Beauty, function and sustainability in the age of austerity

Annual conference & CPD day

The Landscape Institute is delighted to host its annual conference on 3 and 4 March 2016, in partnership with the University of Sheffield's Department of Landscape

DAY ONE

• Welcome
  Noel Farrer, President, Landscape Institute

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  Professor James Hitchmough, Head of Department, Department of Landscape, University of Sheffield

• What is beauty? – history, evolution and theory
  Featuring: Professor Brian Evans (Glasgow School of Art), Clare Rishbeth (University of Sheffield)

• The pursuit of beauty: a core object or trivial add-on?
  Featuring: Professor Nigel Dunnett (University of Sheffield), Anna Jorgensen (University of Sheffield), Alan Carter (The Land Trust), Merrick Denton-Thompson (Landscape Institute)

• Does the focus on function lead to an interest only in the bottom line?
  Andrew Grant (Grant Associates)

• Do we all have a right to beauty in an age of austerity?
  Featuring: Caroline Julian (ResPublica)

• What role does beauty play in planning, designing and reviewing landscape?
  Featuring: Clare Devine (Design Council Cabe), Ian Houlston (LDA Design), Chris Bolton (Natural England), Jenifer White (Historic England)

• Women in the Built Environment Sector – panel discussion
  Featuring: Mary O’Connor (WYG)

• Dinner at the Grade II* Listed Cutlers’ Hall
DAY TWO

9:00 am to 11:30 am - site visits, for which delegates will choose one option from the following list:

- **Sheffield Gold Route**  
  *with Zac Tudor, Principal Landscape Architect, Sheffield City Council*

- **Grey to Green project**  
  *with Simon Ogden, Head of City Regeneration, Sheffield City Council*

- **Winter Garden**  
  *with David Gill, City Centre Facilities Manager, Sheffield City Council*

- **Botanical Gardens**  
  *with Ian Turner, Acting Head of Parks and Public Realm, Sheffield City Council*

- **Kiveton Community Woodland**  
  *with Alan Carter, Head of Portfolio Management, The Land Trust*

- **Manor Fields**  
  *with Roger Nowell, SUDS Approval Body Lead officer at Sheffield City Council and Sue France, CEO at Green Estate*

- **Parkwood Springs**  
  *with, Anna Jorgensen, University of Sheffield*

12 noon to 5:00 pm - four slots of breakout CPD sessions. Subjects on offer include:

- **Soil Specification and Testing**  
  *with Tim O’Hare*

- **The sublime and the picturesque in the contemporary context**  
  *with Professor Brian Evans, Glasgow School of Art*

- **Using green walls in the urban environment to deliver ecosystem services**  
  *with Professor John Dover, Staffordshire University*

- **Building Green Bridges: creating a connected landscape**  
  *with Kate Ahern, LUC and Clare Warburton, Natural England*

- **Inclusive Public Realm – an update on the dos, don’ts and legislation**  
  *with Helen Allen, hada*

- **The Benefits that Trees can bring to Urban Futures**  
  *with Alan Simson, Leeds Beckett University*

- **Closing the gap – how to select trees**  
  *with Keith Sacre, Barcham Trees*

- **Understanding the pathways to health and wellbeing in natural environments and exploring the implications for landscape planning and design**  
  *with Anna Jorgensen, University of Sheffield*
• Attracting attention: beautiful yet functional pollinator-friendly plantings in a changing world  
  with Helen Bostock and Stephanie Bird, RHS

• Fractured landscapes - hydraulic fracturing in the LVIA  
  with Dr Olaf Schroth, University of Sheffield

• Design for Play: how to create playful landscapes  
  with Adam White and Andree Davies, Davies White Associates

• Drawing for Landscape Architecture from sketch to screen to site  
  with Edward Hutchison

• Developing an asset management based approach to existing parks and greenspaces systems  
  with Colin Stuart, Dewar Stuart Associates

• Controversial benches: The delicate art of sitting outside  
  with Clare Rishbeth, University of Sheffield

More sessions to be announced…

The day ends with a drinks reception hosted by the Department of Landscape, University of Sheffield