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Greener Recovery Festival

How landscape practice can combat climate emergency

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09:00 Welcome and opening remarks

Jane Findlay CMLI PLI
President of the Landscape Institute

Lise Benningen CMLI
Grant Associates

Andree Davis FLI
Davies White Ltd

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09:05 Keynote: Green New Deal - EU Largest Investment in Green Recovery

Viginus Sinkevicius, European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries

Chair: Jane Findlay CMLI, President of the Landscape Institute

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09:15 Session 1: Landscape Architecture: Tackling the Climate Crisis

Join the LI as it launches its new Climate Change and Landscape policy paper. This is an update of its landmark 2008 report, 12 years on, with ten new case studies and an analysis of how the sector can make the biggest difference. LI President Jane Findlay will host a panel to launch the report, and talk through the factors that make our sector so uniquely placed to tackle the climate crisis head-on, as well as the areas where we need to do more.

Ulrik Lassen, Ramboll
Frances Christie CMLI, remapp
Sheena Bell, Gillespies
Chair: Jane Findlay CMLI, President of the Landscape Institute

09:45 Break-Sponsor Exhibitions



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10:00 Session 2A: Greening Development

This keynote session will focus on approaches to landscape and greening on large scale infrastructure projects with a focus on planning and strategy, establishing ambition and delivery with reference to Thamesmead and the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. It will also discuss the Leeds development from City Council perspective: Spaces Strategy, why and what it has achieved for the city, its people and their environment.

Dr Phil Askew CMLI, Peabody
Jane Walne, Leeds City Council
Dr Julie Godefroy, CIBSE
Chair: Jane Findlay CMLI, President of the Landscape Institute

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Session 2B: Parklets, Place and Community

This presentation will explore some of the latest topics around building sustainable towns and cities through the lens of the Parklet, and the role it can play in building back greener. You will learn how utilising Parklets as an intermediate solution can help justify and explore new ways of thinking, planning and place making in order to tackle the long-term sustainable issues we face. This presentation will also explore how the latest social behavioural findings in light of the pandemic can help support and grow sustainable solutions and lasting change.

Jack Arkney & Matt King, Vestre
Chair: Andree Davies FLI, Davies White Ltd

Festival Room: Sessions

Session 2C: The Role of Blue Infrastructure in Greener and Healthier Environment

Polypipe, the event sponsors will provide a CPD focused presentation on how integrated green infrastructure and water management systems, as well as smart tech can be leveraged to provide the routes to recovery. These include: understanding water and the circular economy as well as reduction of embodied carbon as vital to a sustainable recovery; lower maintenance and more.

Charlotte Markey, Polypipe Civils
Chair: Lise Benningen CMLI, Grant Associates



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11:05 Break and sponsor exhibition

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11:30 Session 3A: Repurposing old infrastructure in light of Climate Change

This presentation will uncover the value of retrofitting green spaces to cities as a path to health and wellness. Mark Johnson will discuss the techniques for re-introduction of greenspaces into failed brownfields as well as techniques to engage communities in the creation of green retrofits. Alice Shay will then discuss the Reimagine the Canals initiative for the Erie Canal in New York State. She will provide examples of multivalent assessment of underperforming assets and strategies for adaptive reuse for transformative public realm infrastructure.

Mark Johnson, Civitas Inc.

Alice Shay, Buro Happold

Chair: Jane Findlay CMLI, President of the Landscape Institute

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Session 3B: Using Landscape to create child-led community green spaces and playgrounds

This session will include a live case study with BDP and Timberplay discussing a recently completed new park in West Gorton, commissioned by Manchester City Council and the final piece in a £100m regeneration scheme of 500 new homes, new community facilities and school improvements. The park is part of an innovative scheme to use nature-based solutions to combat the effects of climate change and reduce stormwater flooding. It seeks to promote social cohesion and wellbeing as well as environmental benefits to the city. The aim of the scheme is to encourage visitors to interact with nature and feel a strong sense of community.

Mark Grimshaw, Timberplay

Jenny Ferguson CMLI, BDP

Chair: Andree Davies FLI, Davies White Ltd



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Session 3C: Less talk, a little more action - time to embed the SDGs

This panel discussion explores the reality of not only implementing net zero but how sustainability can be 'mainstreamed' across development. With much talk around the race to net zero, social value, the SDGs and ESG, it is time to understand what the innovators in UK business are actually doing about it. The discussion will cover what UK business is actively doing to deliver net zero, right here, right now. You will learn how the UN SDGs can be incorporated into residential and commercial development. You will also understand the strategic and tangible steps to transition to net-zero, the innovation and economic opportunities derived from positive market disruption of mainstreaming sustainability in a post Covid environment. Including potential of sharing innovation and learnings, to achieve net zero and sustainable growth by 2030 & 2050.

Jason Longhurst, UK BCSD

Simon Cox, Pro Logis

Joseph Daniels, Project Etopia Group

Chair: Lise Benningen CMLI, Grant Associates

12:35 Break

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12:45 Closing Session

Jane Findlay CMLI, President of the Landscape Institute

Lise Benningen CMLI, Grant Associates

13:15 Close

Speakers



**Jane Findlay CMLI
PLI**

President of the
Landscape Institute

Jane Findlay is a Landscape Architect, the founding director of Fira and President Elect of the Landscape Institute. She is an experienced masterplanner and designer of the large and complex projects, particularly experienced in the design of the healing landscape for healthcare and delivered some of the most complex healthcare projects in the UK. Jane is passionate about promoting the psychological and physical benefits that quality landscape design plays in all aspects of the public realm. She has developed a specialism in symbolism and remembrance through landscape design. Jane continues to advise the National Memorial Arboretum in South Staffordshire.



**Lise Benningen
CMLI**

Grant Associates

Lise is a landscape architect with over 15 years of experience. She joined Grant Associates in 2006 and became a senior associate in 2019. Her work involves all project stages from a site level to the city/regional scale, from concept to planning and implementation. She and has been involved in a number of high-profile projects, including Gardens by the Bay; Parkhill, Sheffield and Taberner House & the Queen's Gardens, Croydon; and Bristol Temple Quarter Enterprise Campus with the University of Bristol.



Andree Davies FLI
Davies White Ltd

Andrée is a director of Davies White Ltd., Landscape Architect & plantswoman and a Fellow of the Landscape Institute. She is a multi RHS gold medal award winning designer specialising in child centred play and therapeutic landscapes. She has been a practising Landscape Architect for 25 years after graduating from Leeds Metropolitan University, and is a Graduate of Plants & Plantsmanship at the English Gardening School at the Chelsea Physic Garden in London. Andrée is a member of the Association of Project Management. She is also a visiting Tutor at the London College of Garden Design based at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Speakers

Virginijus Sinkevicius is the present Commissioner for the Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, at the European Commission. Mr Sinkevicius was from 2017 to 2019 Minister of Economy, and before he was leading the Committee of Economy at the Parliament of Lithuania. Mr. Sinkevicius was elected to the Parliament in October 2016. Prior, he was a Team Lead for Regulatory Affairs at Invest Lithuania. Mr. Sinkevicius holds BA in International Relations and Affairs from Aberystwyth University and Master's degree in European International Affairs from Maastricht University.



