FutureWork Prosperity Tour
Northwest Region
Boone, NC
July 7, 2016 | 1:00 – 3:00pm

Agenda

12:45 – 1:00pm Networking & Demonstration of Data Tables

1:00 – 1:05pm Welcome and Introductions
Dr. Sheri Everts, Chancellor, Appalachian State University
• Welcome and housekeeping
• Recognize elected officials and dignitaries
• Brief introduction of the Institute for Emerging Issues

1:05 – 1:10pm Introduction of Program
Donnie Charleston, Economy Policy Manager, IEI
• What is the Institute for Emerging Issues?
• What is the Emerging Issues Forum?

1:10 – 2:00pm Are We FutureWork-Ready?
Donnie Charleston
Followed by Q&A
• Introduce the 2016 Emerging Issues Forum, FutureWork
• Background – Why FutureWork?
  o Data Review
• Forum Themes & Highlights
• What the Future Holds – FutureWork Disruption Index for North Carolina

2:00 – 2:30pm Regional Capacity and Ramping Up the Region’s Future Readiness
Facilitated Discussion

2:30 – 3:00pm Report Out & Discussion
Identifying Next Steps

3:00pm Adjourn

In 2016, IEI held its annual Forum focused on two trends that pose one of the greatest challenges we have ever faced – massive demographic change and rapid technological innovation and disruption. The next step is to move beyond a conference to a dialogue, and to identify next steps in the evolution of the Northwest Prosperity Zone’s regional economy. This event will be designed to connect the dots across organizations, and to generate conversation that is informed by timely and relevant data on the future of the region’s economy. By the end of the event, the goal will be to lay the foundation by identifying a set of key steps the region must take to ensure its vibrancy for the next economic evolution.

Key Questions:

| How far behind are we in workforce preparedness? | Will the region’s success continue into the future, or do we need to adjust? | What are the necessary collaborations we need to have to be successful in the future? |

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