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**4TH-5TH JUNE**  
**GLASGOW | SCOTLAND**



**Great Places, Great Cities 2009** is being hosted in Glasgow - one of Europe's most vibrant and cosmopolitan cities, home to the art nouveau architectural treasures of Charles Rennie Mackintosh, and on the doorstep of some of Scotland's most glorious countryside.

Glasgow – the 'Dear Green Place' – has a long tradition of providing green and civic spaces for the benefit of its citizens. Glasgow now sits at the heart of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network – one of the largest green infrastructure projects in the UK and a major constituent of the Central Scotland Green Network proposed in Scotland's National Planning Framework.

The former ship-building powerhouse has undergone a cultural and economic renaissance and in 2004 was re-branded as Glasgow: Scotland with Style. US travel magazine Frommer's voted Glasgow one of the top ten 'must-see' up and coming destinations for 2006.

**The conference is organised in partnership by:**

greenspace scotland | Glasgow City Council | Project for Public Spaces  
NHS Health Scotland | Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership  
The Lighthouse | Architecture + Design Scotland | Glasgow Centre for Population Health  
RTPI Scotland | Scottish Natural Heritage | Clyde Waterfront | Scottish Government

## SUSTAINABLE CITIES... SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES... SUSTAINABLE LIVING...

**These concepts are taxing politicians and practitioners across the world – from downtown Detroit to the planned eco-cities in China. Much thought has been given to the ways in which our homes and offices, our transport options and our lifestyle decisions can be made more sustainable.**

But what about the spaces between the buildings? The networks of greenspaces, civic spaces and streets where people meet and live out their day-to-day lives... the spaces where children play... the infrastructure which supports cycling and walking and reduces the impacts of climate change... the spaces which combine with our built environment to create a sense of place.

This two-day conference will bring together an international and home audience of senior practitioners, policy makers and politicians to discuss the role of public space and green networks in creating truly sustainable cities – cities which have a reduced impact on the environment, which cope better with the consequences of global climate change and where people want to live and work.

The conference features a range of keynote speakers, themed presentations and workshops exploring placemaking in city regions both in Scotland and internationally. The main conference venue is Glasgow City Chambers with some sessions being held in other city locations to allow delegates to see and learn more about the issues being discussed.

### **TO BOOK**

Delegate fee for Thursday 4 and Friday 5 June is **£350**. A special early bird rate at a reduced fee of **£295** is available to delegates booking before 23 March 2009. Booking forms are available on the conference website at [www.greenspacescotland.org.uk/GreatPlacesGreatCities](http://www.greenspacescotland.org.uk/GreatPlacesGreatCities)

# DAY 1

THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2009

TIME	EVENT
9:45	Registration & Coffee
	<b>SETTING THE SCENE</b>
10:30	<b>Welcome to Glasgow</b> Councillor Steven Purcell   Leader, Glasgow City Council
	<b>Keynote 1</b> (Glasgow City Region) Great Places, Great Cities – the role of green infrastructure Vincent Goodstadt   Chair, RTPI International Committee
	<b>Keynote 2</b> (International) Transforming cities through the creation of people-focused spaces David Sim   Director, Gehl Architects
	<b>Q&amp;A</b> – Brian Evans   Deputy Chair, Architecture + Design Scotland
12:00	Lunch – with poster display* and ‘market place’
	<b>EXPERIENCING THE CITY</b>
13:30	Breakout Sessions – see opposite
16:15	Return to City Chambers
17:00	Clyde River Trip

\* We are offering the opportunity to present research findings and greenspace project outcomes relating to the conference themes, through speed presentation and poster display sessions.

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## SESSION 1 GREENSPACE, STREETS AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

**Walking tour of Crown St/Gorbals**  
highlighting a modern take on the traditional tenement and associated ‘back court’ greenspaces and the importance of streets in creating community space

**Learning from Crown Street** – New Laurieston and work elsewhere in Glasgow  
Alastair MacDonald | Glasgow City Council

**Building functional space into sustainable housing developments**  
David Sim | Gehl Architects

## SESSION 2 HEALTH PROMOTING SPACES – PAST AND FUTURE

**Bus tour of existing and planned spaces in the East End of the city** focussing on the role of health promotion in the Development Strategy for the area and the potential offered by the Commonwealth Games ‘legacy’

**Planning the development and management of open space to maximise health benefits**  
Deryck Irving | greenspace scotland

**Creating health promoting environments – international lessons**  
Howard Frumkin MD | National Center for Environmental Health, Atlanta

## SESSION 3 OPEN SPACE AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

**Walking tour of the City Centre** looking at the need for sustainable drainage solutions

**Sustainable Drainage – the Glasgow City model**  
Sandy Gillon | Glasgow City Council

**Building functional open space into climate change adaptation strategies**  
Greater London Authority

## SESSION 4 GREEN NETWORKS – DELIVERING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REGENERATION

**Bus tour of parts of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network** looking at the Green Network’s role in transforming areas with social and economic challenges

