



Young Planners' Conference Programme

Healthy, Happy Places and People: Planning for Well-being

3-4 November 2017, The Museum of Science
and Industry, Manchester

Thursday 2 November 2017

7.00PM Welcome Drinks at Revolución de Cuba

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Friday 3 November 2017

8.45AM Registration and refreshments

9.20AM Opening remarks

*Speaker: Kim Cooper, Town Planner, Arup and Junior Vice Chair
of the RTPI North West*

9.25AM Recruitment Workshop Overview

*Speaker: Henry Taylor, Head of Property Recruitment, Osborne
Richardson*



Osborne Richardson 1-2-1 Session:

Osborne Richardson will be hosting a careers advice surgery throughout the duration of the conference where delegates can book a 20-30 minute slot to meet with a recruiter for impartial and confidential careers/CV/interview advice. If you would like to book in a slot please contact marketing@rtpi.org.uk with your preferred time.



9.30AM Welcome from our Headline Sponsor CBRE

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9.35AM RTPI Presidential address and update

Speaker: Stephen Wilkinson MRTPI, *President of the RTPI*

9.50AM Why Planning Now?

This introductory session will take planners back to their roots to explore exactly why they chose the profession. There will be an interactive session with delegates to identify why they chose a career in planning and we'll hear from the Young Planner of the Year on what planning means to them.

Speakers: Luke Coffey, *Senior Planning Consultant, Mott MacDonald* and RTPI Young Planner of the Year Winner 2017

Kim Cooper, *Town Planner, Arup and Junior Vice Chair of the RTPI North West*

10.00AM **Plenary Session One - How are our cities failing us? The challenges and opportunities surrounding health and happiness**

Our first plenary session will explore the key role planner's play in today's society and the important and often lesser-acknowledged, socio-economic impacts of our work. We'll identify some of the ways our cities are failing us and explore some opportunities and best practice examples of how we can improve our communities. Following the discussion we'll introduce the break activity where delegates will be asked to identify some forward-thinking, innovative ideas they have for addressing issues in our communities.

Speakers: Dr Pauleen Lane, *Group Manager (National Infrastructure), Planning Inspectorate.*

Sarah Longlands, *Senior Research Fellow, IPPR North*

The Very Revd. Rogers M Govender, *Dean of Manchester*

Chair: Jane Healey-Brown FRTPI, *Associate Director, Arup*

11.20AM Refreshments

11.40AM **Plenary Session Two - How can strategic planning help deliver healthy and happy people and places?**

The health and well-being of our cities is to a great degree dependent on the quality and direction of government and policy-



makers at the very highest-level. Government strategies and interventions can have a strong influence on planning for sustainable and healthy cities. This session will provide a critique of the structures and processes within government and provokes questions about who is truly accountable for delivering the health agenda in the built environment.

Speakers: **Sean Anstee**, *Leader*, Trafford Council

Chair: **Matt Dixon**, *Town Planner*, Zerum Planning

***Other speakers TBC

12.45PM **Lunch and Networking**

1.45PM **Crash Courses and Walking Study Tours - your choice of one crash course or tour**

Crash Course One: Environmental Planning

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This workshop will comprise a detailed review of environmental planning matters and consider how the environment can be protected and enhanced, whilst making the most of its development potential. The talk will also include practical details for promoting schemes and will explore how sites are appraised from an environmental perspective, from initial site appraisals, through to detailed site surveys.

Speakers: **Dave Hodgkinson**, *Technical Director*, Wardell Armstrong

Dr Steven Lees, *Principal Environmental Scientist*, Wardell Armstrong

Caroline Mellor, *Associate Director*, Wardell Armstrong

Suzanne Wykes, *Associate Director*, Wardell Armstrong

Crash Course Two: Compulsory Purchase Orders

The session will explore the use of Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO's) and recent key planning decisions and legal reforms from a public and private sector perspective. It will also assess the use of CPO powers during the planning application process and look at current good practice in using these to effectively promote development.