Virginijus Sinkevicius
European Commission

Mr. Lassen has during the last decade been working with the interrelationship between climate adaptation and urban development. His work as a civil engineer has been heavily influenced by an interdisciplinary approach where not only engineers dictate the solutions, but instead are developed together with architects, landscape architects, social sciences etc. Mr. Lassen has in-depth knowledge of holistic urban- and wastewater planning together with design and implementation of solutions within sustainable cities and climate adaptation planning.



Ulrik Lassen
Ramboll

Frances studied landscape architecture at Greenwich University, and following that worked at Gustafson Porter on a range of projects in the UK, Europe and Lebanon. Since then set up as a small but award winning (LI registered) practise, focussed on varied and collaborative projects within public park, public realm and housing contexts. Awards have included LI Design Under 1 Hectare category, and New London Award, in the Public Space category.



**Frances Christie
CMLI**
remapp

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Dr Phil Askew CMLI
Peabody

Dr Phil Askew is Director of Landscape & Placemaking at Peabody leading on Thamesmead, London's New Town and one of London's largest regeneration and development projects. He has a background in Urban Design, Landscape Architecture and Horticulture and leading on major regeneration and green infrastructure projects. Prior to this he led the design and delivery of the London 2012 Olympic Park at the Olympic Delivery Authority and its transformation into the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, the UK's largest new urban park in over a century.



Jane Walne
Leeds City Council

I am a professionally qualified landscape architect with 30 years' experience in strategic delivery of real estate and green infrastructure programmes and projects. I have been an employee of Leeds City Council for 25 years cutting across a variety of strategic regeneration and placemaking priorities including development of Leeds South Bank, Heritage Lottery Parks programme, East Leeds Extension and redevelopment of Headingley Emirates Stadium. In addition I was also the lead designer for Leeds City Council's Chelsea Flower Show garden for 4 years achieving 1 silver, 2 silver gilts and 1 gold medal.



Dr Julie Godefroy
CIBSE

Julie is a sustainability consultant and CIBSE's Technical Manager. She is a chartered engineer. She has been involved in projects from early masterplanning stages through to post-occupancy evaluation, as well as policy work. Her work focuses on low and zero carbon strategies, as well as health and wellbeing. She authored the recent CIBSE guidance TM40 - Health and Wellbeing in Building Services and co-author of the Good Homes Alliance overheating tool and guidance. She is on the advisory group for UCL's MSc Health, Wellbeing and Sustainable Buildings, a member of the Edge, and sustainability adviser for the National Trust's Historic Environment Group.

Speakers

Jack joined Vestre in March 2020. In this role he is responsible for business development throughout North London, the East of England and Ireland. Prior to this role, he was responsible for the management and development of a team of 5, overseeing Specification Sales in the South East of England & London at one of the UK's largest hard landscaping suppliers. This involved regular consultation with architects, landscape architects, engineers and local authorities to provide technical support and advice on paving products. In addition, presenting RIBA accredited CPDs and meeting with construction professionals to provide tailored solutions to their needs.



Jack Arkney
Vestre

Matt is a Business Development Manager at Vestre, a Norwegian manufacturer of street furniture. Matt has a BA (Hons) in Sustainable 3D Design from Falmouth University, Cornwall. Recent highlights include working across the construction industry in both London and Vancouver, Canada. Firstly, as a general contractor in Vancouver assisting on residential and commercial projects, including a private house build and landscaping works, from start to completion.



Matt King
Vestre

Charlotte Markey has an MSc in Urban Planning and fifteen years' experience working in the green infrastructure and water management sectors. She has an abiding interest in utilising green infrastructure to solve pressing flooding and climate related challenges. She has worked on several European funded projects and on projects globally.



Charlotte Markey
Polypipe Civils

Speakers



Mark Johnson
Civitas, Inc.

Mark Johnson is the founding principal of Civitas, a landscape, urban design and planning firm in Colorado with projects across North America, the Middle East and Europe. His mission, to “engage people with nature in cities” has led to major urban regeneration and transformation projects, largely on industrial or waterfront brownfields.



Alice Shay
Buro Happold

Alice Shay is a city planner and urban designer with over 15 years of experience in New York City and beyond. As part of BuroHappold’s Cities practice, Alice leads strategic planning and Stranded Assets projects including the Reimagine the Canals initiative, Make Way for Lower Manhattan, and the NYC Small Theaters Economic and Cultural Impacts Study. Before joining BuroHappold, Alice worked with Bloomberg Associates and WXY Architecture and Urban Design where she managed urban design and city strategy projects for cities across the US, Latin America, and Europe.



Mark Grimshaw
Timberplay

Passionate about engaging with the environment – a keen walker, runner and cyclist – Mark wants children to develop via natural play opportunities, and by experiencing risk and challenge. Mark holds a degree in Geography from Lancaster University, and a Masters in Urban Regeneration and Development which was achieved at the University of Manchester. His role at Timberplay has seen him working with Landscape Architects on play projects across the UK - most recently on, the LI Excellence in Public Health and Wellbeing award nominee project, Catherine Street Inclusive Play Park.

Speakers

Jenny Ferguson is an Associate Landscape Architect within BDP’s Manchester Studio, with over 15 years’ experience designing and delivering a wide range of projects in the UK and overseas. Jenny works across the full professional spectrum, from masterplanning to detailed design, with a portfolio of projects including Alder Hey Children’s Hospital, Chavasse Park Liverpool One, Manchester Science Park, and the recently completed West Gorton Community Park.



Jenny Ferguson
BDP

Chair and CEO of UKBCSD, Jason is also a NED advising Clean Growth and Sustainable Development SME innovation companies shaping Net-Zero and Green Economy in the UK. He held a number of Director/Board positions in both public and private sector organisations including regional development agency, county and unitary bodies, driving leading growth, investment and sustainable development projects.



Jason Longhurst
UK Business Council for
Sustainable Development

Simon Cox is Head of UK Project Management at Prologis. He is also UK Head Sustainability for the Solihull-based property company, directing strategy for sustainable development and overseeing the implementation of sustainable initiatives throughout the UK.



Simon Cox
Prologis UK Limited

Joseph Daniels founded Project Etopia in 2015 at the age of 23 and is the CEO of Project Etopia Group. Motivated with a passion to make a difference his objective is to build the smart connected eco cities of the future that work towards solving the global housing crisis, whilst having a positive impact on climate change.



