



WORLD URBAN PARKS EUROPEAN CONGRESS 2017
PARKS, COAST & COUNTRYSIDE | WIRRAL COUNCIL

DAY 1: TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER

8.30	Registration		
9.00	Welcome and Introduction to the Congress & Keynote Speech: 170th Anniversary of the Opening of Birkenhead Park in 1847: What Can We Learn for the Future of Public Parks?	Anna Steidle	Theatre
9.20	An Introduction to the Wirral Peninsula	Phil Davies	Theatre
9.40	Birkenhead Park and Its International Significance	Robert Lee	Theatre
10.00	Keynote Speech: Urban Parks in Complex and Chaotic Times	Richard Murray	Theatre
10.30	Question Session		Theatre
10.45	Break		
11.15	Key Note speech: Sustainable Cities, Vibrant Parks	Doug Blonsky	Theatre
11.45	London's Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park: Linking Sustainability and Regeneration	Mark Camley	Theatre
12.05	The Importance of Great Urban Park Systems	Gil Penalosa	Theatre
12.20	Question Session		Theatre
12.30	Lunch		
13.15	Workshop: Parks in Challenging Times - UK, Rest of Europe and Across the Globe	Matthew Bradbury	Palace Room
13.15	World Parks Academy Workshop: Health Initiatives in Parks	Kevin Halpenny	Tower Room
13.15	Workshop: Community Engagement in Parks	Tim Geyer Sue Palmer Maggie Walker Dave Morris (W)	Theatre

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14.15	Break		
14.30	Growing Food in Urban Settings Case Study: Urban Agriculture in the Parks in the District of Columbia	Keith Anderson	Tivoli Suite
14.30	Smart Parks - Facilitating Sustainable Development in Dynamic Park Management	Sari Suonalainen and Anne Pässilä	Palace Room
14.30	The Amsterdam Bos: Seeking the Balance Between a Historical Park and Modern Challenges	Jan Heeren	Theatre
14.30	Why Count People in Urban Parks? Cross Country Comparison of Miribel Jonage (France); Parque Metropolitano (Chile) and Wirral Country Park (England)	Pete Dunsmoir	Tower Room
15.00	Break		
15.15	Intro from Chair & previous workshops and presentations chair feedback	Kevin Halpenny	Theatre
15.45	London's Parks: Supporting Healthy and Sustainable City Life, Now and in the Future	Nigel Thorne	Theatre
16.05	A Forest or a Park? Challenges in Managing a Forest Recreation Area	Noor Azlin Yahya	Theatre
16:25	Nantes, the City in a Garden	Laure Guillemette	Theatre
16.45	Creating a Vision for a Park: Case Study for Rivierenhof Park	Peter Verdyck	Theatre
17.05	Final Questions		Theatre



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DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER

8.30	Registration		
9.00	Welcome to Day Two	Digby Whyte	Theatre
9.10	Ramat Hanadiv and the Regional Sustainability Partnership with Neighbouring Municipalities	Hugo Jan Trago	Theatre
9.30	Keynote Speech: The Importance of Parks in the UK and Programmes to Restore and Enhance Them	Ros Kerslake	Theatre
9.50	Promoting Parks' Sustainability	Paul Todd	Theatre
10.10	Developing New Income for Parks - MyParkScotland and the Parks Endowment Fund	Julie Procter	Theatre
10.30	Question Session		Theatre
10.45	Break		
11.00	Biodiversity: Parks, Coast and Countryside. A Case Study from Wirral	Hillary Ash	Theatre
11.20	Birkenhead Park Visitor Centre	Maria Killick	Theatre
11.40	Sefton's Green Infrastructure	Mark Shaw	Theatre
12.00	Older Adults and Parks: Advocacy for Change	Tim Geyer	Theatre
12.20	Question Session		Theatre
12.35	Lunch		
13.20	Intro from Chair	Elizabeth Fournier	Theatre
13.30	The CityArchRiver Project: The Largest Public-Private Partnership in US National Park Service History	Eric Moraczewski	Theatre
13:50	The Northern Flowerhouse	Richard Scott	Theatre
14.10	The First Net Zero Carbon Recreation Centre - a Case Study	Keith Anderson	Theatre
14.30	Question Session		Theatre
14.40	Break		
15.00	Walking Tour: 'Exploring New Brighton: Community, Sustainability and Heritage Initiatives'.		



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DAY 3: THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER

BIRKENHEAD TOWN HALL

8.30	Registration	
9.00	Welcome to Day Three	Richard Murray
9.10	Welcome to the Region – Importance of Greenspace and Heritage as Part of Regeneration	Steve Rotherham
9.20	Birkenhead in Context	Elizabeth Davey
9.40	Celebrating Birkenhead Park's 170th Anniversary: The Park's Historical and Present day Importance, Challenges and Future Aspirations	Paul Davies Robert Lee
10.00	Question Session	
10.20	Break	
10.45	The National Public Park of Saint-Cloud Paris: The Long Term Plan for Maintaining the Historic Park, Protecting Biodiversity and Adapting it to Modern Activities	Anne Marchand
11.05	Parks. Our Shared Heritage: The Phoenix Park Dublin & The Royal Parks London	Margaret Gormley Simon Richards
11.35	The Influence of Birkenhead Park on Parks and Gardens in Ireland	Christy Boylan
11.55	Port Sunlight: The Original Soap Opera!	Kath Lynch
12.15	Question Session	
12.30	Lunch	
13.30	Afternoon Tours: Birkenhead Park and Port Sunlight	
20.00	Gala Dinner at The Floral Pavilion	

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BIRKENHEAD TOWN HALL

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