

# APSE Parks and Open Spaces Seminar 2016

## A seminar exploring:

- Future Funding
- New technologies
- Case studies in Parks Management
- UK- wide Research
- Strategic Perspectives
- Quality Matters

**Delivered in partnership with:** London Parks & Green Spaces Forum



Friday 23rd September 2016

City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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9:30 Registration & Exhibition viewing

## 10:00 **Session 1: Strategic Perspectives**

### **HLF State of UK Public Parks 2016 report and Rethinking Parks**

- Overview of the State of UK Public Parks 2016 including perspectives from public parks managers, friends groups, parks trusts and the general public
  - What has been learnt from the Rethinking Parks projects? (Harnessing public donations, engaging businesses and generating income from property assets).
  - An overview of HLF funding opportunities
- Speaker:** Peter Neal, Author of State of the UK Public Parks 2016, representing Heritage Lottery Fund

### **Cost v Quality: will this relationship last?**

- UK-wide picture of parks service performance
  - What productivity gains and efficiencies can be expected?
  - Quality inspections for streets and green spaces
- Speaker:** Debbie Johns, Head of Performance Networks, Association for Public Service Excellence

### **Reconceptualising green space: Planning for urban green space in 21st-century London**

- Green space as an institution
  - The Victorian legacy of urban parks
  - Green space governance
- Speaker:** Meredith Whitten, PhD candidate- Regional & Urban Planning, London School of Economics

### **Quality Matters**

- London Parks & Green Spaces Forum
  - Managing quality
  - Quality Manual
- Speaker:** Tony Leach, Chief Executive, London Parks and Green Spaces Forum

11:30 Refreshments & Exhibition viewing

## 11:45 **Session 2: Parks Management**

### **The Process and Benefits of Integrated Weed Control**

- An overview of Integrated Weed Control methods
  - DEFRA guidance – 'Weeds: Best Practice Guidance Notes for Integrated and Non-chemical Amenity Hard Surface Weed Control'
  - Sector viewpoints on the debate on glyphosate.
  - What do we know about the public's perception of weed control?
- Speaker:** Professor John Moverley, Chairman, The Amenity Forum

### **APSE Best Service Team – Parks, Grounds and Horticultural Services 2015**

- Establishing Richmond's Green Space Assets as Destination Parks
  - Raising customer satisfaction from 66% to 94% - How did we achieve this?
  - Enabling user participation and monitoring performance
- Speaker:** David Allister, Head of Parks and Open Spaces, London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames

12:45 Lunch & Exhibition viewing

## 13:30 **Session 3: Income generation, legal and planning powers**

### **Powers to Generate Income in Parks and Green Space**

- The Local Government Act 1976 → The Localism Act 2012. What's permitted?
  - Legacies – what you can and what you can't do with bequeathed green space
  - Provisions related to Charitable Trusts
- Speaker:** Kate Webster, Director, Walker Morris

### **Planning obligations to support the maintenance of green spaces**

- How can you get 'section 106' money to support parks?
  - What is Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and how does it work?
  - Working with planners to gain funding for green spaces.
- Speaker:** Julia Thrift, Head of Projects and Events, Town and Country Planning Association

14:30 Refreshments & Exhibition viewing

## 14:45 **Session 4: New technologies and reviving park assets**

### **Hyde Park: Use of remote sensing and other technologies (How can technologies help manage parks in the future?)**

- Park visitors data collection: Ipsos Mori Survey 2014
  - Quantitative data: people counting technologies
  - Physical factors : Temperature, Rainfall, Soil moisture, Air Quality etc
  - Working in partnership with EE, Future Cities Catapult, City Insights and Intel-ICRI Cities
- Speaker:** Colin Buttery, Director of Parks & Chief Executive, The Royal Parks

### **My Park Scotland – A collaboration between Glasgow City Council & Edinburgh City Council**

- Browsing 254 parks and events at the click of a button
  - Crowd-funding for Parks Development projects and using donations, gift-aid, regular giving and shares to create an endowment fund
  - Breaking off from the cycle of one-off improvements and budget constraint and engaging the community in local park leadership
- Speaker:** David Jamieson, Head of Parks and Green Space, Edinburgh City Council

### **An Icon of Public Parks – Bringing Bandstands Back to Life**

- History, decline and revival
  - Relevance and misconceptions
  - Community assets for community use
- Speaker:** Paul Rabbitts, Environmental Services Client Manager (Parks, Open Spaces and Projects), Watford Borough Council

16:00 Seminar close

After the seminar, delegates are invited to **Drinks and Networking** at the **Hilton London Tower Bridge Hotel, 16:00-18:00**. (Please indicate upon booking whether you would like to attend).

## Seminar objectives

We are pleased to announce this unique opportunity to examine the State of UK Public Parks, the means and ways for funding future green space provision and innovative approaches to Parks Management.

This seminar will include a review of the debate on glyphosate, a presentation from the APSE Best Service Team- Parks, Grounds and Horticultural Services award winner 2015, feedback from the 11 RE-thinking Parks project and key findings from HLF's second State of UK Public Parks 2016 report.

Speakers include Kate Webster, Director of law firm, Walker Morris Ltd. on legal powers for generating income, Julia Thrift, Town and Country Planning Association on the funding available for green space through planning obligations and David Jamieson, Edinburgh City Council who will be sharing about 'My Park Scotland', an innovative collaboration between Scottish authorities to deliver crowd-funding initiatives and promote local parks. We'll also be hearing how Royal Parks' have trialled new technology to monitor climatic features in their parks and visitor demographics through smart-phone data.

The London Parks and Green Spaces Forum will also be launching a new Quality Manual for green spaces.

A day not to be missed, this will be an inspiring and informative day, with wonderful opportunities to meet and speak with others engaged in addressing the challenges of delivering Parks and Open Space services today.

Be part of this conversation about our vital parks

## Who should attend?

- Chief executives
- Elected members
- Service directors
- Parks, grounds maintenance, horticulture, landscape and green space professionals
- Best value officers
- Policy officers
- Trade union representatives
- Parks/landscape consultants
- Academic researchers
- Contractors and suppliers
- Voluntary organisations

## Venue information

**Seminar venue:** City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA (please allow 15 minutes to come through venue security before the seminar starts)

**Drinks and Networking:** Hilton London Tower Bridge, 5 More London Place, Tooley Street, London, SE1 2BY (5 minute walk from City Hall)

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