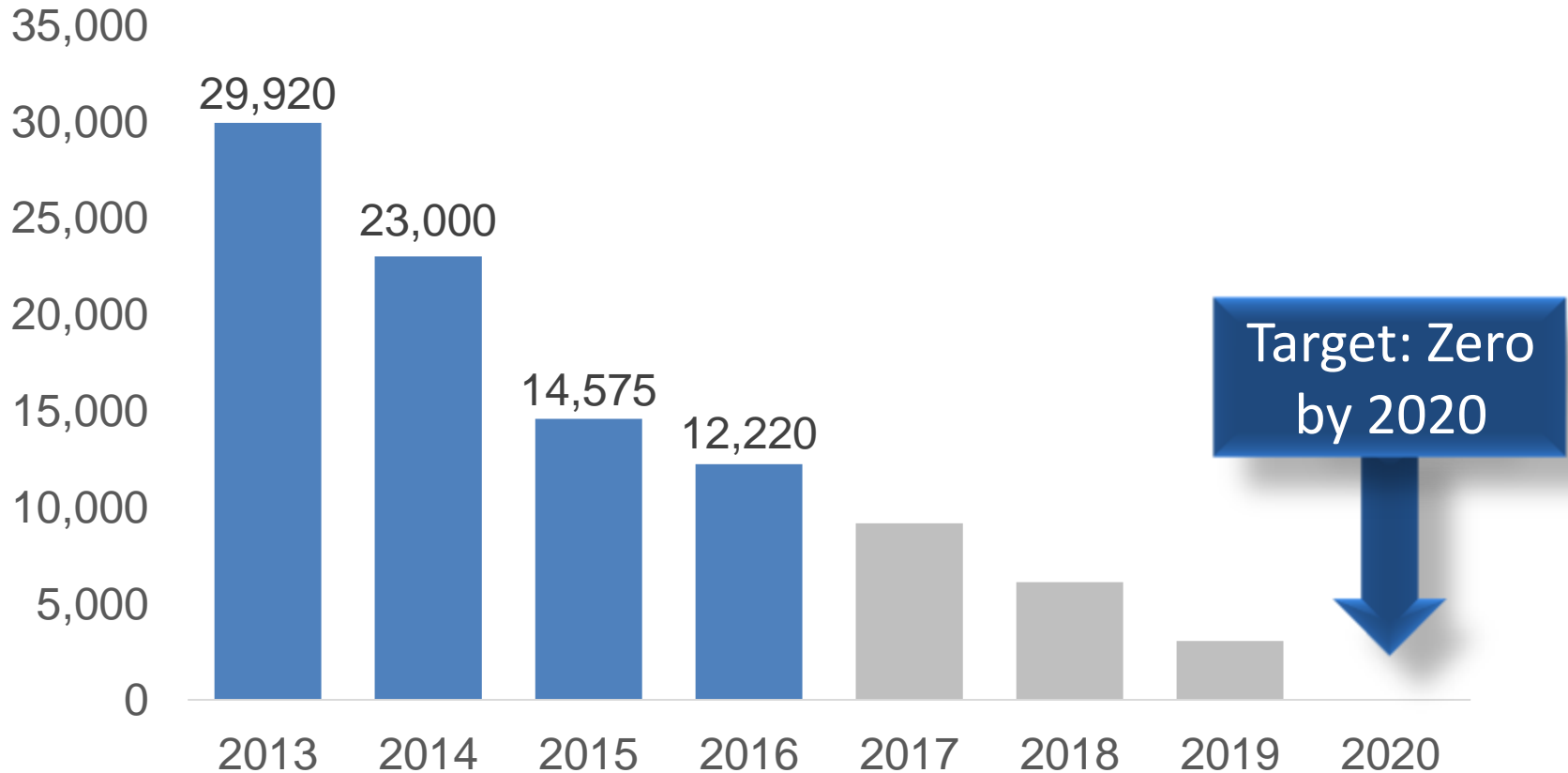


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Abolish youth unemployment in the next four years

