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Parks Seminar 2024

Diversity in nature



Thursday 14 March

Old Trafford Football Stadium,
Manchester

Programme

9.00 Registration and exhibition viewing

10:00 Session One

The State of the Market in Parks

- Outlining the findings of APSE's latest survey
- What are the priorities for local authority parks teams?
- Budgets, recruitment and retention

Matt Ellis, Principal Advisor, APSE

Environmental protection and improvement through effective governance

- The Environment Act and a new approach to environmental governance
- EIP23 – findings of our latest report on government's progress
- Other work and areas of interest for the OEP – next steps

Natalie Prosser, CEO, Office for Environmental Protection

Better Place Bradford, JU:MP (Join Us: Move, Play), Make Space for Girls Campaign and our collaborative approach

- Funding opportunities
- Emphasising co-design for community engagement
- Equitable, healthier, greener and sustainable environments for all

Dr Saira Ali, Team Leader Landscape Design and Conservation, Bradford Council

Audience question and answer session

11:30 Comfort break and exhibition viewing

12:00 Session Two

The purpose of the Urban Green Spaces inquiry

- The evidence on the impact of UGS provision on the quality and length of people's lives.
- The main conclusions from the inquiry: how can the Government encourage more and better protect existing green spaces?

EFRA Committee Member

How can local authorities better understand the environmental justice they achieve for their residents?

- What is Environmental Justice and how can you measure it?
- Opportunities to get involved in research for the parks agenda
- The importance of collecting impact data for parks

Humera Sultan, Public Health Consultant, Birmingham City Council

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Cherryanne Cooper and Roger Leverett, Brightly Software

Audience question and answer session

13.20 Lunch and exhibition viewing

14:15 Session Three

Safer Parks – Improving access for women and girls

- Research on perceptions of safety by the University of Leeds - findings
- Safer Parks – guidance on design and management of parks
- Behaviour change

Helen Forman, Urban Design Manager, West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Managing increased flood risks in urban areas

- The multiple benefits provided by SuDS and Ecosystem Services - bringing research into practice
- SuDS in School – a case study in Leicester
- Using parks and open spaces to integrate natural flood management measures to reduce flood risk in urban areas

Roshni Jose, Flood Risk Engineer, and Chryse Tinsley, Landscape Planner, Leicester City Council

Audience question and answer session

15:15 Comfort break and exhibition viewing

15:45 Session Four

Glyphosate and the alternatives – The Highland Council's experience

- The glyphosate debate
- What are the alternatives?
- Integrated weed control strategies

Debbie Sutton, Amenities Manager, Highland Council

Responding to tree pests and diseases in urban green spaces

- The urban tree / pest and disease interface
- Reporting tree pest and disease symptoms
- Mitigating measures

Barnaby Wylder, Plant Health Forestry Area Lead (North West), Forestry Commission

Audience question and answer session

16:45 Seminar close

About

About the Seminar

Local authorities have a duty to restore species and habitats in the environment (Environment Act 2021). They also have a duty to ensure equal access to the benefits of the environment (Equality Act 2010).

The big question is: ***How can councils fulfil both duties amidst tightening budgets?***

This seminar brings together senior figures within the parks and open spaces sector to explore how councils and partner organisations are reversing biodiversity loss whilst also improving equitable access to greenspace.

Delegates will have an opportunity to explore and unpack initiatives involving glyphosate alternatives, urban green space design, flooding prevention, safe access and nature recovery. There is also a chance to discuss recruitment and retention issues in the sector with your peers in local government.

Venue

Evolution Suite, E4 Entrance, North East Quadrant, Old Trafford, Sir Matt Busby Way, Trafford, M16 0RA

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Public Transport

You can easily get to Old Trafford by bus, train or the Metrolink Service, please click on [this link](#) to plan your journey to the stadium

By Car

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