Joseph Daniels
Project Etopia



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08:50 Sponsor showreel

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09:00 Welcome and opening remarks

Carolyn Göhler FLI, Vice President of the Landscape Institute
Paul Lincoln, Landscape Institute
Ahlyah Ali, Landscape Institute

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09:05 Session 1: Keynote: A Green Economy

Alastair Mant, UKGBC

Chair: Carolyn Göhler FLI, Vice President of the Landscape Institute

09:45 Break and sponsor exhibition

Festival Room: Stage

10:00 Session 2A: Preparing for Cop 26 - A view from the UK major cities climate action plan

2021 is the year of COP 26 and vital initiatives to unite the world in the fight against climate change. In this session we will be joined by representatives from 3 major UK cities namely Glasgow, Manchester and Belfast where we will explore the cities response to the climate emergency and their subsequent climate action plans and resilient strategies.

Brian Evans, Glasgow City Council
Richard McLernon, Belfast City Council
Jonny Sadler, Manchester Climate Change Agency

Chair: Carolyn Göhler FLI, Vice President of the Landscape Institute



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Session 2B: A Colourful Collaboration of Design and Ingenuity – The Grey to Green Projects, Sheffield

This presentation will explore the multi-functional, multi-beneficial designed approach of aims to increase urban biodiversity in Sheffield city centre by creating a wildlife corridor, incorporating functional paving surface solutions, protection to pedestrians from air pollution through multi-layered planting, achievement of urban cooling through increased tree planting, treatment of contaminated water, the containment of potential micro plastics, use of sensitive public engagement artwork and promoting health and wellbeing to residents and visitors alike.

Zac Tudor, Sheffield City Council Regeneration Design Team
Mike Prince, Yorkshire, North East, East Midlands & East Anglia Sales Manager, Hardscape
Matthew Haslam CMLI, Hardscape

Chair: Paul Lincoln, Landscape Institute

Festival Room: Sessions

Session 2C: Question Time Style Session : How to influence Systemic Changes

The climate crisis is a result of wider systemic injustice, and any genuine solutions must be centred on justice and equity. Government plans for a 'Green Recovery' or initiatives to 'Build Back Better' must therefore be scrutinised to ensure they do not simply promote 'business as usual'. In this session, you will deepen your understanding of what a fair Green Recovery looks like through an internationalist lens; how to challenge systemic racism to widen access to green spaces and diversify the landscape profession. Mya Rose, Back2Nature will talk about organising her first nature camp for Visible Minority Ethnic teenagers, starting her campaigning to make the conservation and environmental sectors ethnically diverse and engaged VME people.

Dr Mya Rose Craig, Back2Nature
Tatiana Garavito, Wretched of the Earth
Asad Rehman, War on Want

Chair: Ahlyah Ali, Landscape Institute



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11:05 Break and sponsor exhibition

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11:30 Session 3A: Speed Networking - Meet your chairs, speakers and sponsors

All attendees, speakers and sponsors are invited to this networking session to connect, talk with their peers and industry experts and exchange information.

12: 35 Break

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12:45 Closing Session

Carolyn Göhler FLI, Vice President of the Landscape Institute
Paul Lincoln, Landscape Institute
Ahlyah Ali, Landscape Institute

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Ahlyah is a Member Services Officer at the Landscape Institute. She is a volunteer with UK Youth Climate Coalition, campaigning in their Systems Change team, and is a Youth Advisor for The Resilience Project, which aims to build resilience into the youth climate movement. She has spoken at Climate Story Lab UK, which brought together over 100 climate experts and storytellers in March 2020, on a panel around engaging faith communities, and for a film by Exposure Labs on youth activism and storytelling.



Ahlyah Ali
Landscape Institute

Carolyn Göhler has over 30 years' experience working as a Chartered Landscape Architect and Horticulturalist, with projects mainly delivered for public and third sector clients and employers spanning diverse green spaces, historic, botanic and play gardens. For over a decade as CEO, Carolyn ran a charity with a diverse portfolio of countryside and heritage properties. Her particular interests include the promotion of hardy herbaceous perennials, green roofs and usage of ornamental native species within the public realm. Currently Carolyn works as a Gardens Consultant for the National Trust, runs her own landscape consultancy and is the LI's Vice President.



Carolyn Göhler FLI
Landscape Institute
Vice President

Paul Lincoln is Executive Director, Creative Projects and Publishing at the Landscape Institute and Commissioning Editor for Landscape, the LI's quarterly journal. Paul managed the LI's 90th Birthday Festival in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and at Chelsea Flower Show. He has curated three exhibitions with the Building Centre, including Beyond the Green Belt and Rethinking the Urban Landscape. He also led the Capability Brown 300th Anniversary Festival project on behalf of the LI.



Paul Lincoln
Landscape Institute

Speakers



Alastair Mant
UKGBC

Alastair leads the scoping and delivery of collaborative projects which provide the built environment industry with the tools and guidance it requires to radically improve the sustainability of the built environment. Current projects include net zero carbon, climate resilience, circular economy, nature-based solutions, and open innovation. Alastair was previously a director at a national property consultancy where he provided advice on sustainability issues throughout the property lifecycle and especially on asset management, focussing on strategy, reporting and the link to business value.



Brian Evans
Glasgow City Council

Brian Mark Evans is professor of urbanism and landscape at the Glasgow School of Art and Director of the Glasgow Urban Laboratory Research Group. In 2019, he was appointed City Urbanist for Glasgow, to act in a civic role as independent strategic adviser to the City's leadership team on people, design and place. He has a doctorate in urbanism and design and is a senior adviser to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and UN-Habitat.



Richard McLernon
Belfast City Council

Richard is the Resilience Project Coordinator in Belfast City Council, coordinating the team and structures who are developing the Belfast Climate Plan. He manages the Belfast One Million Trees Programme and a number of programmes such as the development of an Adaptation Plan for Council. Richard's background is in community development in areas across South and North Belfast, and for many years, he worked in community safety within Council, working on issues as diverse as hate crime, community tensions, anti-social behaviour and drug and substance misuse.



Jaohny Sadler
Manchester Climate Change Agency

Jonny is Deputy Director at the Manchester Climate Change Agency. Jonny is responsible for the operation of the Agency and leads on the development of citywide climate change policy, strategy, programmes, partnerships, communications, and funding. Working with local and international partners, the Agency works to engage Manchester's 550,000 residents and 18,000 businesses, to enable them to collectively define the city's future and play an active part in making it happen.

Speakers

A sports science graduate of Carnegie College, Leeds, Mike spent some of his early working life in health promotion and personal training roles in addition to representing Great Britain at Elite level Internationally in the sport of Triathlon, moving into the construction industry in 1996. After 12 years working in construction sales, he joined Hardscape in June 2008. Mike was particularly attracted by Hardscape's ethos of providing the best service possible and their ability to source a virtually unlimited range of products from around the world to meet the needs of both landscape architects and clients.