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Speakers: **Greg Dickson MRTPI**, *Planning Director*, Barton Willmore

Debbie Reynolds, *Associate*, TLT Solicitors

Crash Course Three: Planning Law in Context – City-Centre Regeneration Scheme

Enhance your understanding of planning law through a real life situation focusing on two of Manchester's largest regeneration schemes in the city centre: 'Spinningfields' and 'St.John's'. These major brownfield regeneration schemes have expanded the city centre boundaries and kick-started growth in the city economy, whilst also overcoming a series of planning legal challenges.

Speakers: **Sam Grange**, *Senior Associate*, Shoosmiths

Daniel Murphy, *Solicitor*, Shoosmiths

Chris Reay, *Spinningfields Estate Director*, Allied London

Crash Course Four: APC

The RTPI will deliver its vital masterclass on the APC. This session will include an overview of the process, invaluable tips and guidance to capture your experience and how to apply to become a Chartered Member of the RTPI. Delegates who are preparing to submit their APC soon may find this session of particular interest.

Speaker: **Jenny Tyler**, *Senior Membership Advisor*, RTPI

Crash Course Five: Creating healthy places by connecting communities: The Tower Hamlets Green Grid

LUC has recently completed extensive research in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets on pedestrian connections between important social facilities, train and tube stations and community hubs, and the Borough's many waterways and open spaces. Their work has defined a framework for the delivery of appealing walking routes through Tower Hamlets, to ensure a healthy and attractive environment is created for residents, workers and visitors. This session focuses on the key issues and challenges associated with delivering high quality pedestrian routes within urban areas, alongside wider regeneration. Attendees will be given the opportunity to explore the approaches used in such studies through this interactive session.

Speaker: **Emma Luke MRTPI**, *Principal Consultant*, LUC



Study Tour One: Middlewood Locks

This tour will explore the new plans for Middlewood Locks, a major regeneration development within walking distance of Manchester City Centre which is due to start on site in late summer. The scheme is providing a mix of residential, commercial, leisure and retail uses to create a unique neighbourhood that benefits from its canal side location.

Led by: **Mike Ralph MRTPI**, *Partner*, Zerum

Paul Kelly, *Chartered Surveyor*, Scarborough Development Group

Ian Lawson, *Regional Director*, Whittam Cox Architects

Study Tour Two: MOSI

Delegates will explore the historic site occupied by the Museum of Science and Industry and hear about the museum's Masterplan ambitions going forward, within the context of the national Science Museum Group. The tour will illustrate how the museum utilises its listed buildings to tell the story of the industrial revolution in Manchester, whilst adhering to planning constraints. Plans for adjacent developments will also be shared, with an insight into the museum's role within the St John's Strategic Regeneration Framework.

Led by: **Jacqueline Lindley MRTPI**, *Senior Project Manager (Master Plan)*, Museum of Science and Industry

3.00PM

Refreshments

3.30PM

Planner Soap Box

We are handing it over to you! We'll hear from three young planners from across the UK and Ireland on a topic that's important to them. If you're attending the conference and would be interested in presenting, please email marketing@rtpi.org.uk to express an interest.

Speakers: TBC

3.45PM

Plenary Session Three - How can we plan for the silent majority?

Physical and social environments are a key factor in producing inclusive communities. As planners, we can influence the built environment and change places for the better. This session will explore approaches that create better environments for groups within society cutting across race, age, ability and culture. It will also consider the new 'wave' of modular homes as an alternative, and more inclusive housing proposition in the UK. Planning can play a vital role in delivering improvements to health and well-



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being and this session should leave you with another lens in which to take development decisions.

