

## Team



**James Morris, Chief Executive**

James was educated at the University of Birmingham where he studied English Literature and then undertook postgraduate research at Oxford University. He also has an MBA from Cranfield School of Management where he won the Venture Capital Report prize for entrepreneurs. James has been a successful small businessman having established a number of software companies. He also has a strong track record as a policy maker and campaigner as the Director of the innovative campaign group Mind the Gap in 2003. He was appointed CEO of Localis in March 2008.



**Tom Shakespeare, Director of Policy and Research**

Tom joined Localis in June 2008, having previously worked for Policy Exchange where he contributed to a report on party financing called 'Paying for the Party'. He has a degree in mechanical engineering and in 2007 completed an MA in political research at the University of Nottingham. His dissertation looked into the potential application of the second law of thermodynamics to agent-based models of human behaviour and ethnic conflict. Tom leads on research for Localis, and amongst other things, has written several reports, including 'Can Localism Deliver?' and 'For Good Measure'.



**Mike Morgan-Giles, Head of Communications & Membership**

Mike holds a BSc (Hons) in Politics with Economics from the University of Bath, having graduated in 2006. He previously worked at the think tank Policy Exchange where he helped to coordinate their party conference schedule, and has also worked in the public affairs sector for Finsbury Limited. Mike joined Localis in November 2008. His remit includes the events schedule, media enquiries, press releases and membership programme.



**Susana Forjan, Intern**

Susana read Political Science and Administration in the University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain), spending a year in the Institut d'Etudes Politiques (IEP) in Rennes (France). She also has a Masters degree in European Studies obtained in the Free University Brussels. Her final dissertation was on "Urban policy networks: cities as actors of European policy-making" and has worked with New Towns on European projects. Susana joined Localis in July 2009 and has co-written "Can Localism Deliver? Lessons from Manchester".

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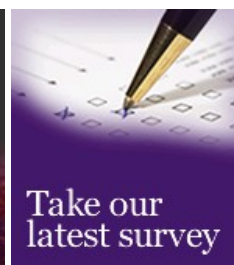
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