Mike Prince
Hardscape Products Ltd

Mathew Haslam CMLI is Founder and Managing Director of Hardscape. Combining a background in business and a passion for geology. Mathew founded Hardscape in 1994 to bridge the gap between natural resources, organic materials and cuttingedge design. Leading from the front, Hardscape strives to protect and enhance the paving industry's current and future demands, educating others on hard landscaping and sustainable sourcing, while realising aesthetic demands and functions within the design world with their unique production techniques.



Matthew Haslam
Hardscape Products Ltd

For the past 22 years Zac has worked for Sheffield City Council's Regeneration Design Team. Here he has had responsibility for city-wide design and coordination of public realm delivery within the placemaking agenda. His focus has been landscape design, spatial master planning, and place-making. Utilising urban greening and blue initiatives he has helped maximise the city's resilience to flooding and climate change, while at the same time encouraged new economic regeneration that reflects Sheffield's distinctive character.



Zac Tudor
Sheffield City Council
Regeneration Design Team



Speakers



Tatiana Garavito
Wretched of the Earth

Tatiana is an organiser and facilitator with over ten years' experience of working on issues around race, migration and climate justice. She has led strategy development processes for social justice organisations, facilitated work exploring liberation, and delivered training on movement building across the UK and in Europe. Tatiana has worked with Quakers In Britain, HOPE not Hate, Migrants Rights Network and Latin American Women's Rights Service, amongst others. She is also a long-standing grassroots activist - co-founding London Latinx and Wretched of the Earth, groups she is still heavily involved in.



Asad Rehman
War on Want

Asad Rehman is the Executive Director of the radical anti-poverty and social justice charity War on Want, that works to achieve a vision of a just world, through their mission to fight against the root causes of poverty, inequality, human rights violations. Asad is a leading climate justice activist whose work has helped to reframe the climate crisis as a crisis of neoliberal capitalism, inequality and racism. Over the last 35 years he has worked with many social movements both globally and nationally including in the anti-racist movement & the alter-globalisation movement.



Dr Mya-Rose Cralo
Black2Nature

18-year-old Mya-Rose Craig is a prominent British Bangladeshi birder, conservationist & environmentalist. She is committed to conservation such as stopping biodiversity loss and saving our planet through halting climate change, whilst respecting indigenous peoples, and highlighting Global Climate Justice as it intersects with Climate Change Action. She focusses her attention on change from governmental and huge global corporations.



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09:00 Welcome and opening remarks

Dr Anastasia Nikologianni, IFLA
Bill Blackledge CMLi, 2B Landscape Consultancy
Dr Keren Jones CMLi, Honorary Secretary of the Landscape Institute

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09:05 Session 1: Keynote: Working together towards Climate Justice and Climate Equity

Locally, nationally and globally, attention to diversity and equality translates into people centred environmental policy. We live in a rapidly urbanising world. In the UK, more than 80% of our population now lives in urban areas. Alongside overarching themes such as biodiversity, urban specific issues are coming to the fore, including themes such as design, access to nature and the vital role of urban green spaces in the context of mental and physical well-being. This session will uncover the context for climate justice and climate equity and the impact of climate change on disadvantaged communities locally and globally. It will then explore actions to address issues of climate justice and climate equity.

Judy Ling Wong CBE, Black Environment Network
Chair: Dr Anastasia Nikologianni, IFLA

09:45 Break and sponsor exhibition

Festival Room: Stage

10:00 Session 2A: . Beyond the Usual Suspects: Climate Equity in practice – Engaging Diverse communities

The session will detail a collaborative project to deliver an educational arboretum-meadow on a redundant mini-golf site in Wardown Park, Luton focusing on maximising benefits in relation to climate resilience, human wellbeing and biodiversity. The project aims specifically to connect children

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with nature. The site is in the High Town Ward of Luton and has significant BAME communities. This interactive presentation will uncover how appropriate tree and meadow species selection can deliver climate resilience, biodiversity and human wellbeing benefits in particular contexts.

Dr Helen Hoyle, University of the West of England

Chair: Dr Anastasia Nikologianni, IFLA

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Session 2B: Let's Build back Better!

More than ever, it is critical that nature-based solutions should be planned and designed as multifunctional components at the start of any development with collaboration of all stakeholders. Policies need to be framed to support longer term sustainable growth with investment needed in new mature GI and increased funding for maintenance of existing.

This presentation will uncover how to work effectively with stakeholders from the outset to achieve a longterm vision. It will provide examples of case studies whereby Green Infrastructure has transformed high streets and public realm for the benefit of all. The session will then introduce GBU HQ and onsite manufacturing facility – including our NEW RootSpace Ocean – the only soil cell made using recycled ocean plastic waste.

Howard Gray, GreenBlue Urban

Chair: Bill Blackledge CMLI, 2B Landscape Consultancy

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Session 2C: Children, Play, Inclusion and Nature: A virtual tour of Harwoods Adventurous Play Space

Harwoods Adventurous Play Area is a vast bespoke natural play space in the heart of the highly urbanised Watford town on the commuter link to London. This is an exemplary example of a Head of Parks passionately supporting, advocating and investing in landscape design with an outcome that has benefitted local people and has also attracted many visitors from all around the area and London. It is a really special space with an inclusive play strategy embedded into the heart of the design.

Michael Hoenigmann, Jupiter Play

Chair: Dr Keren Jones CMLI, Honorary Secretary of the Landscape Institute



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11:30 Session 3A: Planning for Resilience: South Essex Estuary Park

We are faced with unprecedented challenges, including climate change and flooding, biodiversity loss, threats to health and well-being, and lack of access to open space. Creative use of green and blue infrastructure is one of the most promising actions for adaptation to rapidly changing circumstances. This needs to be recognised in the planning process at a strategic level. This presentation looks at how South Essex local authorities have come together, understanding a cross-boundary approach is required to address these significant challenges. It outlines 'key moves' developed within the GBI Study and presents a new model for integrated planning and development.

Alexandra Steed, Alexandra Steed URBAN

Chair: Dr Anastasia Nikologianni, IFLA

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Session 3B: Designing Water management in light of Climate Change

In this session we explore the challenges of designing sustainably when the climate seems to be against you every day. By looking at landscape projects from Dubai and the UAE, across a range of scales, we will see some of the efforts being made in the Middle East to highlight and respond to the climate crisis. It will then discuss the value, benefits and challenges of integrating local communities in designing and improving their own neighbourhoods to secure a greener and bluer recovery. It will review WWT's own experiences and those of others and explore the opportunities for embedding such an approach in our blue/green recovery.