Speakers: **Chris Monkman**, *Head of Land and Strategy*, Urban Splash

Sarah Lewis MRTPI, *Planning Practice Officer*, RTPI

Simin Davoudi MRTPI, *Director of Global Urban Research Unit (GURU)* at the School of Architecture, Planning & Landscape, Newcastle University

Chair: **Jan Bessell FRTPI**, *Strategic Planning Advisor*, Pinsent Masons

5.10PM **Day One Wrap Up**

Speaker: **Graham Stallwood FRTPI**, *Chair of the RTPI Board*

7.30PM – 1.00AM **Gala Dinner – The National Football Museum**

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Saturday 4 November 2017

9.30AM **Arrival and Refreshments**

10.00AM **Day 2 Opening Remarks**

Speaker: **Kim Cooper**, *Town Planner*, Planning, Policy Economics, Arup

10.05AM **Welcome from our Headline Sponsor Oyster Partnership**



10.10AM **Crash Courses – your choice of one session**

Crash Course One: Urban Design Skills

This workshop will explore the relationship between the planning system and urban design. Many plans and policies refer to



ensuring that buildings respond to 'context', but understanding, responding and justifying contextually responsive design, without being swayed by personal preference can be difficult. This practical workshop will explore matters such as density, enclosure, character and scale giving delegates the opportunity to gain valuable skills including townscape analysis and exploring how to use design terminology with confidence to shape planning proposals. This workshop is designed for planners with a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences allowing delegates to engage with this subject matter at a variety of levels.

Speakers: **Bob Phillips MRTPI**, *Director, Planner and Urban Designer*, Urban Imprint

Jo Gregory MRTPI, *Senior Planner and Urban Designer*, Urban Imprint

Crash Course Two: An Introduction to Heritage

This session will provide an introduction to heritage for all those interested or involved in the conservation of the historic environment. It will provide an overview of the founding of building conservation and; explore the different types of designated and non-designated heritage assets together with the relevant legislation and planning policy context within which they sit. It is intended to be an open discussion and provide those attending with greater clarity on terms such as 'significance' and 'setting' within the context of the historic environment. The session will culminate with various case studies and a discussion on identifying harm.

Speakers: **Jack Haw MRTPI**, *Senior Heritage Planner*, Turley

Claire Easton MRTPI, *Heritage Planner*, Turley

Crash Course Three: Sustainable Housing

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This session will explore the crucial role of planning to create sufficient new sustainable housing developments for future generations. It will ask how we can speed up the house building process, while also reducing the environmental impact of development, ensuring good design and minimising resource use.

Speaker: TBC



Crash Course Four: Planning Law Update

39 Essex Chambers will provide an overview of the most recent changes in planning law relevant to industry professionals.

Speakers: **Daniel Stedman Jones**, *Barrister*, 39 Essex Chambers

Rosie Scott, *Barrister*, 39 Essex Chambers

11.05AM Refreshments

11.30AM Planner Soap Box

We will hear from the winner of the RTPI Excellence in Planning for Well-being Winner who will be presenting their case study as a best practice example of planning for health and wellbeing.

Speaker: **Place Standard - Scottish Government**
The Excellence in Planning for Well-being Winner -
The RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence 2017

11.45AM Plenary Session Four - How can Planners fix the 'housing crisis'?

Housing continues to be at the forefront of plan making and politics. This session will cover the main constraints affecting housing delivery as well as exploring the feasibility of green belt release and garden villages in the context of the future housing supply in our country. By sharing examples both nationally, and in the North West, the session will explore best practices and provide an overview of where housing delivery is heading.

Speakers: **Dr John Sturzaker MRTPI**, *Senior Lecturer in Civic Design/Planning*, University of Liverpool

David Rudlin, *Director*, Urbed

Daniel Tapscott - *Head of Neighbourly Matters Team*, Rapleys

Emma Cariaga, *Project Director*, British Land

Chair: **Sue Bridge MRTPI**, *Chair RTPI Policy, Planning and Research Committee*

12.45PM Closing Remarks

Speaker: **Graham Stallwood FRTPI**, *Chair of the RTPI Board*

1.00PM Lunch and Networking



1.45PM

Study Tours

Please note the following for all Study Tours:

If you are going on one of the Liverpool Study Tours, you will leave the conference at 1:00pm to catch the coach. A packed lunch will be provided. All Liverpool Tours will end at 3.30pm in Liverpool. The coach will return to MOSI, Manchester by 4.30pm.

