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Greenspace Forum



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for APSE
members

Wednesday 3 June, 10:00 - 14:00

Bute Park Visitor Centre, Cardiff, CF10 3DX

Programme

9:20 Registration and refreshments

10:00 Session One

Welcome: Councillor Jennifer Burke, Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Parks, Cardiff City Council

Inside an Award-Winning Parks Service

- 550+ green spaces shaping Cardiff's identity and wellbeing
- Green spaces driving health, environment, and community benefits
- Coed Caerdydd: community-led tree planting for a greener future

Jennie Judd, Operational Manager, Parks Services, Cardiff City Council

Gnollywood: Helping nature stand out at Gnoll Country Park

- An innovative and successful approach to enhancing biodiversity and visitor engagement through the 'GNOLLYWOOD' initiative

Rose Revera, Senior Biodiversity Officer, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

Wildflower Meadows and Soil Type

- Matching species to your soil conditions
- Common mistakes that harm wildflower meadow success
- The risks of forcing unsuitable species; Impacts on soil health and wider ecology

Justin Smith, Director, Green Pigeon Consulting Ltd

Audience question and answer session

11:30 Comfort Break

11:50 Session Two

Planning for Play (Beyond Playgrounds)

- The importance children's play and its importance for health and wellbeing
- International and national policy context
- Case studies from across Wales exploring interventions to enhance opportunities to play
- Information about various resources, related to planning for play

Marianne Mannello, Assistant Director: Policy, Support and Advocacy, Play Wales

An introduction to Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), and the benefits of our urban trees

- The concept of sponge cities
- Understanding the principles of SuDS
- Urban SuDS applications
- The benefits of urban tree planting

Alasdair Innes, Specification Advisor, Green-tech

Rolling Out the Future: High-Voltage Precision in Non-Chemical Weed Control

- The shift from chemical reliance to systemic electrical control
- A focus on how the e-Weeding Roller provides a scalable, sustainable alternative for local authorities and land managers.

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Audience question and answer session

13:20 Networking Lunch

14:00 Forum Close

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About

This forum brings together expert speakers to explore how local authorities are using nature-based solutions and high-quality green spaces to enhance community wellbeing and respond to the climate emergency.

Your free booking includes lunch and refreshments.

Venue information - Bute Park Visitor Centre

The Visitor Centre first opened in November 2011 and was built as part of the Heritage Lottery-funded Bute Park Restoration Project. It incorporates several environmentally conscious design features including:

- Solar panels
- A green roof
- Underfloor heating
- Low-energy sensor-controlled lighting

The Visitor Centre shares the site of the Bute Park Nursery and Plant Shop.

For more information about the Visitor Centre and how to get there [click here](#).