William Bennett, Wilden Design

David Naismith & Andy Graham, Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust

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Session 3C: What on Earth Can We Do? The Future of Software in Facilitating Greener Design

As software developers we have a responsibility, just like everybody else, to do what we can to enable a greener recovery. This session will explore the collaboration needed between developers and end users and how we envision the next ten years to unfold. It will start with an inventory of where we stand today and then look at what is required for tomorrow. It will then uncover how to collaborate between disciplines, Biodiversity Net Gain – how you can build this into your workflow from the start, and how to elevate the use of GIS

Katarina Ollikainen, Vectorworks UK

Sam Arthur, FPCR Environment and Design Ltd

Chair: Dr Keren Jones CMLI, Honorary Secretary of the Landscape Institute

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13:15 Closing



Speakers

Dr. Anastasia Nikologianni is qualified as a Landscape Architect MA and Agriculturist/Horticulturist MSc., and holds an EIT Climate-KIC labelled PhD in Landscape Architecture from Birmingham City University with regards to the role of low carbon, spatial quality and the contribution design can make to the development of regional landscape-based spatial strategies. Anastasia is a research fellow and consultant in Birmingham City University and joins the CATiD BCU team, an international, multidisciplinary research, design and consultancy hub. CATiD's design-led and conceptual approach aims to place quality of life and sustainability-oriented transformation at the top of the political agenda.



Dr Anastasia Nikologianni
IFLA

Bill is the director of an LI registered practice, 2B Landscape Consultancy. He has been a member of the LI's Technical Committee since 2011 during which time he has worked on 'The Landscape Consultants' Appointment' and 'Visualisation of Development Proposals'. He has a deep interest in Green Infrastructure, SuDS and Natural flood Management.



Bill Blackledge
CMLI
2B Landscape
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Keren qualified as a chartered landscape architect in 1982, and has had a broad career spanning the private, public, and charitable sectors. This includes senior roles at Groundwork, the South East of England Development Agency, and eight years as Director of City Economy at City of Wolverhampton Council. In 2006 she was awarded a PhD from the University of Central England, for her a thesis that explored the use a narrative in participative landscape design practices, which focused on creating child centred landscapes for play and learning.



Dr Keren Jones
CMLI
Landscape Institute

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Judy Ling Wong
CBE
Black Environment

Judy is a painter, poet and environmentalist, best known as the Honorary President of Black Environment Network (BEN). For 27 years she was the UK Director of BEN, with an international reputation as the pioneer and creator of the field of multi-cultural participation in the built and natural environment. Judy is known a major voice on policy towards social inclusion, contributing through key national committees and campaigns. She was awarded an OBE for pioneering multicultural environmental participation in 2000, and a CBE for services to heritage in 2007.



Dr Helen Hoyle
Centre for Sustainable
Planning and Environments,
UWE Bristol.

Helen Hoyle is a Senior Lecturer in Healthy Built Environments at the University of the West of England, Bristol. She sits on the steering group of the UWE Bristol WHO Collaborating Centre for Healthy Urban Environments. With a background in Geography and Landscape Architecture, Helen previously conducted award-winning research culminating in the delivery of the London 2012 Olympic meadows. Recently winning a Public Engagement and Outreach Award to deliver the 'Futureproofing Luton' project, Helen is now co-creating an educational 'Airquality Arboretum-meadow' with local partners including Luton Parks Service and Riverbank Primary School.



Michael Hoenigmann
Jupiter Play

Michael has been working in the play industry for nearly 30 years. He is passionate about challenging the norms and delivering innovation to today's children and communities. He has served 2 terms as Chair of the Association of Play Industries (API), was Founder of Inclusive Play and has recently celebrated 21 years with Jupiter Play. There he leads a team who are passionate about designing play spaces that create a sense of wonder to users.

Speakers

In 2013, Alexandra founded URBAN, a practice with a vision to bring joy to people's everyday experience. She is passionate about art, landscape and sustainability, and has spent her career transforming external spaces that elevate our experience of the natural world. Alexandra is a chartered landscape architect in the UK but began her career in Canada. Her projects can be found around the globe, and are of all scales, from regional strategies to roof gardens. At every level, she is committed to creating truly landscape-led designs, reimagining urban environments that are beautiful, integrated and in harmony with nature, and fighting climate change and ecological collapse.



Alexandra Steed
Alexandra Steed
URBAN

David is a specialist in the design of constructed wetlands for water quality improvement, Sustainable Drainage Systems, Natural Flood Management and habitat creation. He is responsible for the UK consultancy work undertaken by WWT and is also a committee member of the Constructed Wetlands Association.



David Naismith
Wildfowl & Wetlands
Turf

Will founded WILDEN Design with a mission to bring contemporary, sustainable landscape design to homeowners across the globe. From his base in Dubai, his practice uses an innovative approach to online design which connects residential clients with local expert designers whom understand local plants and materials, whilst sharing their passion: to help people reconnect with nature at home.



William Bennett
MLA
WILDEN Design

Andy is responsible for WWT's urban and community wetlands programme connecting people with wetlands where they live. He is a specialist in urban river restoration, community SuDS and habitat creation and has delivered many projects with local people securing better places to live and building more resilient communities.



Andy Graham
Wildflow & Wetlands
Trust

Speakers



Howard Gray
GreenBlue Urban

Howard Gray is the PR & Specification Consultant Team Leader for GreenBlue Urban. He has been planting trees in urban areas for over 40 years and is passionate about ensuring that every tree has the same opportunity of realising its species potential. Understanding the many conflicts, both financial and engineering, with planting in our congested towns and cities, Howard works with designers and contractors to achieve the best result. Having worked on a number of SuDS schemes across Europe, Howard is uniquely positioned to present the GreenBlue Urban vision - enabling sustainable cities through the use of green and blue infrastructure.



Sam Arthur
FPCR

Sam is an experienced ecologist with a diverse background in the environmental sector. He joined FPCR in 2012 and has developed two key areas of interest, biodiversity net gain and GIS & data collection platforms. Sam's interest in the use of emerging technology led him to develop FPCR's GIS system in 2013. This has led to the creation of Ecotope in 2020, a custom app for ecological data collection designed specifically for consultants. In its first season of use FPCR have collected 20,000 records across 500 projects.



Katarina Olliakainene
Vectorworks, UK

Katarina has under the last five years worked as Senior Designer for Ann-Marie Powell Studio. During this time, she had the opportunity to develop the studios workflow and to introduce new ways of working with, and sharing, data in the design process. Her interest in systematic approaches to problems and workflows stems from an earlier life where she developed and wrote manuals for parachute equipment. Katarina is now the Landscape Industry Specialist at Vectorworks UK and in her new role, on top of playing Vectorworks, she's involved in the continuous work on BIM implementation.

Day 4 Agenda: 25 March 2021

08:50 Sponsor showreel

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09:00 Welcome

Jane Findlay CMLI, President of the Landscape Institute
Peter Neal FLI, Peter Neal Consulting
Ben Brown, Landscape Institute

Festival Room: Stage

Session 1A: Natural Capital Approach to Green Recovery

The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs will open Day 4 of the festival where we will consider a Natural Capital approach to Green Recovery, governmental priorities and key initiatives.