All Manchester Tours will return to MOSI by 3.30pm.

***These timings may change depending on traffic conditions, please allow yourself enough time when making travel arrangements.

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Study Tour One - Liverpool Waterfront, Liverpool

Ian Wray, who has known and worked in Liverpool for over 30 years, will lead this tour. The walk will tell the story of Liverpool's journey back from the brink... and the waterfront's extraordinary revival. Ian will take Delegates from Liverpool's new Exhibition Centre and end at Princes Dock, the starting point of Peel's Liverpool Waters project. He will reflect on history and heritage as well as regeneration, passing world famous heritage sites including the Albert Dock and the Three Graces.

Led by: Professor Ian Wray MRTPI (rtd), *Visiting Fellow*, Liverpool University and Author of 'Great British Plans: Who Made Them and How They Worked'

Meeting point: Liverpool ONE outside John Lewis

Study Tour Two - Welsh Streets and Granby 4 Streets, Liverpool

The tour will explore the streets of terraced housing Liverpool has now become famous for, the epicentre of the recent Turner prize winning project. Delegates will visit the Granby Workshop, and view the now occupied two-up two-down houses and consider the role the public realm and community-led design have played in this hard-won renaissance. The tour will also take delegates around the Welsh Streets which became the focus of a national debate on housing and regeneration, when a block of Victorian and 1950's built homes was threatened with demolition through the HMR Pathfinder scheme.



Led by: **Tim Jago**, *Housing Team Leader* at Liverpool City Council

Marianne Heaslip, *Architect* (URBED Ltd)

Study Tour Three - Liverpool ONE, Liverpool

The walk will begin above the first enclosed wet dock in the world and then follow the course of the original waterway that shaped the city centre, taking in the historic street pattern and significant events that dramatically changed Liverpool's townscape. The walk will take in the Liverpool ONE development, and its links into surrounding areas including the waterfront and the Ropewalks area.

Led by: **Graham Marshall**, *Director*, Prosocial Place

Study Tour Four - New Islington, Manchester

The tour will be led by Chris Monkman from Urban Splash and Sangeetha Banner, a Planner and New Islington resident. The tour will explore the completed (and unfulfilled) development outcomes of recent regeneration initiatives. The tour will also discuss how the historic canal network and new public realm infrastructure create an interesting and quirky backdrop to the new spaces, buildings and streets.

Led by: **Chris Monkman**, *Head of Land and Strategy*, Urban Splash

Sangeetha Banner, *Town Planner*, URBED

Study Tour Five - A tour of Salford, Manchester

This tour will take delegates around recent regeneration projects by developers Muse, covering two new residential developments Vimto Gardens and Timekeepers Square and Muse's brand new commercial development at New Bailey. The tour will take delegates along Chapel Street and over the River Irwell, which separates Manchester and Salford, to explore how Salford is accommodating new growth in unique spaces.

Led by: **Phil Mayall**, *Development Director*, Muse

Study Tour Six - Circle Square, Manchester

This tour will take delegates along the new Oxford Road corridor, a site of major recent investment to remove cars and introduce



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new bus and cycle infrastructure. The tour will also include a presentation on Bruntwood's Circle Square scheme on the former BBC site, which provides a mix of offices, residential apartments and student accommodation surrounding a circular multi-use space.

Led by: **Jessica Bowles**, *Director of Strategy*, Bruntwood

Study Tour Seven - Castlefields, Manchester

A historic canal side neighbourhood in west Manchester which has benefited from urban regeneration with the conversion of mills into apartments and office space. Young Planner Matt Dixon will lead this tour and provides an insight into his work on the Castlefield Neighborhood Plan and how the new residential population is looking to shape the further development of their neighborhood.

Led by: **Matt Dixon**, *Assistant Planner*, Zerum Consult Ltd