

Green Places

22 September 2009, Leicester College

This regional conference will share information and best practice on the benefits to communities of a well planned network of green infrastructure with an emphasis on urban areas. In particular, it will explore the role of green infrastructure in place-making, supporting the economy and in providing wildlife networks, areas for public recreation and enjoyment, and systems for mitigating against and adapting to climate change.

The morning programme

- 09:30 Registration opens and refreshments
- 10:00 **Welcome** – Councillor Roger Blackmore, Lord Mayor of Leicester
- 10:05 **Welcome** – Maggie Galliers, Leicester College
- 10:10 **Green Infrastructure in Context** – Maddy Jago, Regional Director, Natural England
- 10:20 **Green Infrastructure Strategies** – Sharon Jefferies, 6Cs Green Infrastructure Coordinator
- 10:45 **The Planning Perspective - Leicester City Council and surface water** – Chryse Tinsley, Landscape Planner, Leicester City Council
- 11:05 Refreshments
- 11:30 **Break out sessions (presentations followed by mediated discussion)**
1. The value of planning for green infrastructure and it's role in place-making – *James Carpenter, Regeneration East Midlands*
 2. The economic value of green infrastructure – *Will Williams, Natural England*
 3. Delivering Green Infrastructure: The Developer's Perspective – *Ian Dudley, Lockhart Garratt*
- 12:30 **Q&A** – grill an expert! (Panel)
- 13:00 Locally sourced / fair trade lunch

The afternoon programme

- 13:45 **Delivering green infrastructure – the rural perspective** – Sophie Churchill, National Forest (tbc)
- 14:15 **Break out sessions**
1. Building green roofs for energy and biodiversity – *Dusty Gedge, livingroofs.org*
 2. Concept statements – *Mick McLoughlin, Planning Co-operative, and Gill Wilson, Lincoln City Council*
 3. Biodiversity and Green Space – *Helen O'Brien, Nature Conservation Officer, Leicester City Council*
- 15:15 Refreshments
- 15:30 **Model of Green Infrastructure delivery** – Michel Kerrou, River Nene Regional Park
- 16:00 **Closing remarks** – Mike Peverill, regional climate change co-ordinator (tbc)