Rebecca Pow, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Chair: Jane Findlay CMLI, President of the Landscape Institute

Festival Room: Networking

09:15 Speed Networking: Meet your chairs, speakers and sponsors

All attendees, speakers and sponsors are invited to this networking session to connect, talk with their peers and industry experts and exchange information.

09:45 Break - Meet the team

Festival Room: Stage

10:00 Session 2A: Achieving Transformation Change - how nature can lead Green Recovery

An unprecedented scale and rate of new development will require an equally bold and ambitious plan for the environment. A green recovery will require new approaches to planning and designing for change if we are to avoid the mistakes of the past and address the urgent challenges posed by the climate and biodiversity crisis. Ian will outline the need for a 'nature contact continuum' in order to deliver the transformational change required and will outline why collaboration amongst a wide range of stakeholders is essential to success.



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Rebecca Wrigley, Rewilding Britain
Ian Houlston CMLI, LDA
Dr Peter Shepherd, BSG Ecology
Chair: Jane Findlay CMLI, President of the Landscape Institute

Festival Room: Sessions

Session 2B: Natural Capital in Practice

The concept of natural capital is becoming increasingly embedded into national environmental and planning policies. In particular, the forthcoming requirement to deliver biodiversity net gain and the wider ambition of environmental net gain. But what does this mean for landscape practitioners in their day-to-day work? This session introduces these concepts and demonstrates how natural capital approaches can work in practice. Case studies will be used to illustrate how natural capital and ecosystem services can be assessed and valued for proposed developments. You will understand natural capital and ecosystem services and how to apply them to your area. Understand what is meant by biodiversity net gain and environmental net gain and how they can be measured.

Dr Jim Rouquette, Natural Capital Solutions

Chair: Peter Neal FLI, Peter Neal Consulting

Festival Room: Sessions

Session 2C: Green spaces and a Green Recovery: Emerging Learning from the Future Parks Accelerator

Access to nature and high-quality greenspace, close to where people live is an essential component of just, green recovery. In this session we will explore how nature-based solutions can help to address the climate and biodiversity emergencies and help to level up. The presentation will uncover how greenspaces can contribute to a just, green recovery. It will explore how FPA is helping local authorities to rethink the finance and funding for greenspaces. It will then discuss how nature-based solutions can help to address the climate and biodiversity emergencies and help to level up.

Victoria Bradford Keegan, Future Parks Accelerator
Kathryn Deeney, Plymouth City Council
Linda Anglin, City of Edinburgh Council
Chair: Ben Brown, Landscape Institute



Day 4 Agenda: 25 March 2021

11:05 Break and sponsor exhibition

11:30 Closing Session

Jane Findlay CMLI, President of the Landscape Institute
Peter Neal, Peter Neal Consulting
Ben Brown, Landscape Institute

12:00 Close

Speakers



**Jane Findlay CMLI
PLI**

President of the
Landscape Institute

Jane Findlay is a Landscape Architect, the founding director of Fira and President Elect of the Landscape Institute. She is an experienced masterplanner and designer of the large and complex projects, particularly experienced in the design of the healing landscape for healthcare and delivered some of the most complex healthcare projects in the UK. Jane is passionate about promoting the psychological and physical benefits that quality landscape design plays in all aspects of the public realm. She has developed a specialism in symbolism and remembrance through landscape design. Jane continues to advise the National Memorial Arboretum in South Staffordshire.



Peter Neal FLI

Peter Nail Consulting

Peter Neal is a landscape architect, environmental planner and independent consultant specialising in the planning, design, funding and management of green infrastructure frameworks, urban parks and the public realm. Formerly head of public space at CABI, he was a design advisor to the Olympic Delivery Authority and has given evidence to the DCLG Select Committee on the Future of Public Parks. He served as a Green Space Commissioner for the Mayor of London and is a member of the London and South Committee for the National Lottery Heritage Fund and a fellow of the Landscape Institute.



Ben Brown

Landscape Institute

Ben Brown is Head of Policy and Insight at the Landscape Institute. Ben heads the Institute's policy team, and its response to the climate and biodiversity emergencies. Ben previously worked for Design Council Cabi, the Arts Council and the BBC, and as a researcher in international development and social enterprise.

Speakers

Rebecca Pow is the Member of Parliament for Taunton Deane and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. In 2018, she was awarded a Green Heart Hero Award by The Climate Coalition, a coalition of over 100 charities and community groups across the UK, for being the "Greenest New MP" for her environmental work. She was instrumental in gaining extra protection for ancient woodland and veteran trees; bringing forward the ban on microbeads and for getting soil health on the agenda.



Rebecca Pow
Defra

Rebecca is Chief Executive of Rewilding Britain as well as one of its founders. She has worked in the voluntary and public sectors for 25 years including for Oxfam, WWF, Concern Worldwide and Oxford University. Rebecca has developed and implemented conservation and participatory community development programmes across four continents in the UK, Mexico, Uganda and New Zealand. Her particular expertise is engaging local communities in decision-making about their land and natural resources.



Rebecca Wrigley
Rewilding Britain

Ian is an Associate at LDA Design and leads the Environmental Planning Service for the business. His areas of expertise include landscape and visual impact assessment, landscape character assessment and green infrastructure planning and design. Ian has extensive experience advising on the preparation of landscape strategies for developments in rural and urban locations, including in sensitive and protected landscapes. Central to his approach is to work collaboratively to ensure that design and mitigation proposals are considered early; contribute to placemaking; and are capable of addressing social, environmental and economic drivers.



Ian Houlston
LDA Design

Speakers



Dr Peter Shepherd
BSG Ecology Ltd.

Peter is a founder and Director of BSG Ecology Ltd. He is an urban and vegetation ecologist with a recognised specialism in protected species, especially bats. He is a member of Natural England's National Bat Expert Panel. Peter has extensive experience advising on the incorporation of biodiversity enhancement into new built development and land management plans in rural and urban locations and has worked on some of the largest urban expansion and regeneration projects in the UK.



Dr Jim Rocquette
Natural Capital
Solutions

Dr Jim Rouquette is a Director and co-founder of Natural Capital Solutions, an environmental consultancy that helps organisations understand, assess and make strategic decisions about their natural capital assets. Jim is an expert in natural capital and ecosystem services assessment, including modelling, mapping and monetary valuation, biodiversity and natural capital net gain, natural capital accounting, opportunity mapping and stakeholder engagement. His work aims to operationalise the natural capital and ecosystem services approach, and he has worked extensively with the public, private and third sectors to develop assessment approaches and policy guidance for the planning and development sector. Jim is a Visiting Researcher at the University of Northampton.



**Victoria
Braadford-Keegan**
Future Parks
Accelerator

Victoria leads the Future Parks Team and programme on behalf of both National Lottery Heritage Fund and National Trust.