Youth unemployment in the West Midlands in January of each year



Source: ONS / Nomis claimant count (18-24) by sex and age, by Local Authority



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Fair pay for all: attracting highly-paid jobs and helping people up the ladder

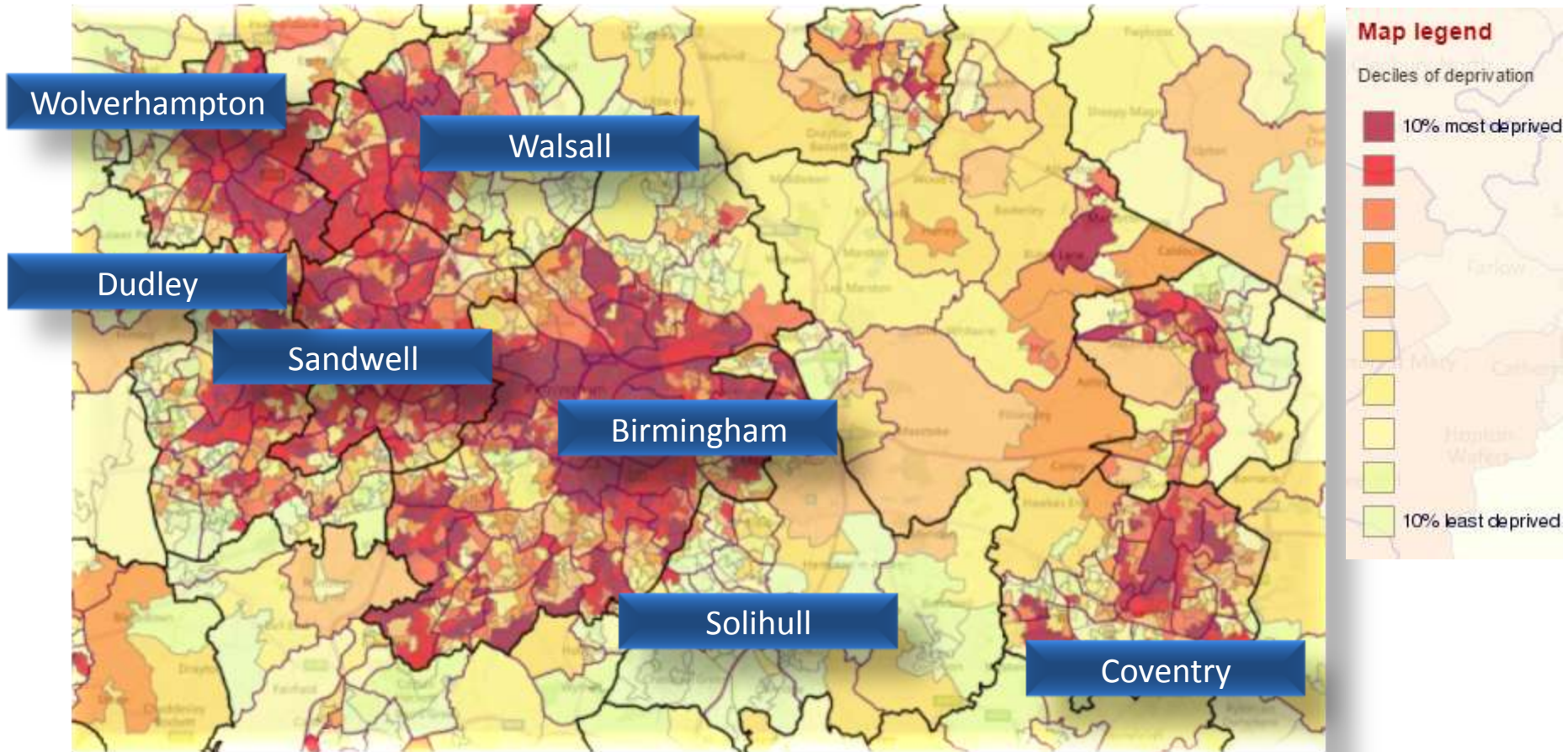


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The Challenge

Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2015 (West Midlands)



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