**The potential for green networks to deliver more sustainable urban and peri-urban lifestyles**

Max Hislop | Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership

**grünmetropole** – a transnational green network regenerating post-industrial landscapes  
Uwe Zink | grünmetropole

## SESSION 5 GREEN AND BLUE NETWORK AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

**Bus tour in the West of the city** looking at the network offered by the Forth and Clyde Canal, River Kelvin and the River Clyde

**Habitat Networks** – integrating biodiversity into sustainable development of City Regions  
Ian Whitehead | Edinburgh and Lothians Forest Habitat Network

**Glasgow Canal Regeneration** – the importance of the city’s bluespace  
Chris Breslin | Isis Waterside Regeneration

## SESSION 6 VIBRANT AND DYNAMIC CITY CENTRES – THE ROLE OF PUBLIC SPACES

**Walking tour of the Merchant City** looking at the regeneration of the area and the role that civic spaces and streets have in encouraging new life in the city centre

**Downtown Places** – international examples of developing quality and functional public space in urban centres  
Phil Myrick | Project for Public Spaces

# DAY 2

FRIDAY 5 JUNE 2009

TIME	EVENT
9:00	Registration & Coffee
9:30	<b>Keynote 1</b> Creating healthy spaces and cities – international approaches to developing health-promoting environments <b>Howard Frumkin MD, MPH, DrPH</b>   Director of the National Center for Environmental Health, Atlanta
10:00	<b>Keynote 2</b> Regenerating communities through greenspace <b>Miquela Craytor</b>   Executive Director, Sustainable South Bronx
10:30	Q&A
11:00	Coffee
11:30	Breakout Sessions – see opposite
13:00	Lunch – with poster display and ‘market place’
14:00	Speed Presentations
15:00	Coffee
15:30	<b>Keynote 1</b> (International) Civic leaders as placemakers <b>Steve Davies</b>   Senior Vice President, Project for Public Spaces <b>Keynote 2</b> (International) Entering the ecological age – learning from urban development models in China <b>Peter Head</b>   Director, Arup <b>Keynote 3</b> (Glasgow) Glasgow’s Open Space Vision <b>Steve Inch</b>   Executive Director of Development and Regeneration Services, Glasgow City Council
16:30	Closing Remarks
17:00	Drinks Reception – Hosted by Lord Provost of Glasgow

## SESSION A EARLY YEARS – THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILD-FRIENDLY, HEALTH-PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTS

- **Healthy environments** – the early years imperative  
Dr Harry Burns | Chief Medical Officer for Scotland
- **Toxic Childhoods** – where has it all gone wrong?  
Sue Palmer | Author
- **Designing spaces for active and natural play**  
Mike Hyatt | Mike Hyatt Associates

## SESSION B OPEN SPACE AND HOUSING – DEALING WITH EXISTING SPACES IN SOCIAL HOUSING ESTATES

- **Neighbourhoods Green** – raising the game in greenspace owned and managed by social landlords  
Mathew Frith | Peabody
- **Grounds maintenance, people and social housing, working together** – the experience of Clapton Park, Hackney  
John Little | The Grassroof Company
- **It’s more than just bricks and mortar** – Scottish social landlords working with communities to create new greenspace resources

## SESSION C CELEBRATING OUR CITIES THROUGH OUR SPACES – OPEN SPACE AND CULTURE

- **The Hidden Gardens** – a multi-cultural space for the 21st Century  
Rolf Roscher | The Hidden Gardens
- **Cultural planning as a tool in developing sustainable cities**  
Liz Gardiner | Fablevision
- **GOW** – development of a new, local cultural space  
Eric Kay | GOW Backcourt Initiative

## SESSION D OPEN SPACE AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE – USING OPEN AND GREENSPACE TO DELIVER ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

- **Climate change and green infrastructure** – the City Region perspective
- **Encouraging active travel through greenways**  
Miquela Craytor | Sustainable South Bronx

## SESSION E OPEN SPACE AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS – INTEGRATING QUALITY SPACES INTO NEW DEVELOPMENTS

- **Public and community spaces at the heart of the new Craigmillar, Edinburgh**  
John Quinn | EDI Group
- **Quality, sustainable public space in new developments** – international examples and lessons  
Eelco Hoofman | GROSS.MAX

## SESSION F ENCOURAGING GREATER USE OF OPEN SPACE

- **The Radiance Festival** – Glasgow City Council’s award-winning lighting festival (encouraging greater use of city centre spaces)  
Cathy Johnston | Glasgow City Council
- **Active Management for an Active Glasgow**  
Glasgow City Council
- **Campus Martius, Detroit** – active management contributing to the success on a new urban ‘place’  
Bob Gregory | Campus Martius