Speakers

Linda is a Development Manager in the City of Edinburgh Parks and Greenspace Department leading on Edinburgh's 'Thriving Green Spaces' Future Parks Accelerator Project.



Linda Anglin
City of Edinburgh
Council

Kat has worked within the Environmental Planning field for over 17 years both in local government and for government agencies. Currently her portfolio includes strategic oversight for green and blue space work at Plymouth City Council. This includes actions to respond to the climate emergency, transformation of the Council's Green Estate, development of the first National Marine Park, a significant environmental planning capital, partnership management and planning and policy development relating to the Environment.



Kathryn Deeney,
Plymouth City
Council



Day 5 Agenda: 26 March 2021

08:50 Sponsor showreel

Festival Room: Stage

09:00 Welcome

Francis Hesketh, TEP
Claire Wansbury CMLi, Atkins Ltd
Rob Pearce, Landscape Institute

Festival Room: Stage

Session 1A: Keynote: A national Nature Recovery Network – Why and how?

The UK is one of the most Nature-depleted countries on Earth. As the conservation agenda shifts from protection to embrace recovery, a national network of Nature-rich areas must be a central plank of how we deliver. A range of new approaches can achieve what's needed, so long as we have an integrated plan of action. This session will provide an understanding of what the Nature Recovery Network is, and how it will be delivered and how the conservation agenda is changing, to embrace a much more integrated approach delivering multiple benefits.

Dr Tony Juniper, Natural England
Chair: Francis Hesketh, TEP

09:45 Break - Meet the team

Festival Room: Stage

10:00 Session 2A: Biodiversity Net Gain - The Next Steps

Biodiversity Net Gain is transforming how we design and build development, with the UK's Good Practice Principles providing an approach to generate meaningful benefits for biodiversity. But while we are making progress towards this goal, the importance of nature for people's wellbeing is a vital consideration. Policies should enable BNG to benefit people, and ensure that detrimental social impacts from BNG are addressed. However, social impacts of BNG can only be properly considered within the holistic context of wellbeing. But is BNG and wellbeing a Win-Win? Or would trade-offs lessen the biodiversity ambition and necessitate keeping these policy goals separate?

Dr Julia Baker, Balfour Beatty
Sally Hayns, Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management
Helen Oakman, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Chair: Francis Hesketh, TEP



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Session 2B: Developing species rich spaces: little known ways of addressing carbon, pollution and biodiversity issues

This session will deliver some little-known insights on how species rich spaces deliver so much more than simply an improved habitat for wildlife, and can help contribute the building blocks to addressing some of the planet's biggest environmental threats. Tune in to find out more! You will learn how species rich spaces have the potential for sequestering carbon better than some other forms of planting, how this can contribute to reducing the impact of climate change and what areas of knowledge we are missing. The session will then explore how species rich spaces can help to mitigate pollution in a bid to clean up our urban space, and improve our habitats and health at the same time.

James Hewetson Brown, Wildflower Turf
Dr Matthew Tallis, University Centre Sparsholt
Dr Joe Franklin, WSP
Matt Pitts, Plantlife
Chair: Claire Wansbury CMLi, Atkins Ltd

11:05 Break

Festival Room: Stage

11:30 Session 3A: Practical Session: Calculating Biodiversity Net Gain

The Environment Bill 2020 will bring into UK law environmental protections and recovery, including the requirement to demonstrate biodiversity net gain in developments as part of the mitigation hierarchy. The calculation of biodiversity net gain in England will use a metric that was published in beta test by Natural England in 2019 and expected in final form this year to support the Environment Act. This session provides an introduction to the calculation of biodiversity units for a development and its impacts on biodiversity using UKHab mapping and habitat condition assessment. It will also explain the potential application of biodiversity offsets.

Bob Edmonds & Bill Butcher, UK HAB
Chair: Claire Wansbury CMLi, Atkins Ltd



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Session 3B: Embracing Beauty and Diversity in an urban nature led approach

Twenty years after introducing some of the first landscapescale urban meadows across the inner city wastelands of Sheffield, have we learnt enough to transform our cash strapped urban greenspaces into more natural paradises? Or have we just created a bewildering set of ideas unsuitable and unsustainable in urban areas most in need? This session will discuss why green recovery approaches must embrace beauty alongside ecology for a fairer world and provide an introduction to a spectrum of solutions that have proven success. It will also uncover current limitations and challenges of urban nature led design in our pressured city environments.

Sue France, Pictorial Meadows
Chair: **Francis Hesketh, TEP**

Session 3C: A Professional Development Programme for Parks and Green Space Managers - Skills for a Green Recovery

The Landscape Institute, Green Flag and Natural England and others have come together to develop a professional development programme specifically for parks and green space managers. It is aimed at equipping them with the skills and knowledge required to manage parks to help tackle the 21st century challenges of public health, climate change and restoring nature and helps them prove the incredible value parks and green space provide. This session will explore the key challenges of the Green Recovery for Parks and Green Space Managers.

Paul Todd, Green Flag Awards
Jane Houghton, Natural England
Eddie Curry, Nottingham Council
Chair: **Rob Pearce, Landscape Institute**

12:35 Break



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12:45 Closing Remarks

Francis Hesketh, TEP
Claire Wansbury CMLI, Atkins Ltd
Rob Pearce, Landscape Institute

13:15 Close

Speakers



Francis Hesketh
TEP

Francis is a founder of TEP, with 30 years' experience in environmental consultancy, including employment in the private, public and voluntary sectors. He is a Chartered Environmentalist, Chartered Landscape Architect and Chartered Forester. He leads TEP's work in ecology, green infrastructure and arboriculture. His green infrastructure work involves planning, design and implementation of ecological networks and site-specific brownfield regeneration. His consultancy advice assisted the Forestry Commission gain £50m investment for its NEWLANDS community woodlands scheme. With a strong emphasis on delivery, he has won BURA, Landscape Institute and CIEEM awards for ecology and landscape works



Claire Wansbury
CMLI
Atkins Ltd

Claire is a highly experienced ecologist, who has been elected a Fellow of both CIEEM and the Linnean Society. Claire is one of the UK's leading experts on biodiversity net gain, a significant policy change that will affect many major infrastructure projects. She also works with landscape designers, environmental economists and others to build shared understanding of the value of benefits the natural world provides to people. This includes measures that can contribute to carbon capture and climate change adaptation. Such interventions will form a key part of the UK's move towards carbon Net Zero.



Rob Pearce
Landscape Institute

Rob is currently the Parks Development Manager at the Landscape Institute where he oversaw the creation of the Parks and Green Space Network following the transfer of The Parks Alliance into the Landscape Institute. Recently, Rob has worked with the new network to provide strategic leadership for the sector by positively influencing government proposals for a Green Recovery ; developing a new professional development programme for greenspace managers in partnership with Natural England and Green Flag; and creating a prototype knowledge hub, aimed at bringing green space research and practice closer together, with Leeds and Sheffield Universities.



Speakers

Tony Juniper CBE is Chair of the official Nature conservation agency Natural England and a Fellow with the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership. He is a former Director of Friends of the Earth, Executive Director with WWF UK, President of the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts and environment advisor to HRH the Prince of Wales. He is the author of many books, including the best-selling What has Nature ever done for us?



Dr Tony Juniper
CBE
Natural England

Dr Julia Baker is a Biodiversity Technical Specialist at Balfour Beatty, which is one of the largest contractors in the UK. Julia is the lead author on the UK's Good Practice Principle for Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG), and has designed and implemented BNG on a variety of developments from small to large scale, from urban to rural. Julia currently runs professional training courses on BNG and is on Natural England's Sounding Board for the revision of Biodiversity Metric 2.0



Dr Julia Baker
Balfour Beatty

Sally Hayns CEcol MCIEEM is Chief Executive Officer of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM), the leading professional body for ecologists and environmental managers in the UK and Ireland. As well as overseeing the running of the Institute she currently leads on the CIEEM's professional standards and professional development work as well as being actively involved in policy engagement. Prior to taking on this role in 2010, she had worked for a number of environmental charities as well as spending six years with the City of London Corporation at Epping Forest.



Sally Hayns
Chartered Institute
of Ecology and
Environmental

Speakers



Helen Oaknam
Department for
Environment, Food
and Rural Affairs

I am an experienced advisor to government, local authorities, private sector developers and communities on environment, climate change, and sustainable development. I currently lead on implementation of biodiversity net gain at Defra, with responsibility for establishing the private market for habitat enhancements, sale and investment of statutory biodiversity credits, and engagement with developers and landowners.



James Hewetson-Brown
Wildflower Tuft Ltd

James Hewetson-Brown is the Managing Director of Wildflower Turf Limited, the UK's leading specialist supplier of Wildflower Turf used for landscaping and green roof projects. He has spent his working lifetime in agriculture and is a graduate of Seale Hayne Agricultural College. His strong interest in biodiversity led to the development of the concept of Wildflower Turf in 2003. Since then, James has conducted a significant amount of research into the establishment of wildflower landscapes in the built environment.



Dr Matthew Tallis
University Centre
Spar.

Dr Matthew is passionate about the natural world, the influence of human societies on the natural world and especially all things related with trees. He holds a BSc (Dual Hons) in Biochemistry and Physiology (University of Sheffield) an MSc in Environmental Science (University of Aberdeen) and a PhD investigating the effects of climate change on tree growth and function (University of Southampton). He has worked on many national and international projects associated with trees, climate change and the sustainable use of land for bioenergy production. More recently, His research has involved exploring the roles of plants in urban settings and particularly in managing air pollution.

Speakers

Dr JoDr Joe Franklin is an ecologist within the WSP Natural Capital and Biodiversity team. His focus is the practical delivery of biodiversity net gain, which is defined as 'development that leaves nature in a better state than before'. Joe has extensive experience of the ecological impact assessment of complex infrastructure and development schemes. He regularly leads teams undertaking detailed biodiversity assessment and natural capital projects. Joe is a member of the CIEEM Biodiversity Net Gain Working Group.



Dr Joe Franklin
WSP in the UK

Matt is a meadows adviser at Plantlife. He provides specialist technical advice on all aspects of restoring, creating and managing wildflower meadows in a wide range of contexts. Matt has over 20 years' experience advising landowners on conservation land management. Matt has worked on a number of high profile meadow restoration projects on the North Downs in Kent and across the High Weald in Sussex.



Matt Pitts
Plantlife

Bill Butcher, a Director at eCountability Ltd and UKHab Ltd, specialises in habitat information management and ecological impact assessment in the UK and overseas. Bill is the lead author of the UK Habitat Classification which is the basis of biodiversity net gain assessment, and a joint author of the Defra Biodiversity Metric. He has led many site, county and regional habitat surveys and inventories in a career in the Wildlife Trusts and Local Environmental Records Centres. His recent focus has been on the application of habitat and ecosystem service mapping and condition recording in impact assessments.



Bill Butcher
UKHab Ltd

Speakers



Bob Edmonds
UKHAB Ltd

Bob specialises in ecological impact assessment, habitat management planning, biodiversity net gain (BNG) and protected fauna survey and mitigation. Bob was a member of the internationally-focussed Business and Biodiversity Offsets Programme (BBOP) Advisory Group from 2008 to 2018; a contributing author to CIRIA-CIEEM-HEMA Principles for BNG published in 2016 and is a committee member on British Standard BS8683 – Biodiversity Net Gain, where he is representing the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM).



Sue France
Pictorial Meadows

Sue trained as a horticulturalist, educationalist and landscape manager. She has over 40 years' experience within the parks and environmental industry, working within voluntary, public and private sectors. Previous roles have included Head of Horticulture, Duchy College Cornwall, Conservation Manager for Camden Parks and Strategic Advisor for Cablespace. Sue was recently awarded the RHS medal for Services to Northern Horticulture. Sue is the founder and CEO of the Green Estate and Pictorial Meadows. Green Estate started life as a one-year greenspace regeneration project but has evolved over 20 years into a thriving, not-for-profit organisation.



Paul Todd
Green Flag Awards

Paul has managed the Green Flag Award Scheme, the international quality standard for parks and green spaces since 2003. Last year the scheme awarded over 2200 sites in the UK and in 14 countries around the world including New Zealand, USA, Portugal and the UAE. Paul has worked on the governments Parks Action Group and was a Director of the Parks Alliance. He is currently working with the Landscape Institute on the professional development programme for parks and green space managers

Speakers

Jane Houghton works at Natural England, where she is project managing the development of a National Framework of Green Infrastructure (GI) Standards, for launch in 2022. This is a commitment in the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan to green our towns and cities, connect people with the natural environment, improve health and wellbeing and address inequalities. Throughout her career in the natural environment, Jane has worked to promote the wide range of environmental and quality of life benefits that greenspaces and wider GI can offer to communities. In 2020, Jane led on the publication of a Natural England evidence review of the health and wellbeing evidence for the GI Standards.



Jane Houghton
Natural England

After completing a HND in Horticulture at Askham Bryan College in 1997, Eddie was appointed as a Landscape, Refuse and Cleansing Maintenance Officer at Redditch Borough Council in Worcestershire. Eddie spent just over a year there before moving to Preston in 1998 to take up the position of Parks Technical Assistant at Preston City Council (PCC). During the next 8 years Eddie continued to work for PCC, progressing to Assistant Head of Parks & Open Spaces in 2000 and then Head of Parks & Open Spaces in 2002. During this time Eddie also completed a Master's Degree in Business Administration at the University of Central Lancashire.



Eddie Curry FLI
Nottingham City Council

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